

**GUIDANCE NOTES FOR THE USE OF ADMIRALTY NOTICES TO MARINERS ON THE UKHO WEBSITE . (Version 6.0 – 12 January 2004)**

The Weekly Notices to Mariners (NM) updates for paper Charts and Publications can now be accessed on the United Kingdom Hydrographic Office (UKHO) Website. The latest NM Weekly update is available from 12.00 Noon on the Wednesday prior to the official Publication date.

There are **no subscription fees** for access to the UKHO Notices to Mariners Website.

**Access Details:**

Software required: Adobe Acrobat (Portable Document Format (PDF)) (Version 6.0).

Those without Adobe software can obtain Reader software through their local software provider, by clicking on the Adobe Icon on the UKHO Website Home Page, or direct from the Adobe website ([www.adobe.com](http://www.adobe.com)).

**NB:** The NM database includes historical NM data dating from 1 January 2000. To check NM numbers prior to year 2000, please see the Cumulative List of Notices to Mariners (NP234B-00) which is available from the Notices to Mariners Home Page.

Users can access the NM Website through the Searchable NM service [www.nmwebsearch.com](http://www.nmwebsearch.com)

Or via the UKHO corporate address: [www.ukho.gov.uk](http://www.ukho.gov.uk)

The presentation of the NM information displayed is exactly the same as appears in the paper versions.

**ACCESS TO SEARCHABLE NOTICES TO MARINERS**

This is a quick and easy to use service, as most of the information and instructions are displayed on each menu page.

**Access by URL [www.nmwebsearch.com](http://www.nmwebsearch.com)**

This will take you to the Searchable NMs Home Page, then click on:

- Search for Notices to Mariners Chart updates

**Access to Navigational Chart updates:**

Click on the option you require and a further menu screen will open.

- Search NMs by chart number only

- Search NMs by Chart number + Previous NM/Year

- Search NMs by Chart number between Previous and Present dates

- Search for a single NM by NM/Year.

- Search for Small Craft Leisure NM Corrections

**To search by Chart number only:**

Enter chart number (with or without the appropriate prefix of suffixes from the 'drop down' menu) and click on 'next'.

The screen will display a list of NMs for that particular chart from the latest edition:

- NM number (in sequence from the latest NM to the oldest)

- Date of publication (the date the NM was published)

- Weekly Edition (The Weekly Edition in which the NM was published)

- T/P/Perm (referring to the type of NM whether Temporary, Preliminary or Permanent)

To view the NM click on 'View NM', and the NM will be displayed

To view NM Notes and full-colour NM Blocks, click on 'View Note' or 'NM Block' and the Note or Block will be displayed.

To modify your selection click 'back' or to select another chart, click 'next chart'

**To search NMs by Chart number + Previous NM/Year**

- Enter chart number (with or without the appropriate prefix of suffixes from the 'drop down' menu).
- Enter the previous NM number and the year from the 'drop down' menu and click on 'next'.
- The NMs will be displayed and can be viewed and printed as described above.

**To Search NMs by Chart number between Previous and Present dates:**

- Enter chart number (with or without the appropriate prefix of suffixes from the 'drop down' menu)
- Enter the day, month and year from the 'drop down' menus and click on 'next'
- The NMs will be displayed and can be viewed and printed as described above.

**To Search for a single NM by NM/Year.**

- Enter the NM number and the year from the 'drop down' menu and click on 'next'.

**To Search for Small Craft Leisure NM Corrections**

- Enter SC chart number (with or without the appropriate suffixes from the 'drop down' menu) and click on 'next'.
  - The screen will display a list of all NMs for that particular chart. (**NB.** The NMs should only be applied to the latest edition of the SC Chart)
  - The NMs will be displayed and can be viewed and printed as described above.
- To go to a different search criteria menu, click on the yellow buttons on the left hand side of the screen.

**ACCESS TO NOTICES TO MARINERS~ON-LINE~**

**Access by URL: [www.ukho.gov.uk](http://www.ukho.gov.uk).**

Software required: Adobe Acrobat (Portable Document Format (PDF)) (Version 4.0).

Those without Adobe software can obtain Reader software through their local software provider, by clicking on the Adobe Icon on the UKHO Website Home Page, or direct from the Adobe website ([www.adobe.com](http://www.adobe.com)).

Users can access the NM Website through the UKHO corporate address: **[www.ukho.gov.uk](http://www.ukho.gov.uk)**.

- This will take you to the UKHO Home Page.
- From the UKHO Home page, click on the *Notices to Mariners* button in the left-hand menu, which will open the NM Home Page.
- \*The NM Home Page will then offer access to the range of Admiralty Notices to Mariners services through a series of Buttons at the top of the Page:
  - *Weekly Notices to Mariners*
  - *NM Blocks*
  - *Annual NMs*
  - *Cumulative NM List*
  - *Small Craft NMs*
  - *Searchable NMs*
  - *NM Feedback Form*

- Click on the Option you require and from the NM Home Page, and a further information page will open giving a brief explanation of each NM Service.
- Access to the Notices themselves is achieved by clicking on the File references (shown in Blue) below text on each information page.
- Click on the File you wish to view, and a series of digital NM Files will be displayed.
- Open the NM File(s) of your choice and read/print the information as required.
- To view another NM service option or return to the NM Home Page, click on the menu at in the lefthand side of the page.

Direct access to Admiralty Notices to Mariners ~On-Line~ is also available at address:

**[www.ukho.gov.uk/notices\\_to\\_mariners.html](http://www.ukho.gov.uk/notices_to_mariners.html)**

Access using this route will take you directly to the NM Home Page. From here, follow the instructions as detailed above from \*.

### **Details of File Content.**

*Weekly Notices to Mariners.*

The NM Files are segregated as follows (XX refers to the number of the week, YY refers to the year) (Example: Week 1/2001 is referenced as 01WKNM01.PDF, or week 28/2001 referenced as 28WKNM01.PDF etc)):

NM\_REFERENCE .PDF- contains an index of Notices to Mariners Weeks, showing the sequence of individual Notices to Mariners contained within each NM Week.

XXWKNMYY.PDF is the complete Weekly NM Booklet, including monochrome NM Blocks. There are Links between the front index page and each of the six sections of the booklet and there are further links between the geographical index and regional sections of the Section II NMs.

XXSNIYY.PDF is a supplementary file which contains Section II chart correction Notices set out one to a page. There are Links between the Index page and individual Notices.

DIGITAL COLOUR BLOCKS are referenced under the relevant Chart/Notice number:

(Block Example: Chart 1234 NM 4747).

Digital COLOUR NOTES are referenced by week:

(Note Example: w49-RP).

Each Block/Note is a separate file.

There are no links to the other NM files.

*(N.B. Digital Colour Blocks/Notes are only available from Week 30/2000).*

*Annual Summary of Admiralty Notices to Mariners (NP247).*

The Annual Summary is published in January each year and referenced as NP247-YY (Whereas YY refers to the Year). The Annual Summary is segregated into three files as follows:

NOTICES 1-24.PDF - contains the series of Annual statutory Notices to Mariners, numbers 1 to 24. There are Links between the Index Page and the relevant Notice.

T&P \_YYYY.PDF - contains a summary of all Temporary and Preliminary Notices still in force at the beginning of the current year. (whereas YYYY refers to the year, (Example T&P\_2001)).

There are Links between the Index Page and the relevant Geographical Sections.

AMENDS TO SDS.PDF - contains a cumulative summary of Amendments to Sailing Directions. There are Links between the Index Page and the amendments to each individual Volume of the Sailing Directions.

*Cumulative Lists of Admiralty Notices to Mariners (NP234A and B).*

The Cumulative NM files are segregated as follows (NP 234A refers to the January Edition, NP234B refers to the July edition and YY refers to the year) (Example: The July 2001 edition of the Cumulative List is referenced as NP234B-01):

NP234X-YY (whereas X refers to the Half yearly edition and YY refers to the year) gives the historical index of paper chart NM corrections, referenced by Admiralty chart number. At present, there are no links to actual Notices to Mariners.

*Small Craft Notices to Mariners (NP246 A,B,C and D).*

The Small Craft Notices to Mariners (SCNM) files are segregated as follows (NP246A February, NP246B May, NP246C July and NP246D October. YY refers to the year) (Example: The July 2001 edition of the SCNMs is referenced as NP246C-01):

NP246X-YY - (Whereas NP 246X refers to the Quarterly edition and YY refers to the Year) contains the quarterly SCNMs, referenced under the relevant Navigational Publication (NP) number (Example NP246C/01).

There are links between the Index Page and the Geographical

Sections. The full colour NM Blocks and Notes are available as separate files (see *Digital Colour Blocks and Notes* below).

DIGITAL COLOUR BLOCKS and NOTES are referenced under the relevant Chart/Notice number:

(Block Example: Chart 1234 NM 4747).

Digital COLOUR NOTES are referenced by week:

(Note Example: w49-RP).

Each Block/Note is a separate file.

There are no links to the other NM files.

*Searchable NMs.*

For details of access to *nmwebsearch.com*, See the earlier paragraph relating to *nmwebsearch*.

*NM Feedback Form.*

If you have any comments of information regarding Admiralty Notices to Mariners, please complete the Form provided, and Email it to: [helpdesk@ukho.gov.uk](mailto:helpdesk@ukho.gov.uk).

**Recommended PC/Printers/materials:** For optimum results when viewing and printing material from the digital files please note the following:

The minimum specification is a 486 PC with Windows 3.1 and 4MB of RAM.

When printing data from the files, ensure the 'Fit to Page' icon in the Adobe Acrobat print menu is 'switched off' before printing. Otherwise large text pages will be compressed, or large size Blocks may not fit the chart.

If printing text or monochrome NM Blocks, the minimum specification is an Ink-jet or good quality Laser *Postscript* printer with at least 6 MB of memory. (NB. If using a *Postscript* printer, ensure the *Postscript printer driver* is installed).

For printing Colour NM Blocks the minimum specification of printer is a good quality Ink Jet/Laser printer with 300 dpi resolution or greater.

If using certain types of Ink Jet printer ensure the setting is set to 'Dithered screening' not 'Pattern screening'.

Printed colour copies should be compared with the colour image 'on screen' to ensure that all the colours have reproduced correctly. Printer property resolution and ink density may need to be increased or adjusted to obtain the best results.