



NOTICE TO MARINERS

No.13 – 5th Jul 2017

Subject: Dredging Works at Ras Al Khaimah Port

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Dredging works at Ras Al Khaimah Port are scheduled to commence on the 13th Jul 2017 and last approximately four weeks. Dredging will be undertaken on a 24 x 7 basis.

The scope of dredging operation consists of following activity:

- Dredging of approach channel and port entrance
- Dredging of vessel maneuvering and berthing areas.
- Depositing of dredged materials to an area west of the Fishing Harbour.

The following vessels will be deployed during the dredging operation:

- Volvox Atalanta – Trailing Suction Hopper Dredger (TSHD)
- Marineco India & Taupo – Shoal Buster
- Marineco Hathi – Multicat

Dredged materials will be discharged to a reclamation area behind the fishing harbour using sinker and floating pipelines. Sinker pipes will be surface assembled on 10th & 11th July and submerged to seabed in the location as per attached chartlet. The pipeline diameter is 0.8m and 1.2m where two pipes are joined. During mobilization of sinker pipeline stand-by vessels will be monitoring small boats / crafts to help prevent them straying too close to the operation. Sinker pipes will be de-mobilized on completion of dredging operations. Floating pipelines will be fixed with adequate lights during darkness.

Port Control will monitor dredging operations to ensure navigational safety and provide necessary guidance to vessel transiting the area. Fishing boats / small crafts entering/leaving the channel are strictly advised to take deviation North of Green buoy (RAK-3).

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

- All vessels / crafts proceed with minimum speed and navigate with caution.
- Keep well clear of above dredging area and be aware of underwater pipelines.
- 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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