

Royal Quays Marina, North Shields

Navigation and Marina Notice. 23 September 2021

Dredging of Marina Approaches

Marina users are advised that dredging work will take place in the approach channel to Royal Quays Marina commencing from Friday 24 September 2021 for a period of approximately 14 days, during which time vessel access in and out of the marina may be restricted.

Vessels entering and exiting the marina in the area should exercise extreme caution passing the dredging vessels and follow instructions from the marina lock control on VHF CH 80

The vessels involved in the dredging will be:

PRINS 3 – Hopper Barge

PRINS 5 – Spud Leg Barge & backhoe excavator

MTS INDUS – Tug



Dredging will usually take place between 0700 and 1900 each day. Initially the work will commence at the outer limits of the approach and advance inwards towards the lock entrance. As work progresses there will be periods (typically lasting around 3 hours) when access in and out of the lock entrance, and access to the fuel berth is not possible.

We will endeavour to notify marina customers of any anticipated closures by e mail, and via the marina's Facebook page, and web site 48 hours in advance.

The dredging vessels will display day signals indicating which side to pass. Two diamonds on safe to pass side, two balls on unsafe side. Whilst the dredger is working with the hopper, you must pass on the hopper side only.

Vessels should be aware that the dredging plant is 'restricted in its ability to manoeuvre' and under Rule 18 all vessels must keep away from the plant i.e., they will not give way to other vessels.

The waiting pontoon (and the 2 vertical green starboard channel beacons) will be removed for the duration of the work, though the mooring piles will remain in position and the lit by flashing amber beacons.

For further information please contact the marina office on **0191 2728282** or **VHF CH 80**.

We apologise for the late notice given to marina users which is due to factors beyond the marinas control.

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