

## **PORT OF FLEETWOOD**

### **NOTICE to MARINERS 015 of 2023**

#### **Fleetwood Aids to Navigation**

**Mariners are hereby advised** that following a full review of the Fleetwood Aids to Navigation, the work to move the buoys to their new assigned positions as detailed in Fleetwood NtM 010 of 2023 has now commenced. The work is being undertaken by the Bay Towage Multi Role Vessel "Torch".

Vessels passing the Torch should maintain a safe distance and pass at a minimum safe speed so as to reduce their wash.

Until the relocation can be completed it is imperative vessels follow a detailed passage plan, RYA Guidance on SOLAS V – Regulation 34 is included below.

Taken From [SOLAS V regulations | pleasure craft regulations | RYA](https://www.rya.org.uk/knowledge/regulations/pleasure-craft/solas-v-regulations)  
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SOLAS V regulations relevant to pleasure vessels under 150 GT  
Voyage / Passage Planning

#### Regulation 34 - Safe navigation and avoidance of dangerous situations

*1. Prior to proceeding to sea, the master shall ensure that the intended voyage has been planned using the appropriate nautical charts and nautical publications for the area concerned, taking into account the guidelines and recommendations developed by the Organization.\**

2. The voyage plan shall identify a route which:

*2.1. takes into account any relevant ships' routeing systems*

*2.2. ensures sufficient sea room for the safe passage of the ship throughout the voyage*

*2.3. anticipates all known navigational hazards and adverse weather conditions; and*

*2.4. takes into account the marine environmental protection measures that apply, and avoids, as far as possible, actions and activities which could cause damage to the environment*

*\*Refer to the Guidelines for Voyage Planning, adopted by the Organization by Resolution A.893(21)*

**Owners, Agents, Charterers, Fishermen 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.**

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The MCA Guidance Notes for this regulation state: For small vessels and pleasure-craft the degree of voyage planning will be depend upon the size of vessel, its crew and the length of the voyage. The MCA 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.

RYA Note: Skippers should note that this regulation changes the status of passage planning on small boats from simply good practice to a requirement under UK law for vessels proceeding to sea (proceeding outside of 'categorised waters' see [MSN 1837](#)).

However, the MCA says, "Although regulation 34 only applies when proceeding to sea, small craft users should adhere to the voyage planning principles when also sailing in categorised waters".

The RYA strongly recommends that you always [have a plan](#). This needn't be complicated but an element of planning is required for even the simplest, and shortest of journeys.

The MCA has provided further pleasure vessel specific guidance in [MGN 599](#) paragraph 7.3.

Once the work is complete a Survey will be conducted to confirm the new positions and a further NtM will be issued confirming the position of all Buoys.

NtM No. 010 of 2023 is hereby cancelled.

**For any further information please contact Fleetwood dock on VHF Ch 12 or Tel 01253 872351.**

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