

NOTICE TO MARINERS

№51 – 2022

HARBOUR AND PORT OF MANCHESTER

ROPE-ACCESS INSPECTION OF RUNCORN RAILWAY VIADUCT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, between 26 November 2022 and 4 December 2022, a rope-access inspection of Runcorn Railway Viaduct (“the Viaduct”) will be undertaken.

Supported by the safety boat **ST03**, which will maintain a listening watch on VHF Ch.14 whilst on station, the inspection works will entail rope-access rigging being suspended underneath the Viaduct.

The scheduled inspection periods are:

26 November 2022	22.00 to 06.00 (27.11.22)
28 November 2022	08.30 to 17.00
29 November 2022	08.30 to 17.00
30 November 2022	08.30 to 17.00
3 December 2022	22.00 to 06.00 (4.12.22)

During the inspection periods, vessels intending to proceed under the Viaduct must establish VHF contact with the **ST03** on VHF Ch.14 to advise of their approach to the Viaduct. This notification must be given not later than when the vessel is passing the following locations:

Inward Bound: Weaver Sluices

Outward Bound: Astmoor Wharf

Upon receiving notification of a vessel's approach, the rope-access team will ascend to the Viaduct's track level and haul-up their rigging. This process should take approximately 15 minutes and will be confirmed as complete to the approaching vessel by the **ST03**.

Whilst the inspection works are taking place, Mariners must navigate in the vicinity of the Viaduct with all due care and caution and at dead slow speed through the water.

Unless notice is given to the contrary, this Notice will be withdrawn at 06.00 on 4 December 2022.