

# FORTH PORTS LIMITED

NtM No 30 of 2020

28<sup>th</sup> July 2020

## NOTICE TO MARINERS FIRTH OF FORTH

### INSTALLATION OF MAINTENANCE GANTRY ON FORTH RAIL BRIDGE

#### **Ref: Charts BA 728 & 736**

Commencing at **0500 on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> of August 2020** for a period of up to 14 hours a maintenance gantry will be installed in the North span of the Forth Rail Bridge. This platform will remain on location until mid October 2020.

The access platform will drop 2m below the bottom of the bridge resulting in a reduction in the allowable clearance heights.

**The navigable bridge clearance will be reduced from 49.91m at chart datum to 47.91m at chart datum.**

The navigation lights will not be obstructed at any time although mariners are advised to report any inconsistencies.

Agents and those chartering ships are asked to monitor all vessels calling at the ports of Rosyth, Grangemouth, Crombie and Babcocks and expected arrival aircraft to ensure adequate planning can take place.

#### **Installation**

The platform will be transported to location onboard the **'Forth Atlas'** supported by the **'Forth Trojan'** and **'Forth Drummer'** a Four anchor spread will be used to secure the barge.

Prior to the lift four wires will be lowered from the bridge. The installation will consist of one lift. On confirmation that the gantry is secure the moorings will be retrieved and the vessels will depart.

**The main channel will be closed during the installation. The South arch can be used by vessels <100m loa subject to shipping at Hound Point terminal. FTNS will manage the shipping schedule to ensure minimum disruption to shipping and maximum use of tidal slots.**

A safety boat/guard boat will remain onsite throughout the operation.

#### **Navigation**

The gantry will traverse the North span as required by the works. Vessels with an aircraft of over 40m are classed as restricted aircraft vessels and will be assessed on a case by case basis by Forth and Tay Navigation. Measures will be in place to prevent dropped objects.

**Status of previously published notices:**

Nos 10, 24, 45 and 46 of 2019 remain in force

Nos 04, 07, 20, 21, 23, 26, 27, 28 and 29 of 2020 remain in force.

**L Taylor**  
**Deputy Harbour Master**

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