

## NOTICE TO MARINERS

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### **HARBOUR AND PORT OF MANCHESTER**

#### **WEAVER SLUICES ENGINEERING WORKS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that engineering works will be undertaken at the Weaver Sluices from 7 May 2020 until further notice.

The works will involve the use of the spud barge *Vim* (22.5m x 13.7m) supported by the workboat *Fossor*. Work will be undertaken Monday to Friday 07.00–19.00 and will involve the *Vim* being positioned “bow-in” to the sluices. Vessels intending to pass the Weaver Sluices must contact the *Fossor* in good time on VHF Ch.14 to ascertain the clearance of the *Vim* from the buoyed channel and to coordinate, as necessary, the positioning of the *Vim* for the vessel’s transit.

On weekday nights, weekends and Bank Holidays, the *Vim* will be anchored (by spuds) or moored as follows:

**Weekday Nights:** Anchored outside the buoyed channel adjacent to the Weaver Tidal Opening (SB530).

**Weekends and Bank Holidays:** Moored alongside the approach walls to either Weston Mersey Lock (SB575) or Bridgewater Lock (SB625).

Whilst anchored or moored in the above locations, two fixed white lights will be displayed from the outboard side of the barge. Prior to transiting in the vicinity of the above locations, vessels should clarify the *Vim*’s location with Eastham Port Control.

Vessels must navigate in the vicinity of the *Vim* with all due care and caution and at dead slow speed through the water.

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