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NOTICE TO MARINERS 044/2021

Diving Operations

Mariners are advised that diving operations have now ceased for the weekend of Saturday 7th/Sun 8th August 2021

Diving operations will re-commence on Monday 9th August 2021, and are expected to continue for a further 6-8 days

Divers will be operating on the riverside quays between the barrier and the dock entrance. Diving will take place between the hours of 0700 and 1800.

The works are being carried out to check the suitability of the riverbed for commercial vessels to sit safely aground.

The risk to divers working in and adjacent to the main navigation channel is high and mitigation measures have been put in place to reduce this risk.

Mitigation includes the commencement of diving in a period of limited fishing boat activity. Stop diving activities when they become aware of approaching river traffic. Warning flags and signs will be displayed. The Beyond Zero Guard Vessel will be deployed. 2 spotters with air horns and VHF Radios, one upriver of the barrier and one by the knuckle will be deployed for the duration of the diving, these spotters will alert approaching traffic and maintain communication with the diving supervisor.

Mariners are advised to approach the area with caution, pass at slow speed, maintain VHF watch on Channel 12 and where possible navigate in the southern most part of the channel away from the Ports Quays.

Captain Richard Walker
Harbour Master- Port of Boston Ltd

