



Associated British Ports

Lowestoft

Local Notice to Mariners No 19/ 2011

ABP LOWESTOFT – BRIDGE TRAFFIC SIGNALS
UPDATE OF “INFORMATION TO SMALL CRAFT AND
YACHTS”

In the past few months there have been numerous incidents of vessels attempting to transit the Bascule Bridge before the leaves are both fully raised and locked. In exceptional circumstances, it is possible for one or both leaves to lower again if they are not locked. Such transits pose a risk to the vessel and the structure of the bridge.

The traffic lights on the North side of the Bridge Channel indicate to Mariners the status of the bridge. If there is a red light the leaves are not locked, only when a green light is shown is it safe to pass through the bridge. In the event of a lamp failure the Bridge Operator will issue instructions by VHF when it is safe to commence the transit.

The information note for Small Craft and Yachts using Lowestoft Harbour has been revised to reflect the information in this Notice.

Please bring this Notice and the revision of the Information Note to the attention of all Mariners operating in this area.

Harbour Master

7th November 2011

Local Notices to Mariners Currently in Force; 2006 No.5 2007 No.6 & No.13, 2008 No.28, No.29 & No.39, 2009 No.6, No.16, No.19, 2010 No. 10, 2011 No.4, No.6, No.7, No.10, No.17, No 18, No 19