

NOTICE TO MARINERS

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PORT OF LIVERPOOL

ANNUAL ACROSS MERSEY SWIM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual Across Mersey Swim is scheduled to occur between 13.45 and 15.15 (weather permitting) on Saturday, 1 August 2026.

The swimmers will enter the water on the east bank of the River at the South Ferry Basin (53° 23' 24.9" N 002° 59' 15.8" W) and swim across the River to Monks Ferry Slipway (53° 23' 29.0" N 003° 00' 29.0" W) on the west bank.

The organizers have indicated that there will be twenty pods of swimmers, with each pod being accompanied by a safety boat (all of which are required to maintain a listening watch on VHF Ch. 12). Merseyside Fire & Rescue and the New Brighton Lifeboat should also be in attendance.

The designated marshal's craft is the **Mrs J. II** and, if necessary, contact should be established with this craft on VHF Ch. 12 in the first instance.

Mersey VTS will issue local navigation warnings while the swim takes place.

While the organizers have been warned regarding the limited manoeuvring capabilities of vessels that are constrained to navigating within the marked channel, Mariners must navigate with appropriate care and caution and maintain a proper lookout at all times.