



## Local Notice to Mariners # 5/2018 issued 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018

### *PADSTOW TO ROCK SWIM – FRIDAY 27<sup>th</sup> JULY*

- Please be aware that the Marie Curie Estuary Swim from Padstow to Rock takes place on FRIDAY 27<sup>th</sup> JULY 2018.
- The swim will begin at approximately 17:00 hrs and all competitors will be out of the water by approximately 18:15 hrs.
- Approximately 400 competitors (in two waves) will swim from Padstow Sailing Club to the Lifeboat Slipway at Rock.
- Safety boats will form a 'moving corridor' on either side of the competitors and **no** vessels should pass astern of the lead safety boats or ahead of the last safety boats.
- Mariners are requested to keep clear of the area and this event for its short duration. Last year this charity event raised well over £70,000 – so we take the event....and the safety of the competitors very seriously – your cooperation with staying clear of the event on the day is appreciated!
- Any vessels having to navigate in this vicinity at the time of the event are required to do so with extreme care and at dead slow speed.
- A number of canoes / kayaks towing surf boards will be in close attendance to the competitors.
- Safety boats will wave red flags and intercept any vessels which are navigating in a manner likely to conflict with the swimmers.
- Marker buoys will be placed along the line of the course to aid the swimmers 'navigation'. A number of small craft may be anchored for use as rest points for the competitors.
- All communications between the race organiser and safety vessels will be on VHF Ch 6, so please keep this channel clear on the day.
- "River Control" (located aboard the Harbour Patrol RHIB) has responsibility for the safety of the swimmers once in the water.
- For further information concerning swimmer safety, please contact Mr Peter Ward on 07814 059976 **or on the day**, call "Padstow Harbour Patrol" on VHF Ch 12.
- Alternatively, visit <http://www.padstowtorockswim.org.uk>

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- For more details please contact the Padstow Harbour Commissioners on 01841 532239.