



COWES HARBOUR COMMISSION

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS No. 14 of 2025

High Speed Passenger Vessels to Display Identification Lights

(This is a reissue of Local Notice to Mariners 09 of 2023, which is hereby cancelled.)

Notice is hereby given that high-speed passenger vessels when underway within the restricted speed limit area of Cowes Harbour are required to display the following identification light:

On the mast, at a distance of 1.82 metres above or below the white light required by Rule 23(a) of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea 1996, an all-round flashing yellow light of such a character to be visible at a range of at least two nautical miles. The flashing light shall have the same flashing rate as defined in Rule 21(f).

In all circumstances the flashing yellow light shall be so placed as to be above and clear of all other lights and obstructions except the white light required by Rule 23 (a).

The identification flashing yellow light shown in the manner described does not give any implied right of way of such vessels. The high-speed passenger vessels will abide by the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea 1996 (as amended) at all times.

This local notice to mariners will remain in force until further notice.

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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.