

Associated British Ports  
Ipswich

Local Notice to Mariners No 10 2006

Vessels Overtaking and Passing in River Orwell

Mariners and Port Users are reminded that vessels passing and/or overtaking another in the River Orwell should do so with due regard to local bye-laws and the International collision regulations.

When possible such manoeuvres should not take place on bends, or where a vessel is likely to be forced outside the channel by another's action.

Whenever there is doubt, or confirmation is required as to the actions of another vessel, early bridge-to-bridge communication should be established. This is especially important to those small commercial vessels carrying a large number of passengers, operating over the low water period when they are confined to the edge of the main channel. These vessels must also report both inward and outward bound at the designated reporting positions to Orwell Navigation Services (ONS).

Details of vessels underway in the river can be obtained from ONS on VHF 68.

Harbour Master  
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