



KING'S HARBOUR MASTER PORTSMOUTH

LNTM No 95/23

CROSS SOLENT SWIM – 24 AUGUST 2023

1. **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** by the King's Harbour Master Portsmouth that a Cross Solent Swim will take place on Thursday 24 August 2023 between Gilkicker and Ryde Sands. In the case of poor weather, the swim will be postponed to Friday 25 August.
2. Five swimmers will be participating in the crossing, which will be in two pods. Each swimmer will be accompanied by a kayaker acting as an individual support craft. The lead support vessel is '**SWIM CONTROL / REBEL 3**' a LOA 4m bright orange vessel. There will be two other support vessels: '**REBEL ANCHORMAN**' MMSI 235016877 (LOA 10m blue multi role catamaran), and '**REBEL PROTECTOR**' MMSI 232029921, (LOA 8.5m dark blue RIB). A listening watch will be maintained on VHF Ch11 and Ch12 throughout.
3. The swim route is from Gilkicker to Ryde Sands, starting at 0700 (0800 on Friday) and completing by approximately 1100 (1200 on Friday).
4. All support craft will display the International Code Flag 'ALPHA' while escorting the swimmers.
5. Mariners are requested to keep a good lookout and pass well clear of the swimmers and the support craft during their crossing of the Solent.
6. Cancel this Local Notice to Mariners 26 August 2023.

Friday 18 Aug 2023

N J RANDALL
King's Harbour Master

Owners, Agents, Charterers, Marinas, Yacht Clubs and Recreational Sailing Organisations should ensure that the contents of this Notice are made known to the masters or persons in charge of their vessels or craft.