

FORTH PORTS LIMITED

NtM No 32 of 2024

8th April 2024

NOTICE TO MARINERS

FIRTH OF FORTH

Large Vessel Movement

Mariners are advised that the heavy lift ship 'Xin Yao Hua' is currently anchored at Bravo 1 Anchorage (56°02.7'N, 003°12.9'W) preparing for the load out operation of the jackup rig 'Valaris 247'

On the morning of the 9th of April the 'Xin Yao Hua' will ballast down to the operational draft required for the load out of the rig.

Subject to a suitable weather window, the load out operation will be take place around 0845 LT 9th of April with the assistance of 5 harbour tugs and the AHT 'Brage Viking'.

On completion of the load out operation the 'Xin Yao Hua' will deballast to sailing draft and commence preparations to secure the rig for sea.

Once the rig has been secured the 'Xin Yao Hua' will heave anchor and depart the Firth of Forth.

During the load out operation an exclusion zone will exist for all marine craft within the charted boundary of the Bravo 1 anchorage, and a safe speed for passing vessels is required.

All craft/vessels should keep well clear at all times. All vessels will monitor and liaise with Forth & Tay Navigation Service on VHF Ch71 throughout.

Status of previously published notices:

No 73 of 2021 remains in force

Nos 08, 09, 22, and 89 of 2023 remain in force

Nos 01, 25, 28, 30 and 31 of 2024 remain in force

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