

ASSOCIATED BRITISH PORTS

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NOTICE TO MARINERS

No. H.50/2014

RIVER HUMBER

SMALL CRAFT

Following a close quarters incident in April 2014 between two fishing vessels, **MARINERS ARE ADVISED** to be particularly vigilant if navigating outside the designated navigation channels of the Humber and to keep a good lookout by all available means for the presence of small craft. The number of small craft afloat increases in the summer months and such craft may not always be easily identifiable dependent on sea conditions.

OWNERS OF SMALL CRAFT ARE ADVISED to consider carefully their own personal safety when afloat, their visibility to other vessels, the prevailing and forecast wind, visibility and sea conditions, and the fact that VTS Humber has only a very limited ability to monitor small craft activity, not least because small vessels (as defined in the Humber Navigation Byelaws 1990) are not required to report and there is no mandatory requirement for them to be fitted with AIS. Owners should also consider whether the voluntary fitting of such equipment would enhance their safety whilst afloat.

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HARBOUR MASTER, HUMBER

23 May 2014

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS FOR 2012, 2013 & 2014 CURRENTLY IN FORCE:

H.15/2012, H.02/2013, H.69/2013, H.71/2013, **H.99/2013**, H.110/2013, **H.114/2013**, H.116/2013, **H.119/2013**, H.121/2013, **H.03/2014**,
H.05/2014, H.07/2014, **H.09/2014**, **H.11/2014**, H.12/2014, H.13/2014, **H.20/2014**, H.21/2014, H.22/2014, H.23/2014, H.28/2014,
H.29/2014, H.30/2014, H.31/2014, H.33/2014, **H.35/2014**, H.36/2014, H.37/2014, H.40/2014, H.41/2014, H.42/2014, H.43/2014,
H.45/2014, H.46/2014, H.47/2014 H.48/2014, H.49/2014, H.50/2014.

THE INTERNET

In order to widen communication between ABP Humber Estuary Services and those with an interest in the estuary, a website is open at www.humber.com which carries a wide range of information, including copies of this and other Notice to Mariners.