

Lifeboats Parade of Sail – Sun 19th May

Traffic Restrictions and Bridge Timetable Adjustments 4pm to 6pm

MARINERS ARE ADVISED that the [Poole Lifeboat Festival](#) concludes with a Parade of Sail starting 1600hrs Sunday 19th May with a flotilla of 40 international, historic and modern lifeboats through the harbour celebrating 200 years of the RNLI. Vessel lengths vary up to 28 metres in a single-file flotilla of 1.5 Nautical Miles in length. The route is as on the chartlet right and overleaf, taking approximately 1h45min overall during a strong incoming tide.



Harbour users are strongly advised to adjust passage plans to avoid impeding the flotilla, follow directions of PHC patrol vessels / RNLI guard vessels (with blue flashing lights) and monitor VHF 14. All vessels of less than 1.5m in draft must use the small boat channel. All vessels must not loiter/drift in any channel.

Flotilla Route / Timings: 10 modern RNLI lifeboats will transit the bridges outbound during a 3x bridge lifting sequence starting with Poole Bridge at 1530hrs. They, along with the two Poole Lifeboats, will each in turn pass the commentator on Poole Quay from 1600hrs. They will then lead out the remainder of the 40-strong flotilla of international and historic lifeboats who will each depart their berths at Poole Quay Boat Haven at one-minute intervals between 1615hrs and 1645hrs. The flotilla will sail outward via the main shipping channels and (at Bell Buoy off the Royal Motor Yacht Club) turn into the North Channel for their return. The first to arrive back at the port will enter a holding pattern in the shipping turning basin. From 1715hrs, or when the last of any outbound bridges traffic has cleared the Little Channel, the flotilla will gradually return to their berths and all be alongside by 1800hrs.

Harbour users should further note the following traffic restrictions and bridge timetable adjustments:

- The timetabled bridges lift sequence starting 1630hrs will be delayed by 15mins and will be a triple lift starting with Twin Sails bridge at 1645hrs
- The parade is designated as a [Controlled Movement](#) meaning no other vessel may enter a moving exclusion zone of 500 metres ahead, 50 metres either side or 50 metres astern of the flotilla
- Due to the strongly flooding tide and some lifeboats being constrained by their draft, the **seaward entrance to the 80 metre wide North Channel (at Bell Buoy off the Royal Motor Yacht Club) will be CLOSED TO ALL OTHER CRAFT from approximately 1620hrs for approximately 40 minutes.** Those needing to depart or arrive at North Channel Marinas in this period should use the other entrance to the North Channel (at Diver Buoy). VHF broadcasts will be made on Ch14 at closure and reopening.
- Traffic clearances for vessels over 25 metres in length will be delayed until flotilla alongside

Mariners are reminded that Radar, AIS, CCTV, Telephone and VHF Channels are recorded 24-7.

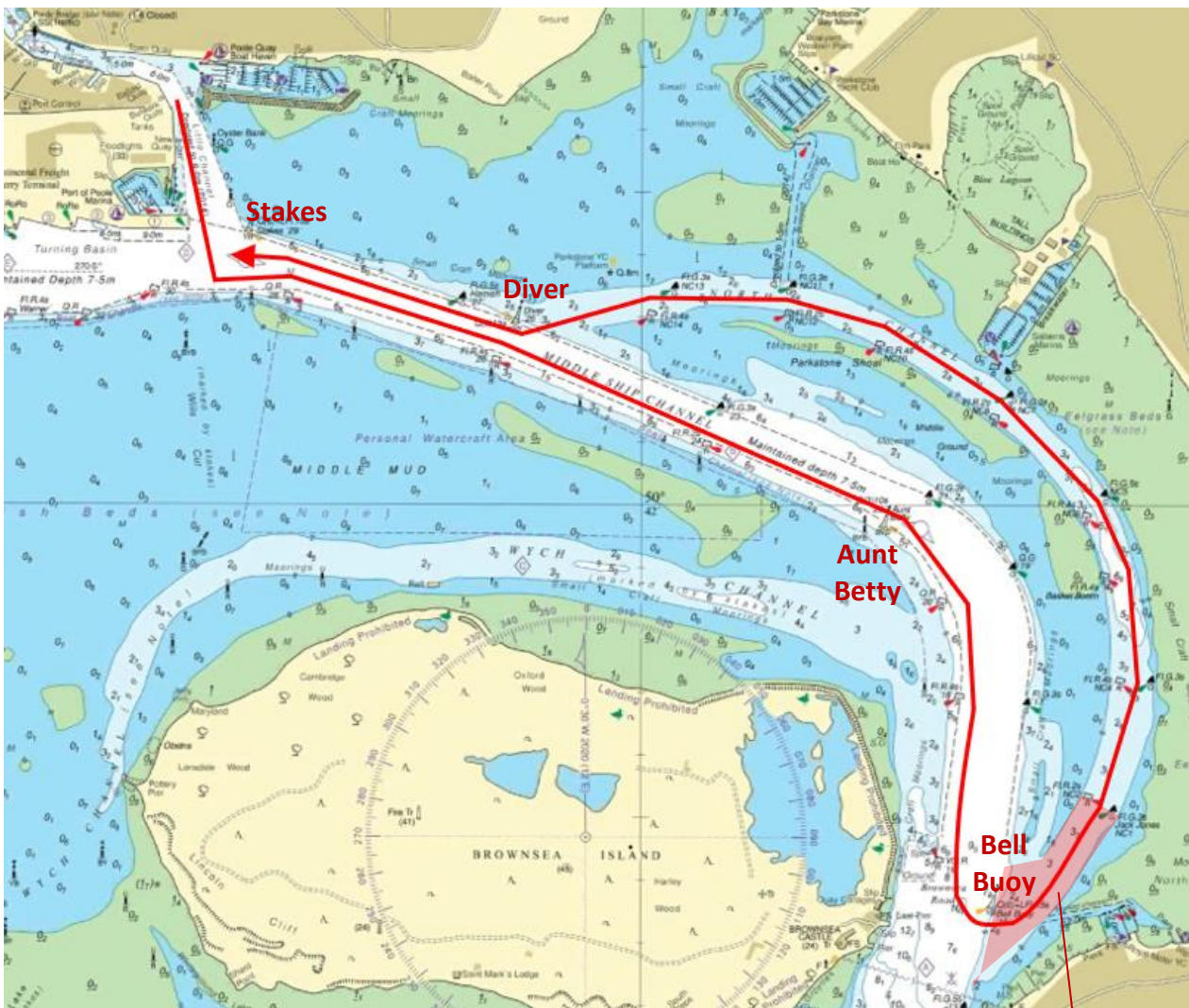
Owners, Agents, Charterers, Marinas, Yacht Clubs and Recreational Water Sport Organisations should ensure that the contents of this Notice are made known to the masters or persons in charge of their vessels or craft.

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Flotilla Route and Temporary Exclusion Zone



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Approximately
1620 – 1700hrs