



NOTICE TO MARINERS NO. 3/26

Chart BA 1166 Avonmouth to Hock Cliff

West Coast, River Severn

Shoots Channel - grab survey operations

Mariners are advised that benthic grab sampling operations are planned to be carried out in several locations in the Bristol Channel, including one in the GHT harbour area, by APEM.

Samples will be collected from approx. position 051° 33.80' N / 002° 42.58' W in the Shoots Channel downstream of the Prince of Wales bridge.

Operations are planned to be carried out during Monday 09th February 2026.

The vessel *Wavedancer 2* (11mtrs loa, Callsign MPBU3) will listen on VHF Ch. 16 & 13 whilst in the GHT area and will remain clear of large vessels using the Shoots channel as per Colreg Rule 9. Other vessels are requested to remain clear of the sampling operations.

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www.gloucesterharbourtrustees.org.uk

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

06th February 2026