PORTLAND HARBOUR AUTHORITY LTD

Local Notice to Mariners

No 33/2026(T)

USV TOWED SYSTEM TRIALS

Trial Dates:	27th November to 11th December 2026
Trial Times:	0800 – Sunset daily
Trial Location:	Portland Inner Harbour as shown in Fig 1 and Portland Outer Harbour/Weymouth Bay
Trial Vessels:	1x USV (RNMB HEBE)
Safety vessel:	1 x Pac24 (Zulu 1)
VHF Channel:	73

The MOD will be conducting USV (Unmanned Surface Vehicle)Towed System Trials in trial area A as shown in Fig 1 and in the outer harbour in conjunction with LNTM 27/2026(T).

The USV and Safety boat will transit daily to the trial areas and outer harbour from the commercial port. If using the Outer Harbour/Weymouth Bay, the vessels will transit through East Ship Channel, and the traffic lights will be set to flashing red for transit.

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

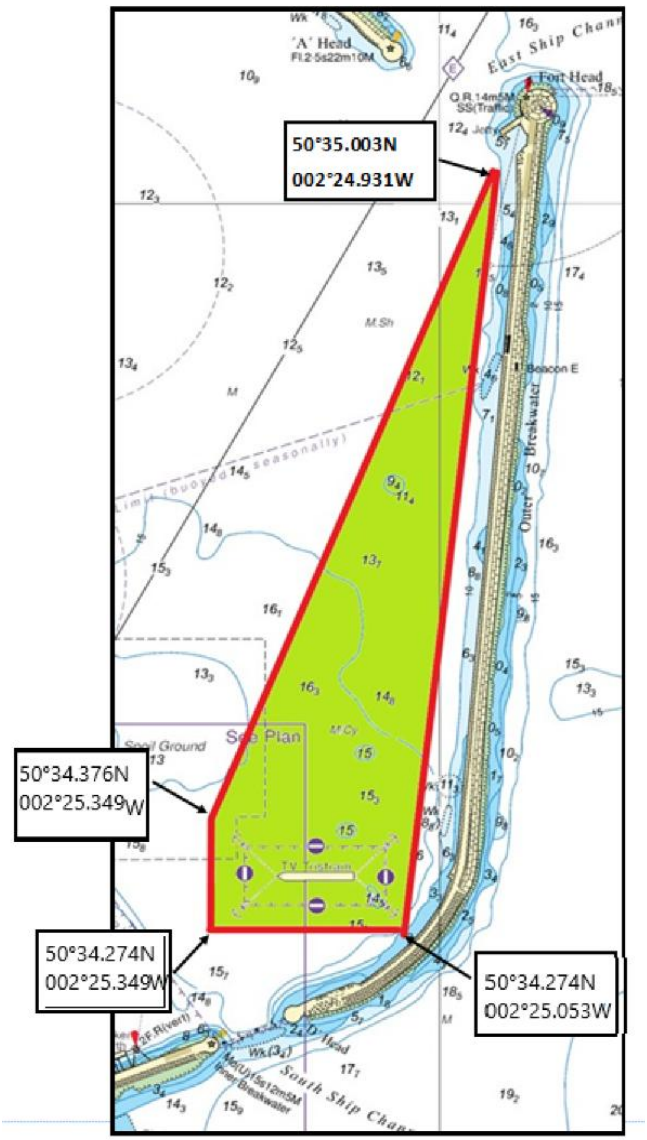

Fig 1

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

C. Spencer
Harbour Master
27th 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.