



NOTICE TO MARINERS NO. 8/23

Severn Estuary

British Admiralty Chart no. 1166

Shoots Beacons - Planned Maintenance Work

Mariners are advised that planned maintenance work will be taking place from 24th June 2023 on the beacons marking the Shoots Channel (Prince of Wales Bridge) - International Nos. A5537, A5537.5, A5538.4, A5538.5

The works will involve cleaning and repainting of the Lower Shoots, Mixoms, Old Man's Head and Lady Bench beacons, and is planned to be undertaken during neap tide periods utilising the workboat "Grima" alongside the beacons and a small RIB type boat to support. Vessels will display appropriate dayshapes and will keep a listening watch on VHF Ch 13 & 16.

The beacon colourings and markings may not be distinct at times during the works, but the light characteristics will remain unaffected.

During low water periods and hours of darkness the Grima may lie to a mooring in approx. position 51° 33.4'N / 002° 42.3'W and will be well lit. This mooring will be marked by a large yellow buoy when not occupied during daylight hours and will be removed when vessels are off site during spring tides.

Duration of work and completion date is subject to the constraints of weather and tide.

Mariners are requested to exercise caution when navigating in the area.

Notices to Mariners may also be viewed on the Trustees' website at:

<https://gloucesterharbourtrustees.org.uk/notices-to-mariners/>

Owners, Agents and Charterers should ensure that the contents of this Notice are made known to the Masters or persons in charge of their vessels or craft.

S Henderson
Harbourmaster

23rd June 2023