



NOTICE TO MARINERS

No. 11 – 25th July 2019

Sub: Requirement of Updated Nautical Charts on board vessels

Extensive changes have been made to the Port Limits, anchorage areas, approach channels, buoys and aids to navigation within Saqr Port, RAK Maritime City, Ras Al Khaimah & Al Jazeera Port areas during the past year. RAK Ports through Notice to Mariners previously announced these changes, which affect safety of navigation. The UKHO has issued necessary chart corrections via a *Preliminary Notice to Mariners* (as per attached) for the affected BA Charts 2837, 2888, 3174, 3175 & 3404.

It has however been noticed that some vessels calling RAK Ports do not have updated charts on board or the above corrections have not been incorporated on the charts. This is a violation of IMO Regulations and matter of serious concern with regard to ensuring safety of navigation within the waters of RAK.

Thus, Masters of vessels calling at RAK Ports must ensure paper and/or electronic charts are corrected up to date. Also the latest chart corrections are to be manually incorporated until new editions of charts are published and passage plan for entry / exit to be prepared accordingly.

If updated charts are not on board, the Master is to ensure supply of the same at anchorage, through agent, prior to vessel berthing. If vessels do not have up to date charts this is to be reported to port control and declared as a defect before arrival. Vessels not complying with the above requirement will be denied access to RAK Ports. Pilots will be checking charts when they board.

Previous NtMs regarding above changes are available on the RAK Ports website, including the UKHO PNM. Marine agents are requested to be prepared and have easy access to chart suppliers in order to disseminate to all Masters / Owners prior vessel arrival to avoid delay. Charts can be ordered from:

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Status of previously published notices:

2017: 10, 15,
2018: 18, 24,
2019: 1, 5, 7, 10

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Source: RAK Ports Maritime Notice 10/18, MENAS Nav Warning 84/18 and UKHO

1. Extensive changes to port limits, anchorages, aids to navigation and buoyage have been announced at Saqr, Ras Al Khaimah, Al Jazeera, RAK Maritime City and RAK Khor ports. The most significant of these are listed below.
2. SAQR. The existing semi-circular port limit of Saqr Port, centred on position 25° 58'·92N., 56° 02'·81E., has been replaced with a limit joining the following positions:

25° 53'·61N., 56° 01'·15E.
 25° 54'·94N., 55° 52'·59E.
 radius of arc, 10M, centred on position 25° 58'·78N., 56° 02'·84E.
 26° 06'·97N., 55° 56'·25E.
 26° 03'·05N., 56° 05'·17E.

3. Twenty anchor berths and two special operations berths have been established in the following positions within the new port limit:

<i>Designation</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Swinging Radius (m)</i>
S-01	26° 01'·037N., 55° 56'·231E.	300
S-02	26° 01'·624N., 55° 56'·538E.	300
S-03	26° 02'·212N., 55° 56'·845E.	300
S-04	26° 01'·275N., 55° 55'·560E.	300
S-05	26° 01'·863N., 55° 55'·867E.	300
S-06	26° 02'·450N., 55° 56'·174E.	300
S-07	26° 03'·010N., 55° 57'·111E.	400
S-08	26° 03'·843N., 55° 57'·546E.	400
S-09	26° 04'·676N., 55° 57'·981E.	400
S-10	26° 05'·509N., 55° 58'·417E.	400
S-11	26° 02'·700N., 55° 54'·405E.	400
S-12	26° 03'·567N., 55° 54'·962E.	400
S-13	26° 04'·369N., 55° 55'·628E.	400
S-14	26° 05'·094N., 55° 56'·395E.	400
S-15	26° 05'·758N., 55° 57'·289E.	400
S-16	26° 03'·248N., 55° 53'·565E.	500
S-17	26° 04'·152N., 55° 54'·092E.	500
S-18	26° 04'·967N., 55° 54'·782E.	500
S-19	26° 05'·708N., 55° 55'·567E.	500
S-20	26° 06'·368N., 55° 56'·433E.	500
Special Operations SP-01	26° 01'·107N., 55° 59'·521E.	500
Special Operations SP-02	26° 00'·087N., 55° 58'·860E.	500

4. An anchorage for small vessels and barges has been established, bounded by the following positions:

25° 59'·54N., 55° 50'·00E.
 25° 59'·56N., 55° 53'·45E.
 25° 58'·36N., 55° 53'·46E.
 25° 56'·98N., 55° 50'·00E.

5. Anchorages, Zones I, II, III and IV, bounded by the following positions have been removed:

26° 02'·94N., 55° 56'·61E.
 26° 01'·31N., 56° 02'·20E.
 25° 58'·70N., 56° 01'·95E.
 26° 00'·28N., 55° 56'·40E.

6. The Hulaylah anchorage and pilot boarding place at position 25° 58'·00N., 55° 52'·80E. have been removed.
7. The marine farm and associated limit at position 25° 55'·21N., 55° 55'·44E. has been removed.
8. The Port Control Tower at position 25° 57'·601N., 56° 03'·179E. has been removed.

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9. RAS AL KHAIMAH. Ras Al Khaimah port anchorage area has been established, bounded by the following positions:

25° 54'·17N., 55° 48'·03E.
 25° 55'·41N., 55° 51'·12E.
 25° 54'·49N., 55° 51'·57E.
 25° 53'·25N., 55° 48'·48E.

10. Light-buoys in the approaches to Ras Al Khaimah have been established after recent dredging activities:

<i>Characteristic</i>	<i>Designation</i>	<i>Position</i>
<i>Fl.WR.10s</i>	<i>Fairway</i>	25° 50'·500N., 55° 56'·052E.
<i>Fl.G.3s</i>	<i>No. 1</i>	25° 49'·805N., 55° 56'·380E.
<i>Fl.R.3s</i>	<i>No. 2</i>	25° 49'·828N., 55° 56'·434E.
<i>Fl.G.3s</i>	<i>No. 3</i>	25° 49'·213N., 55° 56'·686E.
<i>Fl.R.6s</i>	<i>No. 4</i>	25° 49'·236N., 55° 56'·740E.
Virtual buoy	<i>No. 5</i>	25° 49'·083N., 55° 56'·654E.
Virtual buoy	<i>No. 6</i>	25° 49'·175N., 55° 56'·871E.
<i>Fl.G.6s</i>	<i>No. 7</i>	25° 49'·023N., 55° 56'·784E.
<i>Fl.R.3s</i>	<i>No. 8</i>	25° 49'·046N., 55° 56'·838E.

11. The following light-buoys in the approaches to Ras Al Khaimah have been removed:

<i>Characteristic</i>	<i>Designation</i>	<i>Position</i>
<i>LFl.10s</i>		25° 50'·50N., 55° 56'·05E.
<i>Fl.G.5s</i>	<i>RAK1</i>	25° 49'·00N., 55° 56'·74E.
<i>Fl.R.5s</i>	<i>RAK2</i>	25° 49'·12N., 55° 56'·87E.
<i>Fl.G.3s</i>	<i>RAK3</i>	25° 48'·80N., 55° 56'·84E.
<i>Fl.R.3s</i>	<i>RAK4</i>	25° 48'·89N., 55° 56'·94E.

12. AL JAZEERA. Al Jazeera port anchorage area has been established, bounded by the following positions:

25° 51'·64N., 55° 41'·62E.
 25° 52'·94N., 55° 44'·97E.
 25° 52'·02N., 55° 45'·41E.
 25° 50'·71N., 55° 42'·06E.

13. The former Al Jazeera port anchorage, bounded by the following positions, has been removed:

25° 48'·80N., 55° 43'·60E.
 25° 50'·00N., 55° 46'·60E.
 25° 48'·20N., 55° 47'·50E.
 25° 47'·00N., 55° 44'·65E.

14. Light-buoys in the approaches to Al Jazeera have been established as follows:

<i>Characteristic</i>	<i>Designation</i>	<i>Position</i>
<i>Fl.WR.10s</i>	<i>Fairway</i>	25° 44'·916N., 55° 46'·648E.
<i>Fl.G.6s</i>	<i>Outer No. 1</i>	25° 44'·336N., 55° 47'·278E.
<i>Fl.R.3s</i>	<i>Outer No. 2</i>	25° 44'·381N., 55° 47'·324E.
<i>Fl.G.3s</i>	<i>Outer No. 3</i>	25° 44'·007N., 55° 47'·665E.
<i>Fl.R.6s</i>	<i>Outer No. 4</i>	25° 44'·051N., 55° 47'·711E.

15. The former *Fairway* light-buoy, *Fl.10s*, in position 25° 44'·78N., 55° 48'·00E. has been removed.

16. The pilot boarding place for Al Jazeera Port at position 25° 46'·00N., 55° 47'·00E. has been moved to position 25° 44'·92N., 55° 46'·65E.

17. **RAK MARITIME CITY.** Works have taken place along the quayside at RAK Maritime City between positions 25° 57'·82N., 56° 03'·17E. and 25° 57'·55N., 56° 03'·41E. The quay is now a straight line.

18. **RAK KHOR PORT.** A new fishing harbour has been established at RAK Khor Port in position 25° 48'·46N., 55° 56'·94E.

19. Vessels are not to anchor within 1NM of submarine cables and pipelines.

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20. Mariners are advised to navigate with caution in the area and to contact local authorities for further information.

21. These and other changes will be included in the next New Editions of Charts 2837, 2888, 3174, 3175 and 3404.
(WGS84 DATUM)

Charts affected - 2837 (INT 7017) - 2888 (INT 7199) - 3174 (INT 7209) - 3175 (INT 7212) - 3404 (INT 7213)