

FORTH PORTS LIMITED

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PERMANENT NOTICE TO MARINERS FIRTH OF FORTH

Ref: Navigational Charts

Forth Ports in the interests of safety maintains a strict policy of requiring vessels entering waters under our jurisdiction to have the required up to date charts on board.

Despite this being widely known and publicised we still encounter issues with a small number of vessels arriving on the river with out of date cancelled charts, which in some cases results in the vessel being delayed. It should be noted that these issues are only encountered with a small percentage of vessels calling on the Forth, the vast majority of vessels being able to acquire the correct up to date charts.

Attached is a letter from the UK Hydrographic Office which confirms the process of advising publication of new charts and confirms that there should be no reason why up to date charts are not available.

Mariners are reminded that pilots will check to ensure that the appropriate charts are on board.

Although we expect new editions of charts to be onboard by the date of publication, we do allow a few days leeway to account for weekends, public holidays etc. However, such leeway is limited to a maximum of 5 calendar days.

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Dear Captain Baker

AVAILABILITY OF NEW CHARTS, NEW EDITIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

In response to your request for information on the timescales for the publication of new charts, new editions and publications, please see the below information.

The weekly publication 'Admiralty Notices to Mariners', (NtM) is available on the UKHO website

<http://www.ukho.gov.uk/ProductsandServices/MaritimeSafety/Pages/NMPublic.aspx>

and through chart distributors.

Section I Admiralty charts and publications now published and available lists the charts and publications published on the Thursday of the week of that NtM.

Section I Admiralty Charts to be published date month year provides three weeks advance warning of the publication new charts, new editions and publications and also charts to be withdrawn.

New charts and new editions are available to distributors a week before the publication date, therefore they ought to be available to buy on the day of publication.

GB ENC's are available at the same time as paper charts.

Yours sincerely
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