



PHC SAFETY NOTICE

Dear Port User,

Finally we can see light at the end of the tunnel and we look forward to welcoming you back on the estuary.

The roadmap for the easing of restrictions details that recreational vessels are permitted for the purpose of recreation from March 29th 2021. As we gradually start to ease the restrictions on the estuary we emphatically emphasise port users to adhere to and maintain the Governments social distancing guidelines which includes 6 persons / 2 households on any one vessel at any one time. The roadmap also emphasises to minimise travel until June 21st 2021.

Our PHC moorings will be available from April 1st 2021 however, no overnight stays are permitted any earlier than April 12th 2021.

May I take this opportunity to remind you of the substantial changes to the estuary due to recent erosion of the dunes at Brea Spit and Local Notices to Mariners #9 Navigation Warning and #14 Channel Entrance to Padstow Harbour.

The narrowing of the channel between Brea Hill and Cassock Hill has very much increased the speed of the tide in the estuary so please proceed with caution.

Wild Swimming is increasing in popularity and we have received many reports of swimmers in the navigable channels and in the deeper water between the points of the entrance to the estuary. Whilst we will maintain advising against this activity in the estuary, please be vigilant and keep a good look out at all times, a swimmer is easily disguised behind even the smallest of waves.

When using the estuary, **PLEASE:**

- **Exercise caution when navigating the river in the area between Gun Point and St Saviours Point.**
- **Proceed at a speed not exceeding 12 knots in this area, (Col Regs rule 6 – safe speed).**
- **Follow the buoyed channel. New navigation aids have been established and existing navigation aids have been relocated to accentuate the new navigable channel (LNtM #8).**
- **Continue to operate your vessel in the manner which is expected.**
- **Be aware that speeds of tide have increased.**
- **Wear lifejackets and kill cords.**
- **Ensure your vessel is sea worthy before use.**
- **Check the weather and plan your passage before departure.**
- **Do not drink and drive.**



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Local Notice to Mariners # 9/2020 issued 12th May 2020

Navigation Warning

- Due to recent dune erosion and sand depositing, the channel **between Gun Point Lat. 50°33.200' N Long. 04°56.35'W and St Saviours Point Lat. 50°32.800'N Long. 04°56.050'W** is becoming very narrow.
- A Large spit of sand has increased dramatically causing hazard to navigation.
- Mariners are warned to exercise caution in navigating the river in this area.
- Mariners are advised to proceed at a speed not exceeding 12 knots in this area and to follow the buoyed channel, (Col Regs rule 6 – safe speed).



Bryn Phillips
Padstow Harbour Master



Local Notice to Mariners **# 14/2020 issued 30th June 2020**

CHANNEL ENTRANCE TO PADSTOW HARBOUR

1. The entrance to Padstow Harbour involves navigation across an area of coastal sand named the Doombar. 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. The sand bar (Doombar) at the entrance to the harbour generates 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, or no later than 3 hours either side of high water and during the hours of daylight in good visibility.
4. Sand migration in other areas of the navigable channel has reduced the depth of navigable water and has been marked accordingly with navigation aids.
5. Padstow Harbour Authority provides a pilotage service for larger vessels. A copy of the latest port survey information can be obtained from the harbour office.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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. Mariners of visiting vessels without local knowledge, wishing to enter the harbour are to contact the Harbour Master.

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Padstow Harbour Master