

NOTICE TO MARINERS No.02 of 2014

AIDS TO NAVIGATION - Maintenance, Casualties and Promulgation of Notice of the same

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that ABP Barrow has a maintenance programme and also casualty attendance procedures for its local aids to navigation.

Up to two buoys may be temporarily removed from station at any one time for service ashore. Recovery and reinstatement of the buoys will mostly be conducted by the work boat, "Furness Abbey". "Furness Abbey" will maintain a listening watch on VHF Channels 16 and 12 whenever working on an aid to navigation. Other vessels are required to keep well clear of any vessel servicing aids to navigation. Other vessels are required to pass any vessel servicing aids to navigation at slow speed with a minimum wake.

All Port users are encouraged to immediately report any observed casualties or defects to any aid to navigation. Such report should be made to "Barrow Port Radio", VHF Channel 12 or by telephone to 01229 822911, extension 201 or 214.

The Outer, Inner, Piel and Walney Channels are well marked by leading lights, beacons and buoys. Promulgation of notice of defect to ABP Barrow local aids to navigation will be made as follows:

- 1) If the defect is anticipated to be of prolonged duration or is risk assessed as being significant to the safety of navigation by issue of a local Notice to Mariners and also by broadcast. Such broadcast being made by "Barrow Port Radio" on VHF Channel 12 to vessels known to be navigating the Channels.
- 2) If the defect is anticipated to be of short duration and is risk assessed as being not of great significance to the safety of navigation by broadcast only. Again, such broadcast being made by "Barrow Port Radio" on VHF Channel 12 to vessels known to be navigating the Channels.

Vessels may seek information on the status of ABP Barrow local aids to navigation from "Barrow Port Radio" on VHF Channel 12.

6th January 2014

Captain G Lockwood
Harbour Master

Owners, agents, charterers, fishermen 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.