



NOTICE TO MARINERS

NtM 002–2018

Traffic Light Operation in Lochboisdale Harbour Marina

This NtM, effective 1st May 2018, is in addition to NtM 001-2018 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 a consequence of more frequent Ferry movements and increased traffic to/from the Marina, there is an increased risk from 01 May through to 30th September between the hours as shown below:

Monday to Thursday	0630–0830 and 1930–2130
Friday / Saturday / Sunday	0600-0800 and 1700–1830

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 RO-RO Ferries transiting the North Gasay channel. If a vessel constrained by its draft requires to transit the Gasay North Channel outside of these times, normal controls as per NtM 001-2018 apply. (Such vessels wishing to transit the North Gasay channel outwith stated times should contact the Duty Officer, at least one hour before arrival).

Action by all vessels inside Lochboisdale Harbour Marina: -

In addition to the requirements of NtM 001-2018, all vessels departing Lochboisdale Harbour / Marina shall check that the traffic lights status. When the red traffic lights are on, no vessel may leave the breakwaters of Lochboisdale Harbour unless such vessel is given permission from the Harbour Office. Once the vessel constrained by its draft has passed the breakwaters outbound, the red traffic lights will be switched off, allowing normal flow of traffic to resume. Departing vessels 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 001-2018, shall in addition to the Sécurité message requirements of NtM 001–2018, prior to transiting the Gasay North channel, (between the dates and times listed above) notify the Harbour Office on **VHF 12** or contact the duty Officer as per 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. The duty Officer will confirm to the vessel that the Red lights are active.

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This procedure is in place to allow more stringent control over vessel movements during the times highlighted in the LHA Navigational risk assessments. Whilst these procedures should be adopted by all vessels operating in the Lochboisdale Harbour area, it is important that a proper lookout is maintained, that the vessel is proceeding at a safe speed and that sound seamanship is demonstrated by all mariners. This NtM does not relieve the vessel skippers/masters of their obligation to check the Channel is clear, prior to entering it.

All previous versions of this NtM are now withdrawn.

Further information can be obtained using the contact details below:

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