



NOTICE TO MARINERS

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SAFETY OF HIGH SPEED PASSENGER CRAFT

Mariners' attention is drawn to, the MAIB Interim Report on the investigation of, the collision between the high speed passenger craft SEADOGZ and a navigational buoy, resulting in injuries to all on board and one fatality, which occurred in Southampton Water in August 2020. The report details how the vessel struck a navigational buoy at speed when the skipper was concentrating on conducting high speed manoeuvres.

The link to the Interim Report can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/seadogz-interim-report-published>

This incident illustrates the importance of maintaining situational awareness at all times when operating vessels on the water. Commercial and leisure vessels (including PWC/Jetskis and passenger carrying vessels), should maintain vigilance when on the helm, particularly when operating in the vicinity of other vessels, AtoNs and fixed infrastructure.

Commercial operators, marinas and clubs are reminded of the importance of reviewing risk assessments and method statements in light of incident reports.

MAIB encourages all mariners and commercial marine organisations to subscribe to their news and reports alert service via their website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/marine-accident-investigation-branch>

Clydeport publishes Notices to Mariners which are available to download from:

<https://www.peelports.com/marine-information?port=clydeport>

The following are relevant in regard to the above-noted incident:

SNTM04 – Safe Speed

SNTM06 – Incident Reporting and Navigational Aids Defects

SNTM12 – Leisure Craft

SNTM13 – Major Sailing Events

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