



# NOTICE TO MARINERS

**NtM 002–2016**

## **Traffic Light Operation in Lochboisdale Harbour Marina**

This NtM effective 19th May 2016 is in addition to NtM 001-2016 to allow for increased control of vessel movements during the busier times of the year/day for vessels unfamiliar with the Gasay North Channel protocols.

As the harbours navigational risk assessment highlighted, the higher risk period is from 1<sup>st</sup> May through to 30<sup>th</sup> September between the hours as shown below:

Mon to Sat 0630–0830 and 1200–2100

Sun 0630-0830 and 1200–1830

Lochboisdale Harbour will man and operate the breakwater Red traffic lights ( 3FR) during the times listed above when large vessels (defined here as any vessel with a draught greater than 3m and / or 20m in length and including all RoRo ferries are transiting the North channel. If a vessel constrained by its draft requires to transit the Gasay North Channel outside of these times normal controls as is NtM 001-2016 apply.<sup>1</sup>

### Action by all vessels inside Lochboisdale Harbour Marina: -

In addition to the requirements of NtM 001-2016 all vessels departing Lochboisdale harbour breakwaters shall check that the red traffic lights are not lit. When the red traffic lights are lit no vessel may leave the breakwaters of Lochboisdale harbour unless such vessel is given permission from the harbour office (i.e. it is the vessel that is constrained by its draft that the lights are being used for.) When the vessel constrained by its draft has passed the breakwaters outbound the red traffic lights will be switched off and a vessel may exit the Lochboisdale harbour breakwater but shall not overtake the vessel constrained by its draft within the Gasay North Channel.

### Action by vessels constrained by their draft: -

All vessels deemed constrained by their draft by the meaning of this NtM shall in addition to the security broadcast message requirements of NtM 001–2016 prior to transiting the Gasay North channel between the dates and times listed above notify the Harbour Office on **VHF 12** or the Phone numbers listed below of their intention to transit the Gasay North channel. Inbound vessels shall call the harbour office when passing MacKenzie Rock with their ETA at Gasay Light and outbound vessels shall call the harbour office 5 minutes before departure from the berth or anchorage. Confirmation will be given of the red traffic lights being switched on.

Harbour Office 01878 700 830

Harbour Master 07502 267 946

Port Manager 07586 787 678

This procedure is in place to allow more control over vessel movements during the times highlighted in the harbours navigational risk assessments. It is important that the lights are used efficiently so as not to have Lochboisdale harbour breakwaters closed for any longer than is required. This NtM does not relieve the vessel skippers/masters of their obligation to check the channel is clear prior to and as they are entering it.

Further information can be obtained using the contact details below.

Coll Macdonald

Harbour Master Lochboisdale harbour.

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1. If a vessel constrained by its draft requires to transit the channel between 0830 and 1200 hrs prior notification 1 hour should be given to the port staff on the mobile phones to allow sufficient time to travel to the harbour.