



SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL

SALCOMBE HARBOUR – KINGSBRIDGE ESTUARY



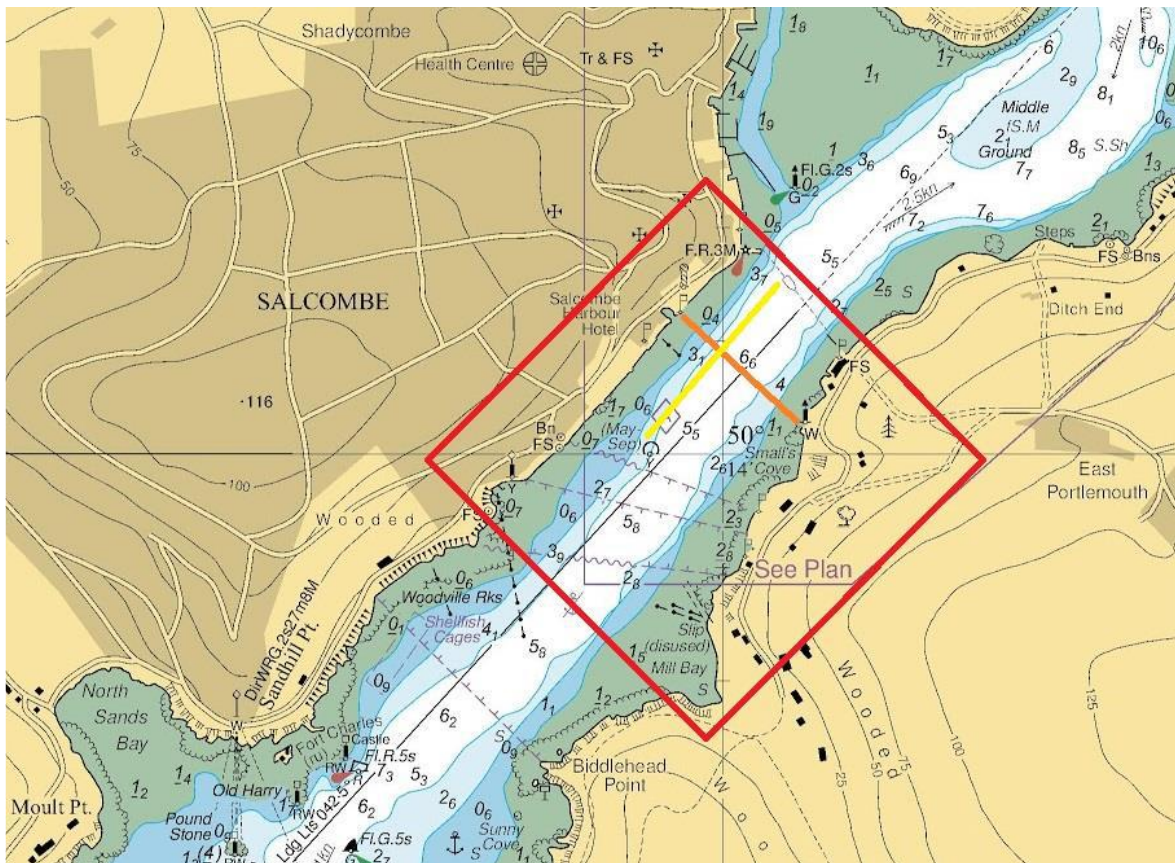
LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS NO 09 OF 2023

MERLIN ROCKET WEEK 9th to 14th July 2023

Salcombe Yacht Club will host the annual Merlin Rocket Week between the above dates. Up to 60 racing dinghies are expected to participate at any one time and the race start line (ORANGE) is expected to be congested right across the width of the harbour. **Race starts are expected to be at 10:30 and 14:30 daily.**

1. To reduce the risk of collision within Salcombe Harbour during race starts, the Harbour Authority will halt **ALL** other traffic movement within the vicinity of the start line from 10 minutes prior to the race starting until approximately 5 minutes afterwards between an area south of the East Portlemouth Ferry crossing and north of Mill Bay Beach/Woodville Rocks (within the RED box). If you have the option to remain moored please do so otherwise please follow the direction of Salcombe Harbour Authority staff to hold position.

This is in addition to LNTM No 02 describing the Racing Dinghy Free Fairway which will be in use before this closure, when non-racing craft can navigate past on the Salcombe town side of the channel (shore-side of the YELLOW line/buoys) during which the Yacht Club Watch House will exhibit flashing yellow strobes.



2. These closures will be broadcast on VHF #14. Vessels with an urgent need to transit between Fort Charles Castle and Normandy Pontoon should in the first instance call 'Salcombe Harbour' on VHF #14 to request permission. If granted, the Merlin race start will be postponed.
3. If starts are postponed or a restart is required please continue to monitor channel 14 for additional information.
4. Whilst racing is underway certain areas of the harbour will be very busy including Batson Creek where some of the fleet will transit to and from the start line. All underway craft will have to maintain a good lookout.
5. Nothing in this LNTM shall exonerate any vessel, or the owner, master or crew thereof, including racing dinghies from the consequences of any neglect to comply with the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea.

Cancel this LNTM 15th July 2023.

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5th July 2023