

NOTICE TO MARINERS

№11 – 2023

PORT OF LIVERPOOL

TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF GLADSTONE LOCK – REPLACEMENT OF OUTER GATES

As part of a planned programme of ongoing improvements to Port infrastructure, new outer gates will be installed at Gladstone Lock. The gates are expected to be delivered prior to the end of January 2023 with installation works commencing in April 2023.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that MDHC will take possession of Gladstone Lock for the following period:

06.00 on 29 April 2023

until

06.00 on 22 May 2023

During the possession, vessels that can transit the Hornby Passage may continue to do so and be able to use Langton Lock for access to and egress from the Docks. However, a consultation with a Liverpool Pilot must be arranged for any vessel that requires a pilot and that has an overall length exceeding 174m or that has an extreme beam exceeding 24m before such a vessel is committed to transiting via the Hornby Passage.

Furthermore, at various times during the possession, floating plant and divers will be working around this River entrance. Accordingly, all vessels when passing the entrance to Gladstone Lock must observe the requirements of General Direction №31 (Safe Speed).

Given the scale of the planned works (which include modifications to the gate recesses and the gate operating machinery), the technical challenges and the environment in which the work will be carried out, it may be necessary to vary the start date or duration of the possession, or both. Any variation in the planned possession period will be promulgated via an amendment to this Notice.

Unless notice is given to the contrary, this Notice will be withdrawn at 06.00 on 22 May 2023.