



# **NOTICE TO MARINERS**

**No. 21 – 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2018**

**Subject: Dredging Works at Ras Al Khaimah Port**

**Ref : BA Chart 3174, 3404 & Attached chartlet and Photograph**

Dredging works at Ras Al Khaimah Port scheduled to commence on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2018 for a duration of six weeks. Dredging operations will initially be during daylight hours but this may extend to 24 hour depending on progress.

The scope of dredging operation consists of following:

1. Port entrance between the breakwaters and inner channel
2. Vessel manoeuvring and berthing area.
3. The outer approach channel

Phase 2 and 3 will require floating pipes and sinker lines to be deployed across the channel by using small pontoons. The pontoon will be clearly visible as shown in attached photograph. Channel transit will be restricted whilst the pipeline is across the creek and smaller vessels with draft less than 2.0m should use the navigational gap as shown on the attached chartlet. Marker buoys will be placed to identify the navigable gap over the sinker pipelines. Larger vessels need to give notice of one hour to Port Control in order to make necessary arrangement for opening the channel by disconnecting the floating pipelines.

Marine units and floating pipelines deployed for the dredging operation will be secured at the eastern side of creek of by end of every day and will be fixed with adequate lights during darkness.

Mariners are to be aware of dredging operations and pipelines and are requested to exercise extreme caution while transiting this area:

- All vessels/crafts/fishing boats proceed with minimum speed and navigate with caution.
- Maintain constant listening watch on VHF Channel 71/16.
- All movements should be co-ordinated with Ras Al Khaimah Port Control.

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