



KING'S HARBOUR MASTER PORTSMOUTH

LNTM No 07/20

FAST TRANSITS OF THE HARBOUR BY MILITARY SMALL CRAFT

1. **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** by the Queen's Harbour Master Portsmouth that fast transits of the harbour (Swashway to Hulk Moorings) will periodically take place in conjunction with military training in the Dockyard Port of Portsmouth (by day and night).
2. Exceptionally these small, non-displacement, military craft have been approved to exceed the 10 knots speed limit (**GD 01/18 refers**) based on the following criteria:
 - a. Operational necessity for such military training.
 - b. Risk assessment of the hazards involved.
 - c. Minimal wash caused by such craft.
 - d. High level of competence of the military coxswains.
 - e. Manoeuvrability of the craft involved.
 - f. Transit via the centre of the harbour, whenever possible.
3. However, on every occasion, QHM Harbour Control will be informed with details (VHF or by phone) and will subsequently veto or approve such a transit (north and south) beforehand with sufficient notice to inform the MDP Patrol launch(es) on station; Police escort is not required.
4. All mariners should be assured that these craft will operate within prescribed limitations described in the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGS) in general and Rule 6 (safe speed) specifically. The coxswains of these craft have been fully briefed of their responsibilities to all other users in this regard and will moderate their movements accordingly.
5. At night these craft may from time to time operate without navigation lights (subject to approval by QHM and in accordance with training requirement and/or operational necessity) when they are responsible for avoiding all other obstructions and craft afloat.
6. All mariners are requested to keep well clear of such craft when possible and report any concerns to QHM on Ch 11 or by telephoning 023 9272 3694.
7. Portsmouth LNTM 07/19 is hereby superseded.

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Queen'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.