

PORT OF SUNDERLAND

NOTICE TO MARINERS

ENGLAND NORTH EAST COAST

THE TALL SHIPS RACES SUNDERLAND, 2018

Ref. No. 09 of 2018

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in July, 2018, the Port of Sunderland will host vessels participating in Sail Training International's Tall Ships Races.

All partaking vessels are expected to have arrived in port by 1200 on Wednesday, 11th July and depart by 1730 on Saturday, 14th July to form part of the Parade of Sail.

Tall ships will be berthed in the River Wear at Corporation Quay, Greenwells Quay and Manor Quay, as well as alongside the west side of Hudson Dock as far south as QE2 Berth.

During the event, the port will be closed for entry and departure of all commercial shipping unless specially agreed by the Harbour Master.

For safety and security reasons, it is necessary to impose restrictions upon **visiting** recreational and small commercial craft entering the event area during event times. This does not apply to such vessels registered as being berthed or moored in the River Wear or Sunderland Marina.

The Event Area is defined as:

The River Wear between the west side of Wearmouth Bridge and an imaginary line drawn between the seaward ends of Old North and (Old) South Piers; together with South Docks (see Fig 1).

Please note that all times referred to within this Notice may be subject to alteration should circumstances dictate at the time.

For the purposes of this Notice, event times will be as follow:

Tuesday, 10th July, 2018:	1600 to 2200
Wednesday, 11th July, 2018:	1000 to 2200
Thursday, 12th July, 2018:	1000 to 2200
Friday, 13th July, 2018:	1000 to 2200
Saturday, 14th July, 2018:	1000 to 1900*

* This time may be brought forward subject to all participating vessels having left the limits of the Port of Sunderland.

In exercise of powers conferred upon me as Harbour Master of the Port of Sunderland under Section 52 of the Harbours, Docks, and Piers Clauses Act, 1847 and Section 83(b) of the Sunderland Corporation Act, 1972, I hereby make the following Directions to masters and persons in charge of **all vessels and other craft** (unless specifically exempted):

- (1) **Unless such vessel is registered as being kept in the River Wear at Sunderland or Sunderland Marina**, not enter or navigate within the Event Area (as defined in this Notice) between 1600 and 2200 on Tuesday, 10th July, between 1000 and 2200 on Wednesday, 11th, Thursday, 12th and Friday, 13th July, 2018 unless advance application to do so has been received in the manner prescribed in para (7) below and approval granted on my behalf.
- (2) It is important that all recreational craft and small commercial vessels usually moored or berthed within the Port of Sunderland are properly registered with the Port Authority. All owners should ensure that the registration process has been carried out and is up-to-date.
- (3) No entry to or navigation within the Event area by any vessel **regardless of it being a visiting or locally berthed craft** will be permitted on Saturday, 14th July between the hours of 1000 and 1730 due to Tall Ships preparing to sail and departing. See section below on Tall Ships Departure / Parade of Sail.

- (4) Not to enter South Docks (including the Half-Tide Basin) at any time between 1600 on Tuesday, 10th July and 1730, Saturday, 14th July, 2018.
- (5) No personal water craft (PWC) [including jet-skis, jet bikes, water scooters], sail board, paddle board, dinghy, small tender or similar vessel is permitted to enter or proceed within the Event Area at any time during the event period.
- (6) No unauthorised vessel may berth anywhere within the Event Area during Event Times for the purpose of embarking or disembarking passengers.
- (7) Applications to enter or navigate with the Event Area (in accordance with para (1)) above must be made using the on-line process, which can be found on the Port of Sunderland website, using the following link:
www.portofsunderland.org.uk/tallshipsviewing

Applicants must provide the following information:

- Name, type, colour, length of vessel
- Expected time(s)/dates(s) of entering/navigating within Event Area
- Full name, address and postcode of skipper/master
- Mobile telephone and email contact details
- Applications will not be approved unless confirmation is received that the following criteria will be met:
 - ✓ Marine VHF radio capable of use on Channels 14/16 is available on board;
 - ✓ At least two competent crew persons are on board;
 - ✓ Sufficient and suitable lifejackets / buoyancy jackets are available for all on board and that these will be worn at all times; and
 - ✓ Working navigation lights are fitted.

Successful applicants will be notified by post or email and supplied with an unique identification marker which must be

prominently displayed at all times while within / approaching the Event Area in accordance with instructions to be provided.

The identification marker and instructions will be posted to the address provided.

All applications must be received before 1200 (noon), Wednesday, 27th June, 2018.

It is important that applications are submitted even if it is proposed to enter harbour without the intention to view Tall Ships berthed in the river. Failure to do so may result in passage being prohibited.

All craft visiting the Event Area must circulate in accordance with navigational rules, ie vessels proceeding upriver to keep to the north side of the river; vessels proceeding downriver to keep to the south side of the river.

Should congestion occur at any particular location, skippers must be prepared to move at the request of police or water safety patrols.

During the Tall Ships Event, additional restrictions on the navigation of pleasure boats and small commercial vessels will apply. These include:

Day sails

Regular movements of some tall ships will take place with vessels proceeding to and from sea, as well as moving between berths . All mariners must comply with instructions issued by safety craft or by radio in respect of keeping the navigation channel clear for such vessels.

Fireworks displays

2130, Wednesday, 11/07/2018

2130, Thursday, 12/07/2018

Pyrotechnics will be fired from the area immediately to the south of the (Old) South Pier as above, the displays having a duration of approximately five minutes.

These displays will involve closure of the River Wear between the Old North Pier and (Old) South Pier with an exclusion zone of 50 metres radius from the firing zone being enforced (see Fig 2).

Artistic performance

2100 - 2200, Friday, 13/07/2018

An artistic performance, involving the use of a high wire across the river, pyrotechnics and small craft manoeuvring on the water will take place in the vicinity of Wearmouth Bridge and Panns East. This will involve the closure of the River Wear upriver and downriver of Wearmouth Bridge to general navigation. In addition, air draught restrictions will apply during the days preceding the event. An additional notice to mariners will be published and circulated beforehand.

Tall Ships Departure / Parade of Sail

On Saturday, 14th July, 2018, all participating Tall Ships will prepare to sail and depart from the docks and river in an organised manner. This will commence approximately 1330, with the last vessel leaving the Harbour by about 1730. Once beyond the outer harbour piers, the vessels will proceed northwards to a point opposite Souter Point before returning in a south-easterly direction to position Lat. 54° 55.000' N Long. 01° 12.500' W (4.65 nm due east of Roker Lighthouse) from where the start of the race will take place.

In exercise of above-mentioned statutory powers, I hereby make the following Directions to masters and persons in charge of all vessels and other craft (unless specifically exempted):

- (1) With effect from 1000 on Saturday, 14th July, 2018, a Harbour Exclusion Zone will be established to include the River Wear east of the west side of Wearmouth Bridge, the Outer Harbour and the seaward approaches between the harbour entrance and seaward limit of the Port of Sunderland Authority (see Fig. 3). Unless

participating in the Tall Ships Race or an authorised support / safety craft, no vessel or craft is permitted to enter or navigate within this Exclusion Zone. Once all participating Tall Ships have left the Harbour and proceeded north, the above-mentioned Exclusion Zone will be discontinued.

- (2) To facilitate viewing of the Parade of Sail, spectator craft should assemble outside the outer piers in an area to the south of an imaginary line drawn eastwards through New South Pier end (see Fig. 3).

All recreational craft / small commercial vessels intending to view the Parade of Sail must therefore leave the Harbour prior to commencement of the Harbour Exclusion Zone and may not return until this has been lifted.

All craft should remain in position until the Tall Ships have assembled at the race starting point. No unauthorised vessel is permitted to enter the seaward jurisdiction of the Port of Sunderland north of New South Pier until after all Tall Ships have reached the race starting position east of Roker Lighthouse.

It should be noted that the seaward Parade of Sail route beyond the Harbour Approaches falls outside of the Limits and jurisdiction of the Port of Sunderland. The master of any vessel choosing to follow tall ships is required to keep well clear of participating sailing vessels and strictly comply with the provisions of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (Collision Regulations).

In the event of recreational craft being unable to proceed to the seaward viewing area due to inclement weather or sea conditions, alternative arrangements will be announced on the day.

While visiting the Event Area or viewing the Parade of Sail, operators of recreational craft and small commercial vessels are reminded of the need to comply with the following statutory requirements:

- International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972
- Port of Sunderland Byelaws, 1978.

And to:

- Monitor Marine VHF Radio Channel 14 within the Event Area
- Monitor Marine VHF Radio Channel 16 seaward of the Event Area
- Report any emergency situation or request for assistance to “Humber Coastguard” on Channel 16 or to “Sunderland Harbour Radio” on Channel 14 in the event of communications difficulties
- Listen for Navigational Warnings broadcast by “Sunderland Harbour Radio” on Channel 14 in respect of shipping movements, safety messages, etc
- Comply with requests from Northumbria Police Marine Unit, Port of Sunderland Water Patrols or other event safety boats.

Further information can be obtained from the Harbour Master or Local Port Services, Port Control on 0191 514 2752.

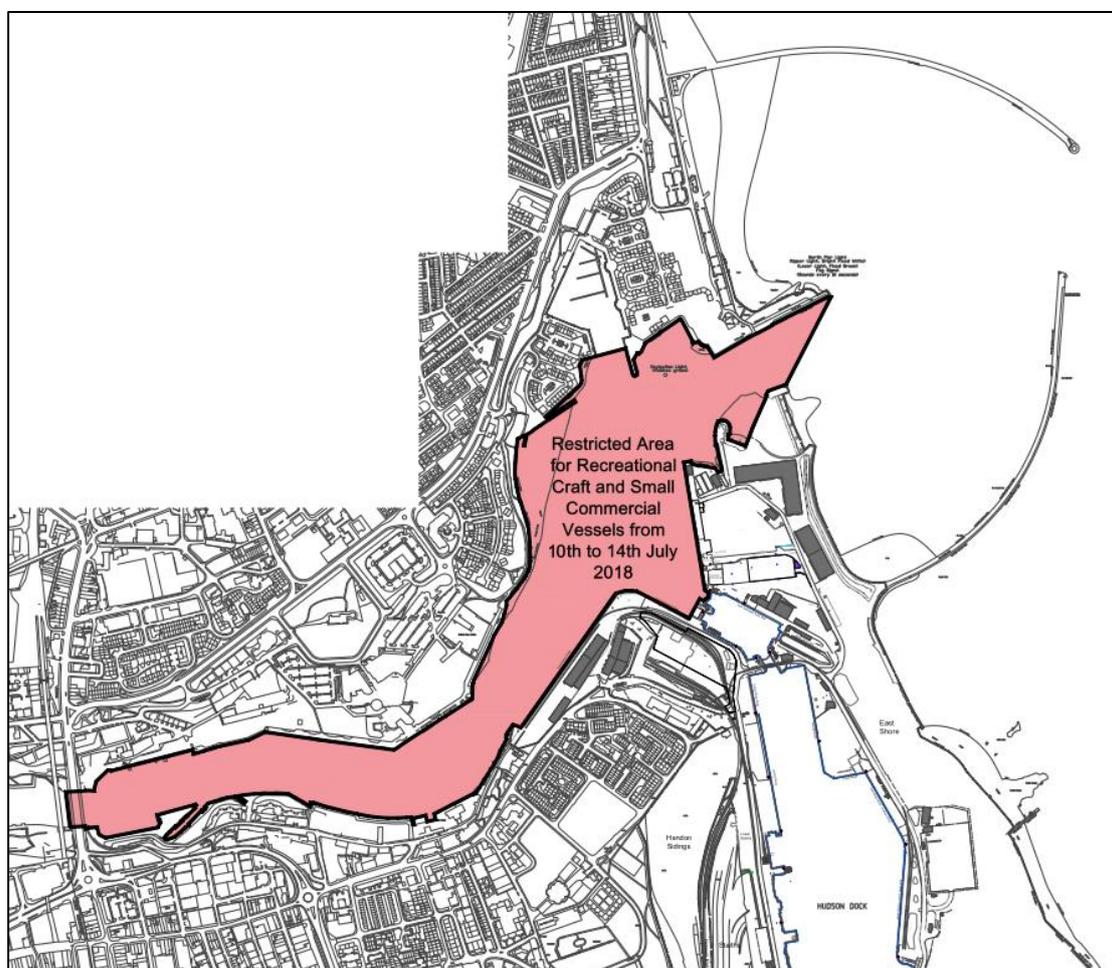


Fig 1: Restricted area for recreational craft and small commercial vessels from 10th to 14th July, 2018.



Fig 2: Fireworks display Navigational Exclusion Zone for all vessels on 11th and 12th July, 2018

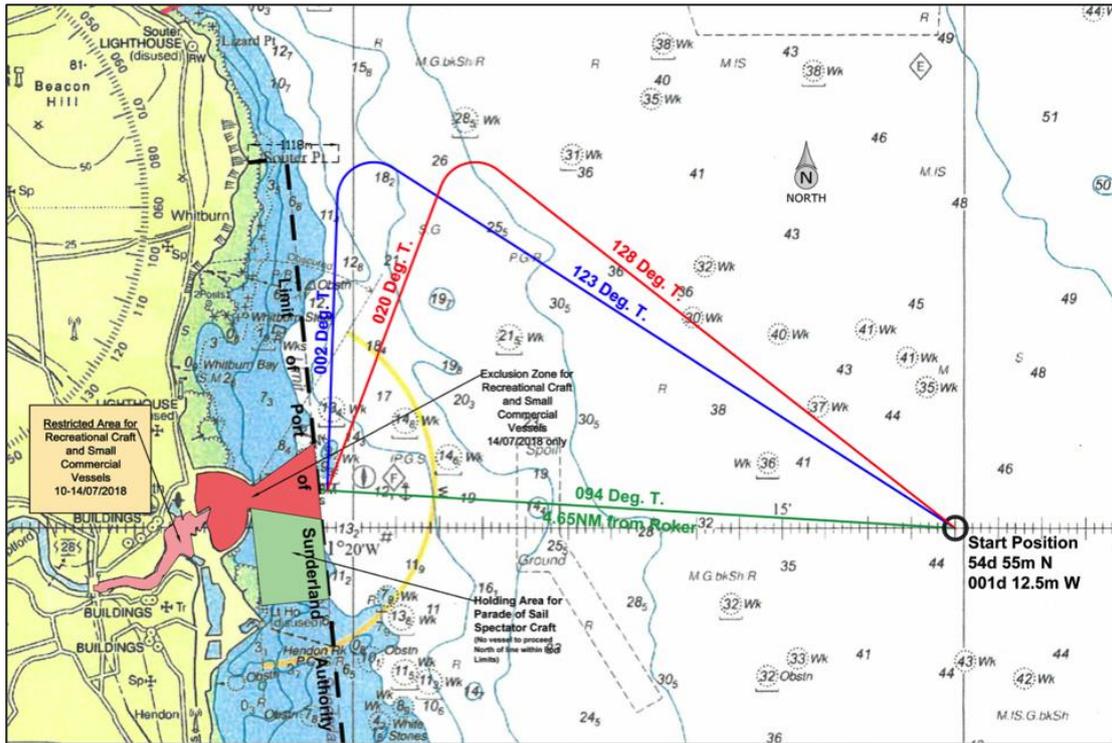


Fig 3: Parade of Sail route, including seaward holding area for spectator craft and Outer Harbour / Seaward Approaches Exclusion Zone for Recreational and Small Commercial Vessels on 14th July, 2018.

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Dated the 30th day of April, 2018