



PERMANENT NOTICE TO MARINERS

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GUIDANCE TO ROWING VESSELS

Introduction

1. St Helier Harbour plays host to a number of different water users, therefore it is vital that rowing vessels observe the Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea within the close confines of the harbour. Safety will be enhanced by:
 - Maintaining a proper look out
 - Knowing and following the rules
 - Showing consideration for others

Specific Guidance to Rowing Vessels in St Helier Port Limits

2. Rowing vessels should navigate on the starboard side of channels and fairways within St Helier harbour from the end of the Hermitage Breakwater arm inwards.
3. Rowing vessels should not obstruct large commercial vessels within the precautionary area.
4. Rowing vessels training in the inner harbour should navigate in a clock-wise direction. On the south-bound leg this ensures good visibility of the IALA traffic control lights and any vessels approaching the Pier Heads.
5. When a large number of rowing vessels are navigating together through the harbour to a start outside the Small Road or from a race outside the harbour, they should transit the harbour and the Small Road in single file on the starboard side to ensure other vessels have the ability to pass them safely and efficiently.
6. Rowing vessels using the fairways and channels within the Port should obey the buoyage. Particular attention is drawn to the buoyed channel to the west of the Elizabeth harbour leading to/from the Elizabeth Marina. The use of this channel is important to ensure vessels have time to observe the IALA traffic control lights at the VTS Tower and provides a safe area to hold if the lights are not in their favour.
7. Rowing vessels must adhere to the IALA traffic control signals situated on the VTS Tower, Victoria Pier. Rowing vessels are not permitted to enter/depart the harbour when the Red IALA traffic control lights are used in conjunction with the Amber flashing lights. If a Red signal is displayed rowing vessels must hold in a safe area not obstructing commercial or leisure traffic until the Green traffic control signal is shown.
8. Within St Helier VTS limits, rowing vessels are advised to carry a VHF and maintain a listening watch on VHF Channel 14.

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