



## KING'S HARBOUR MASTER PORTSMOUTH

### LNTM No 61/24

#### INSTITUTE OF NAVAL MEDICINE LIFEJACKET TRIAL – 29/30 MAY 2024

1. **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** by the King's Harbour Master Portsmouth that the Institute of Naval Medicine will be conducting a Lifejacket trial on Wednesday 29 May 2024 (spare day Thursday 30 May) in the central Solent area.
2. The trial will be conducted from a Royal Naval P2000 patrol vessel, **HMS DASHER**, supported by a RN Rigid Hulled Inflatable Boat (**RHIB**). Precise location for the trial will depend on the weather and tide conditions, but the start position is likely to be in the vicinity of Stokes Bay.
3. The trial will commence at around 0930, completing at around 1230. The trial will consist of a trial subject floating in the water wearing a lifejacket for up to 60 minutes. A safety swimmer will either be in the water or available at immediate notice, either on the P2000 or in the **RHIB**. The trial subject will be tethered and tended by a safety number on the P2000 at all times. Once the first subject has completed the trial, it will be repeated for a second subject.
4. **HMS DASHER** and the **RHIB** will both display Flag Alpha at all times when personnel are in the water, and **HMS SMITER** will keep watch on VHF Channels 11, 12 and 16. The **RHIB** will act as a patrol and safety craft.
5. Mariners are requested to keep a sharp lookout in the area and keep well clear of HMS DASHER and the trial personnel.
6. Cancel this Local Notice to Mariners 31 May 2024.

Friday 24 May 2024

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King's Harbour Master

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.