# PORT of MOSTYN


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# NOTICE TO MARINERS

**RIVER DEE ESTUARY AND APPROACHES**

**No 2 2020**

**This notice supersedes previous Local Notice to Mariners No 5 / 2018, which is hereby cancelled.**

## Buoyed Channels

**At certain states of tide large vessels using the buoyed channels between buoys SH Outer and SH7 (South Hoyle) and buoys NE Mostyn to M10 (Mostyn Channel), and buoys S1 to S4 (Salisbury Channel) may be constrained by their draught and can only safely navigate within the defined channels. Your attention is drawn to the following regulations.**

**The Merchant Shipping (Distress Signals and Prevention of Collisions) Regulations 1996.**

***Rule 9***

***(b)*** ***A vessel of less than 20 metres in length or a sailing vessel shall not impede the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway.***

***(c)*** ***A vessel engaged in fishing shall not impede the passage of any other vessel navigating within a narrow channel or fairway.***

***(d)*** ***A vessel shall not cross a narrow channel or fairway if such crossing impedes the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within such channel or fairway. The latter vessel may use the sound signal prescribed in Rule 34(d) if in doubt as to the intention of the crossing vessel.***

***Rule 28***

***A vessel constrained by her draught may, in addition to the lights prescribed for power-driven vessels in Rule 23, exhibit where they can best be seen three all-round red lights in a vertical line or a cylinder.***

***Rule 34***

***(d)*** ***When vessels in sight of one another are approaching each other and from any cause either vessel fails to understand the intentions or actions of the other or is in doubt whether sufficient action is being taken by the other to avoid collision, the vessel in doubt shall immediately indicate such doubt by giving at least five short and rapid blasts on the whistle.***

**When in the vicinity of these channels it is apparent that a vessel using the channel is constrained by her draught, by virtue of displaying the signal as prescribed in Rule 28, then vessels to which Rule 9 refer have an inherent duty not to impede the vessels passage.**

**IF REQUIRED COPIES OF THESE NOTICES MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE HARBOUR MASTERS OFFICE AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS; OR DOWNLOADED FROM THE PORTS WEB SITE.**

**Capt. R J Jackson**
**Harbour Master/Pilot**
**2nd January 2020**