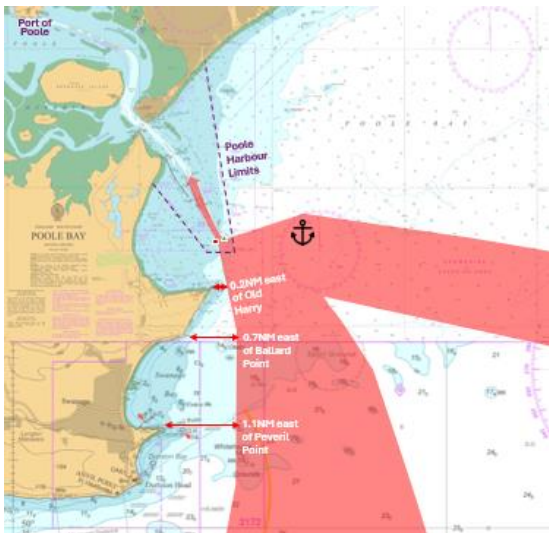


### Guidance for users of approaches to Poole Harbour Limits

**Mariners are reminded** that scheduled cross-channel ferries and other shipping frequently transit the approaches to Poole, often at speeds of up to 25 knots and constrained by water depth and/or their approach to the buoyed narrow channel. Further to warnings included on all local charts and elsewhere, this notice is intended to further increase awareness following near misses involving those with limited local knowledge.

The seaward extent of the Harbour Master's jurisdiction (Harbour Limits) is marked by the purple dashed line on the chartlet. Within Harbour Limits, [Poole VTS](#) controls movements of all vessels over 50 metres in length and ensures broadcasts on VHF Ch 14 for the benefit of all listeners. Outside Harbour Limits, all users of Poole Bay / Swanage Bay / Jurassic Coast should remain mindful they are in open water and that it is incumbent on them to research the relevant risks, plan ahead, and always keep a vigilant lookout. This includes monitoring VHF Ch 14 if arrival or departure of shipping could have any bearing on their activities. A high-level summary of scheduled movements can be found [here](#) and Notice [50 of 2024](#) can be referred to for similar guidance applying within the harbour limits, alongside [other active notices](#) and the [Harbour Guide](#).

**Shipping approach routes vary due to weather/tide/traffic within the red areas below. Any activity involving small craft static/driftng (or deployment of fishing gear) is not advised within these areas.**



**Anyone in difficulty within the red areas are encouraged to contact Poole VTS** via Ch 14 / 01202 440 230 without delay so that expected shipping can be alerted. This includes overdue drift divers, breakdowns, ill/injured crew, becalmed sailing vessels etc.

Shipping arriving from the east (including from the anchorage indicated) should also be expected to make a tight turn at No 1 Bar Buoy to safely enter the Swash Channel.

The shoreward extent of shipping routes is 0.2NM east of Old Harry, 0.7NM east of Ballard Point and 1.1NM east of Peveril Point. Whilst all reasonable efforts are made to minimise wash/wake to an acceptable level, wash from shipping should be expected and planned for by all coastline users from Peveril Point to Shore Road, Sandbanks.

**Mariners are reminded that Radar, AIS, CCTV, Telephone and VHF Channels are recorded 24/7**

Owners, Agents, Charterers, Marinas, Yacht Clubs and Recreational Water Sport Organisations should ensure that the contents of this Notice are made known to the masters or persons in charge of their vessels or craft.

**HARRY GREGORY**  
**HARBOUR MASTER**

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