

Warrenpoint Harbour Authority

Notice to Mariners

No. 2 of 2024

Now cancelled.

Dredging Operations in Warrenpoint Port and Approaches

MARINERS ARE HEREBY ADVISED that, commencing the week of Monday the 12th of February 2024 and continuing for approximately 48 days until 31st March 2024, maintenance dredging operations will take place in the approaches and deepwater berths of the inner harbour of Warrenpoint Port.

Dredging will be undertaken by the trailing suction hopper dredger **Charlock** which will transport dredged material to the WARRENPOINT B licenced sea disposal site within 0.25nm radius of 53° 57.80N 05° 56.50W.

The **Charlock** will be supported by the workboat vessel **Forth Trojan** which will undertake bed levelling operations. Bed levelling may extend beyond the date for completion of dredging operations and may also be required in the Greenore channel.

Mariners should be aware that **this is a 24-hour operation** with considerable activity in the Harbour in addition to numerous return trips through Carlingford Lough by the dredger.

A wide berth and slow safe speed is required by all vessels when navigating near the dredging operation.

All vessels will maintain a listening watch on VHF Ch12 at all times during operations and manoeuvres. The vessels will show the appropriate lights and day shapes for a vessel undertaking these operations.

Communication between all vessels is key to a safe and successful campaign. Mariners are requested to communicate **directly** by VHF Ch12 with the dredger and/ or smaller plough vessel to clarify any movements and passing or meeting situations well in advance.

In addition, all vessels which cannot safely navigate outside of Warrenpoint Channel should give advanced notice to the dredger and other vessels engaged in the dredging campaign when 30 minutes from Hellyhunter buoy inbound or 30 minutes before departing the berth to allow time for the vessels to vacate the channel.

These conditions do not remove the normal VHF calling requirements to Warrenpoint Harbour or a vessels obligation to comply with the Collision Regulations.

A further notice will be issued on the completion of the dredger works.

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Signed

Michael Young

Harbour Master

