

NOTICE TO MARINERS

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PORT OF LIVERPOOL

HMS PRINCE OF WALES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the aircraft carrier HMS *Prince of Wales* is scheduled to visit the Port of Liverpool and berth at the City of Liverpool Cruise Terminal (“CLCT”). The following controlled zones and exclusion zone around HMS *Prince of Wales* will be managed by Ministry of Defence patrol craft during the visit.

Inward-bound passage

While HMS *Prince of Wales* is underway within the Port, a **controlled zone** of 250m astern and 250m both to port and to starboard of the vessel will be maintained. All vessels (except for Liverpool Pilot Launches and the harbour tugs assigned to assist HMS *Prince of Wales*) should remain outside this controlled zone unless performing an overtaking or passing manoeuvre agreed in conjunction with the Pilot on board HMS *Prince of Wales*. Furthermore, owing to visibility over the vessel’s flight deck, an **exclusion zone** 800m ahead of HMS *Prince of Wales* will be enforced, into which only harbour tugs assigned to assist the vessel should enter.

The anticipated timings for the inward-bound passage are:

Inward at the Bar:	08.30 on 1 December 2024
Formby:	09.00
Crosby:	09.30
Brazil:	10.00
Swinging off Seacombe:	10.15
Alongside at CLCT:	11.00

Berthed at the City of Liverpool Cruise Terminal

While HMS *Prince of Wales* is berthed at CLCT, a **controlled zone** extending 200m from the vessel in all directions will be maintained. Other vessels should not enter this controlled zone or approach to come alongside either CLCT or the Liverpool Landing Stage unless they are:

- (a) a Liverpool Pilot Launch in transit to or from the designated pilot launch berths;
- (b) a vessel authorised by the Ministry of Defence patrol craft to approach or come alongside either CLCT or the Liverpool Landing Stage; or
- (c) a vessel that cannot navigate outside the controlled zone without impeding the passage of inward-bound traffic or vessels arriving at or departing from Alfred Lock or the Twelve Quays RoRo Terminal.

For vessels within the scope of category (c), entry into the controlled zone must be for the sole purpose of navigating directly through the controlled zone, and such vessels must maintain as much clearance from HMS *Prince of Wales* as practicable.

The Ministry of Defence patrol craft, which will maintain a listening watch on VHF Ch. 12 and 16, will seek to clarify the intentions of vessels navigating in proximity to the controlled zones and exclusion zone.

A further Notice to Mariners will be issued regarding the departure of HMS *Prince of Wales*.