

FORTH PORTS LIMITED

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NOTICE TO MARINERS FIRTH OF FORTH MAINTENANCE GANTRY - FORTH RAIL BRIDGE

Ref: Charts BA 728 & 736

Mariners are advised that the temporary maintenance gantry has been installed in the North span of the Forth Rail Bridge and is now expected to **remain on location until at least the end of November 2020.**

The gantry drops 2m below the bottom of the bridge resulting in a reduction in the allowable clearance heights. **The navigable bridge clearance has been 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.

Navigation

The gantry will traverse the North span as required by the works. Vessels with an air draft of over 40m are classed as restricted air draft vessels and will be assessed by Forth and Tay Navigation Service (FTNS).

Vessels who are unable to transit the bridges with the gantry in place will be assessed by FTNS on a case by case basis and if required the gantry can be moved to a parked position at the North end of the suspended span provided sufficient notice is given.

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

The enclosed diagram shows the gantry in the parked position and the remaining width of the navigable span.

Status of previously published notices:

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