



LOCAL NOTICES TO MARINERS 07/10

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ENTRANCE TO HAYLE HARBOUR

1. The entrance to Hayle Harbour involves navigation across an area of coastal sand. Sand does not provide a stable seabed and the depth and location of any channel cannot be guaranteed and is subject to change at any time, especially after gales.
2. Any evidence or history of dredging in the entrance to the harbour is not to be construed as a guarantee of a channel in a particular location or that it has a particular depth.
3. Accordingly, mariners are warned that aids to navigation in the entrance and exit to Hayle Harbour do not necessarily indicate the best water.
4. Since the suspension of dredging in April 2010 there are indications the entrance channel and the bar are migrating to the east and the channel is becoming curved and less well defined.
5. There is a sand bar at the entrance to the harbour that can generate large seas and swells. It is recommended that this bar is crossed with caution and only in good weather and at, or near, high water and during the hours of daylight in good visibility.

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6. Hayle Harbour Authority does not provide a pilotage service or VTS. A copy of the latest port survey information can be obtained from the harbour office.

7. The Maritime and Coastguard Agency expects all mariners to make a careful assessment of any proposed voyage taking into account all dangers to navigation, weather forecasts, tidal predictions and other relevant factors including the competence of the crew.

8. All mariners are reminded that they should consider whether a port is safe for their vessel before deciding whether and when to use it. The contents of this Notice should be considered when planning the passage, which should be done in accordance with regulation 34 of SOLAS Chapter V; this applies to all vessels including small vessels and pleasure craft.

9. All Mariners are urged to carefully assess the risks associated with navigating the entrance channel and to take such precautions that are necessary which may include delaying departure or entry or proceeding to another port.

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