

6<sup>th</sup> February 2018

**LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS N° 003 OF 2018**

To: All Mariners, Owners, Agents and Charterers

**HMS QUEEN ELIZABETH - Visit to Gibraltar**

**TRANSIT OF THE GIBRALTAR BAY AND WESTERN ANCHORAGE BY HMS QUEEN ELIZABETH**

In conjunction with the Captain of the Port Gibraltar, the Queen's Harbour Master Gibraltar has given notice that the HMS QUEEN ELIZABETH will transit the Gibraltar Bay, Western Anchorage and berth at 2W / 3W berth on the WESTERN ARM 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018 and is expected to depart 12<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

During the visit of the HMS QUEEN ELIZABETH the following rules and regulations will be applied:

- Throughout her transit of British Gibraltar Territorial Waters (BGTW) the vessel will be escorted by Gibraltar Defence Police, Royal Navy Gibraltar Squadron and Royal Gibraltar Police patrol craft towards the Western Arm who will enforce an Exclusion Zone out to 500 metres radius. The escort craft will be clearly identifiable by quick flashing blue all round lights and will be acting on the authority of His Excellency the Governor of Gibraltar and the Commander British Forces Gibraltar. All other vessels are to avoid taking any action that will impede their safe passage and are to comply with the escort craft directions.
- When working with HMS QUEEN ELIZABETH or transiting to or from working with the ship, tugs may have their masts lowered and may not be able to show all normal, or expected, navigation lights. Mariners are to be aware of this and exercise extra caution in interpreting vessel navigation lights whilst HMS QUEEN ELIZABETH is being supported by tugs.
- Mariners are reminded that in accordance with the Gibraltar Port Authority order the Harbour speed limit is 5 knots. When alongside there will be an exclusion zone of 150 metres around HMS QUEEN ELIZABETH enforced by Gibraltar Defence Police and Royal Navy Gibraltar Squadron craft. Any vessel approaching this exclusion zone will be challenged by the security craft.



**MANUEL TIRADO**  
CEO & CAPTAIN OF THE PORT

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

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