PORTLAND HARBOUR AUTHORITY LTD

Local Notice to Mariners

No 32/2026(T)

USV TRIALS

Trial Dates:	16th November - 11th December 2026
Trial Times:	0800 – Sunset daily
Trial Location:	Portland Inner Harbour as shown in Fig 1 & 2 and Portland Outer Harbour/Weymouth Bay
Trial Vessels:	3 x Vahana (HELLCATT, MAKO 1 & MAKO 2)
VHF Channel:	11

The MOD will be conducting USV (Unmanned Surface Vehicle) and ROV (Remote Operated Vehicle) trials in Trial area A and a temporary trial area as shown in Fig 1.

The USV and Safety boat will transit daily to the trial areas from the commercial port. If using the Outer Harbour/Weymouth Bay, the vessels will transit through East Ship Channel.

Mariners are requested to give all vessels a wide berth during operations.

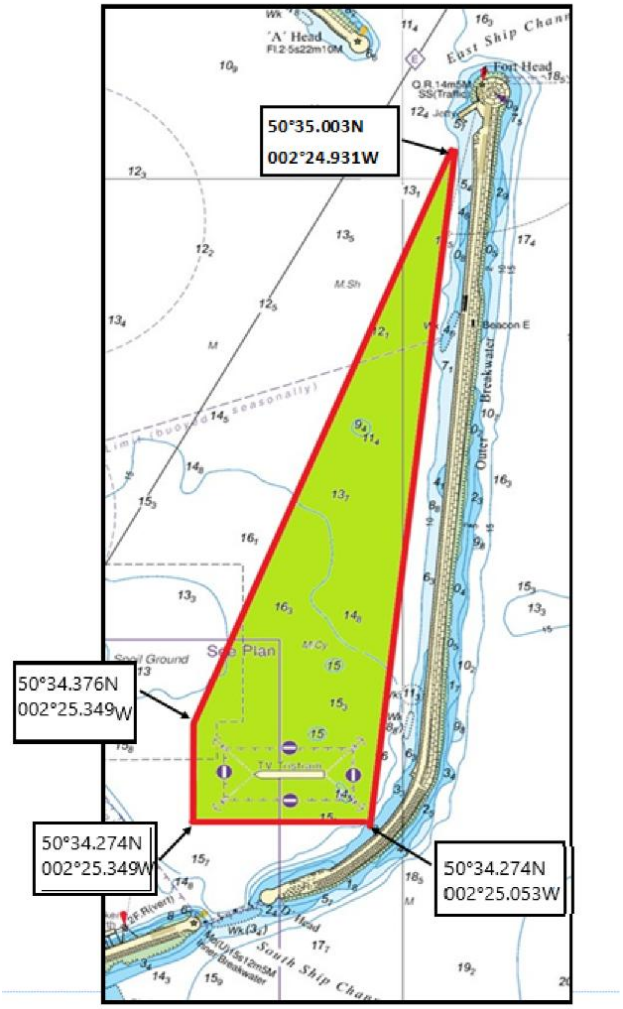

Fig 1

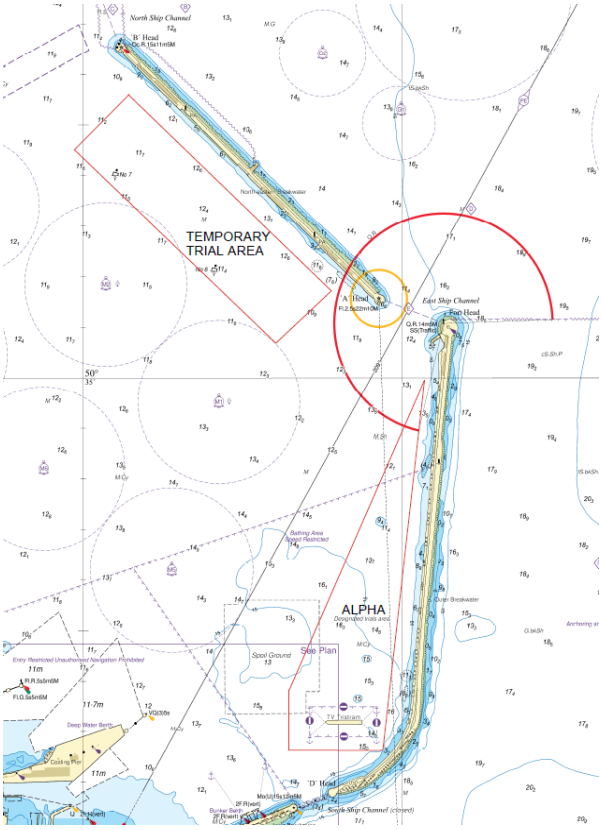

Fig 2

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

C Spencer
Harbour Master
10th November 2026

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.