

Notice to Mariners

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Dee Estuary – Mostyn to Connah’s Quay Extended Towing Operations

Mariners are advised that from the 13th to 15th June towing operations will be carried out from the Mostyn Deep anchorage upstream to Connah’s Quay.

The tug *Thor Goliath* is expected to arrive on the morning of Friday 13th June towing several lengths of plastic pipe up to 450M in length. These will be towed to Connah’s Quay in batches over two days by the workboats *Vital* and *Vixen*, where they will be landed ashore. This will be a daylight operation.

The *Thor Goliath* will remain in Mostyn Deep overnight with several pipe lengths still in tow.

The towing vessels will be restricted in their ability to manoeuvre and mariners on other vessels are reminded they are required to keep clear as per ColRegs Rules 9 and 18.

Vessels will be monitoring VHF Ch. 14 throughout the operation.

Mariners are requested to proceed with extra caution and at slow speed in the vicinity of any tug and tow, and are reminded that the pipes are semi submerged and may be difficult to see.

Vessels passing through the Mostyn Deep anchorage overnight are further reminded of the presence of the *Thor Goliath* and pipes, and that she may be manoeuvring over the turn of the tide.

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