

# LANGSTONE



## HARBOUR BOARD

### LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS NO. 04 OF 2024

#### **Closure of Long Island to Visitors**

**MARINERS ARE ADVISED** that the Long Island landing site in Langstone Harbour has been closed to the until further notice due to concerns over public health and to avoid disturbance to wildlife.

This area of the harbour, including North and South Binness Islands, Baker Island, and Long Island, is owned and managed by the RSPB.

The islands provide sanctuary for protected bird species during their breeding and nesting seasons. Many species can be particularly susceptible to disturbance during this sensitive period and monitoring via camera surveillance has been established to safeguard nests.

There are additional ongoing public health and safety concerns in the area arising from presence of bird flu at these sites. Harbour users should be aware that there is a risk of the virus transmitting to humans, and any disturbance of infected populations risks increasing the spread of the virus to other wildlife.



Failure to follow this direction could constitute an offence under schedule 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. Any person requiring access to the islands should contact the RSPB directly at [langstone.harbour@rspb.org.uk](mailto:langstone.harbour@rspb.org.uk).

*Cancel Local Notice 2/24 (Wreck Recovery Ops – East Milton) this wreck now recovered.*

*Cancel Local Notice 3/24 (Collapsed Navigation Pile – South Lake) this pile has been replaced with a green starboard lateral buoy flashing green every 3 seconds (FL G 3s) at night.*

Please refer to the Langstone Harbour website: <https://www.langstoneharbour.org.uk/local-notices-to-mariners> for details of other standing and recent relevant Local Notices.

**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.**

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