



NOTICE TO MARINERS

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FISHING ACTIVITIES - FIRTH OF CLYDE

All fishermen are reminded that they must not impede the safe passage of vessels following a Narrow Channel as defined in Rule 9 of the "International Rules for the Prevention of Collision at Sea". Clydeport Operations Ltd has designated the following as Narrow Channels:

Firth of Clyde Channel	Hunterston Channel
Skelmorlie Channel	Loch Long Channel
Ardmore Channel	River Channel east of Greenock
Kyles of Bute including its approaches	

Fishing vessels shall also comply with Rule 5 of the above rules: *"Every vessel shall at all times maintain a proper look-out by sight and hearing as well as by all available means appropriate in the prevailing circumstances and conditions so as to make a full appraisal of the situation and of the risk of collision"*.

Commercial vessels transiting the channels maintain a continuous Watch on VHF Ch12

By an Order made under the Inshore Fishing (Scotland) Act 1984, sea fishing by trawlers within the Firth of Clyde is prohibited between midnight Friday and midnight Sunday. Creel fishermen may lay static gear on the seabed outside of narrow channels as defined above between midnight Friday and midnight Sunday, providing that the risers are at least 50 metres from the channel edge.

Any creels laid must be adequately marked at each end by buoys in accordance with the Clyde IFG code. The riser buoys should clearly display the name of the fishing boat that has laid the creels. Creels should not be laid in the approaches to berths, piers, jetties, on marked ferry crossings, marinas and anchorages.

ANY CREELS THAT CONSTITUTE A DANGER TO NAVIGATION WILL BE REMOVED