NOTICE TO MARINERS  M22 of 2017

WOOLWICH & GREENWICH REACHES

SAIL ROYAL GREENWICH
13th – 16th APRIL 2017

Sail Royal Greenwich 2017 will take place between 13th April and 16th April 2017. The Ships will take part in daily commercial trips from Woolwich to Wapping with firework displays held on the evenings of 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th April at Greenwich Reach and Woolwich Reach.

Mooring Locations

32 Ships will be moored at Woolwich Arsenal Pier, personnel will be transferring between ships in small tenders and workboats; Masters of passing vessels are requested to pay particular attention to their speed and wash.

Commercial Trips

Tall Ships will be operating commercially between Woolwich and Wapping during this period; Masters of vessels navigating at Wapping are requested to pay particular attention to ships turning in the area.
Fireworks

A number of fireworks displays will take place as outlined below:

- 12th April between 21:15 and 21:30 in Greenwich Reach
- 13th April between 21:15 and 21:30 in Greenwich Reach
- 14th April between 21:15 and 21:30 in Greenwich Reach
- 15th April between 21:15 and 21:30 in Woolwich Reach Lower

Greenwich Reach

Woolwich Reach
In order to maintain a 70 metre exclusion zone around the fireworks barge Local Traffic Control will be conducted from an attending Harbour Service Launch, displaying blue flashing lights, call sign prefix ‘THAMES PATROL’. The Harbour Service Launch will be monitoring VHF channel 14 and providing Local Traffic Control as required. During the course of the firework displays a single delay of up to 15 minutes may be experienced.

Owners and operators are reminded that no manned vessels other than emergency service vessels responding to an incident and vessels engaged in fireworks operations are permitted within the 70 metre exclusion zone.

**Parade of Sail**

On Sunday 16th April 2017 at approximately 1630 a procession of Tall Ships will proceed outward bound from Limehouse Reach in single file at approximately 5 knots. The procession will be escorted by PLA Harbour Service Launches and will consist of pre-arranged Tall Ships only.

To enable the procession to form in Limehouse Reach local traffic control will be conducted from the attending Harbour Service Launches, displaying blue flashing lights, call sign prefix ‘THAMES PATROL’. The Harbour Service Launches will be monitoring VHF channel 14 and providing Local Traffic Control as required. The detailed timings of the event are as follows:

1430  17 ships depart moorings at Woolwich and proceed inward bound
1515  12 ships depart moorings in Greenwich following the inward bound procession
1530  Santa Maria Manuela will depart mooring off Greenwich Power station jetty with tug assistance; this will be the last vessel in the parade
1600  All vessels will turn in Limehouse Reach and head outward bound at slow speed.
1615  STS NADEZHDA will depart Greenwich Ship tier, proceeding outward bound
1630  Parade of sail led by STS NADEZHDA will proceed outward bound

Further details of Sail Royal Greenwich will be broadcast by London VTS on VHF Channel 14.