

Local Notice to Mariners

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Testing of Engines & Equipment

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Master or Crew of a vessel alongside in the Port of Southampton must make contact with VTS prior to conducting any exercise that could affect another port stakeholder or port infrastructure.

This can include, but is not limited to:

- a. Testing of engines during maintenance.
- b. Testing propulsion prior to departure.
- c. Testing or use of any thruster.
- d. Lowering of anchors.
- e. Shifting vessel on own lines.
- f. Any overside works that may pose a risk to the environment (for example propellor cleaning, hull cleaning, painting etc.)
- g. Lowering any boats to the water; reference should be made to section 3.3.14 of [The Southampton Byelaws](#) - Outboard Operations Including Slewing of Cranes & Davits.

For any vessel wishing to conduct any of these activities should contact "Southampton VTS" on VHF Channel 12 prior to commencement.

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Harbour Master**