



# Associated British Ports South Wales

## NOTICE TO MARINERS

### NO 17 OF 2018

## Volvo Ocean Race Cardiff Stopover

Between Sunday May 27<sup>th</sup> and June 10<sup>th</sup> 2018, Cardiff will be hosting the UK stopover of the 17/18 Volvo Ocean Race.

The Volvo fleet are expected to arrive in Cardiff between 27<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> May. Updates on their ETA can be found on [www.volvooceanrace.com](http://www.volvooceanrace.com)

The finish line will be between the South Cardiff Cardinal Mark and a laid mark off the Ranie Spit.

Mariners are advised that on the water activity will take place between June 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> in the Bristol Channel, with racing taking place during the following dates and times. Racing and practice will take place in an approximate 1km circle centred on/near the North Cardiff lateral Mark.

Wednesday June 6<sup>th</sup> – Practice – 1400 – 1500  
Thursday June 7<sup>th</sup> – Pro Am – 1400 – 1600  
Friday June 8<sup>th</sup> – In Port Race – 1400 – 1600  
Sunday June 10<sup>th</sup> – Leg Start – 1600 – 1700

During the above dates and times the race course will be controlled by race management vessels and in addition on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> by a dedicated fleet of marshal boats. The marshal vessels will be displaying a VOR yellow flag. Mariners are requested to keep well clear of the race course and to adhere to the instructions given by marshal/race management boats.

During the In port race and leg start a virtual AIS boundary will be activated and visible to craft with AIS receivers during these times. The boundary will display yellow special marks named “ VOR SPECTATOR #1”.

Leg start – Sunday June 10<sup>th</sup>

Mariners are advised that the Volvo 65 fleet will complete an In port circuit in the above defined area for approximately 45 minutes prior to heading down channel, en route to Gothenburg. The VOR fleet will be escorted by race management and Cardiff Harbour Authority vessels and mariners are requested to keep well clear of the fleet.

For and on behalf of Andy Vye-Parminter, Harbourmaster, Cardiff Harbour Authority. 02920 877912.

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23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018.

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