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Local Notice to Mariners **# 14/2020 issued 30th June 2020**

CHANNEL ENTRANCE TO PADSTOW HARBOUR

1. The entrance to Padstow Harbour involves navigation across an area of coastal sand named the Doombur. Sand does not provide a stable seabed and the depth and location of any channel cannot be guaranteed and is subject to change at any time, especially after gales.
2. Any evidence or history of dredging in the entrance to the harbour is not to be construed as a guarantee of a channel in a particular location or that it has a particular depth.
3. The sand bar (Doombur) at the entrance to the harbour generates large seas and swells. It is recommended that this bar is crossed with caution and only in good weather and at, or near, high water, or no later than 3 hours either side of high water and during the hours of daylight in good visibility.
4. Sand migration in other areas of the navigable channel has reduced the depth of navigable water and has been marked accordingly with navigation aids.
5. Padstow Harbour Authority provides a pilotage service for larger vessels. A copy of the latest port survey information can be obtained from the harbour office.
6. The Maritime and Coastguard Agency expects all mariners to make a careful assessment of any proposed voyage taking into account all dangers to navigation, weather forecasts, tidal predictions and other relevant factors including the competence of the crew.
7. All mariners are reminded that they should consider whether a port is safe for their vessel before deciding whether and when to use it. The contents of this Notice should be considered when planning the passage, which should be done in accordance with regulation 34 of SOLAS Chapter V; this applies to all vessels including small vessels and pleasure craft.
8. All Mariners are urged to carefully assess the risks associated with navigating the entrance channel and to take such precautions that are necessary which may include delaying departure or entry or proceeding to another port. Mariners of visiting vessels without local knowledge, wishing to enter the harbour are to contact the Harbour Master.

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