Recommended Route for Wind Farm Transfer Vessels

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**VHF Communications**

**Departure from Grimsby**

Call VTS Humber on VHF Channel 12 giving destination and number of persons onboard.

Maintain a listening watch on channel 12 until passing the meridian of longitude passing through No.4 A Clea Ness Light Float then change to channel 14 until clear of the VTS area.

**Arrival from Sea**

Call VTS Humber on VHF Channel 14 giving destination and number of persons onboard when entering the VTS area.

Maintain a listening watch on channel 14 until passing the meridian of longitude passing through No.4 A Clea Ness Light Float then change to channel 12 until arrival at destination.

**Internship channels for navigation purposes only**

West of Clea Ness Channel 10

East of Clea Ness Channel 13

**ABP Standing Notice to Mariners No 2 gives further details and is available for download on Humber.com**

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**Recommended Track for Wind Farm Transfer Vessels**

The recommended track is intended to avoid conflict with commercial traffic using the main approach channels, Bull anchorage and Tetney Mono Buoy. Two reporting points have been established to assist safe crossing of the main channel in the precautionary area between the BRAVO and CHARLIE buoys.

**Outwards when approaching the No. 2 Bravo buoy call VTS Humber on Channel 14 for permission to cross the channel.**

**Inwards when approaching the No.3 Chequer buoy call VTS Humber on Channel 14 for permission to cross the channel.**

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**Navigation Rules**

Masters must comply with the International Rules for Preventing Collisions at Sea and the General Directions for Navigation in the Humber (S.H. 1). The Humber Navigation Byelaws 1990 must also be complied with. Copies of these publications can be downloaded from Humber.com. Vessels are expected to formulate a passage plan for navigating the estuary.

VTS Humber issues two hourly weather and navigation broadcasts at 3 minutes past the odd hour on VHF Channels 12, 14 & 15. These broadcasts should be monitored as they may contain information that may effect the safe navigation of the vessel.

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**Speed in the Harbour Area**

Wind Farm Transfer vessels are restricted to 20 knots in the Humber Harbour Area. In conditions of restricted visibility of less than 0.5 nautical miles the maximum permitted speed is 10 knots. Vehicles encountering areas of restricted visibility are required to report to VTS Humber.
Vessel Traffic Services

Vessel Traffic Services (VTS) Humber, which is located at Spurn Point, operates a 24-hour service for all river users. Its major function is to monitor and regulate navigation of those parts of the Humber Estuary and Rivers Ouse and Trent within the jurisdiction of the Harbour Master, Humber. The system is compulsory for all sea-going vessels and craft when entering the Humber VTS area. The Service provides AIS coverage throughout the VTS area and radar tracking within the area bounded by the Humber Bridge and the seaward limits of the VTS area.