



PORTLAND HARBOUR AUTHORITY LIMITED



Local Notice to Mariners

No 03/2017

SOUTH SHIP CHANNEL AND THE WRECK OF THE 'HOOD'

Mariners are reminded that the South Ship Channel (the Channel) remains closed to commercial shipping with the Channel partially blocked below the surface with the wreck of the 'Hood' and above the surface with an overhead cable. The vertical clearance to the overhead cable, which spans the channel entrance, is about 1.5 metres at high water springs and the least depth through the entrance at low water springs is about 1 metre.

Small boats under the command of persons possessing detailed knowledge do use this Channel. All small vessels using this channel should do so **with extreme caution** and should not:

- Moor to the overhead cable that spans the Channel;
- Exceed 6 knots in the Channel and when within the Inner and Outer Harbour designated 6 knot areas.

Portland Harbour Authority will not permit any diving on the wreck of the 'Hood'. Any written permission previously given pursuant to Article 49 of Schedule 1 of the Portland Harbour Revision Order 1997¹, with respect to diving in the South Ship Channel; which includes the wreck of the 'Hood' is revoked.

The withdrawal of permission to dive on the 'Hood' has been made in the interests of the safety of all divers and those tasked to rescue a diver should he/she get into difficulty.

LNTM 04/2008 is hereby revoked

This Notice is issued under the powers vested by the Portland Harbour Revision Order 1997.

Captain M Shipley
General Manager (Marine)
9th January 2017

Owners, Agents, 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.

¹ *Diving and underwater swimming only allowed with written permission of the Harbour Authority see Article 49(2)(a).*