
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order)

1. This Order is made under the Dockyard Ports Regulation Act 1865, which provides for the defining of the limits of a Dockyard Port, the appointment of a Queen's Harbour Master, the making of regulations to govern the mooring or anchoring of vessels and the making of rules concerning the lights or signals to be carried or used and the steps for avoiding collision by vessels navigating within the Dockyard Port.

2. This Order supersedes the Dockyard Port of Plymouth Order 1984 which it revokes. It provides for—

- (a) an increase in areas in which fishing is prohibited;
- (b) controls on the use of firearms, weapons and explosives;
- (c) revision to arrangements for notification to the Queen's Harbour Master of intentions regarding the arrival and departure of vessels;
- (d) revision to light signals used to control vessel movements;
- (e) pilotage of vessels by qualified Admiralty pilots;
- (f) revision to signals displayed by floating bridges;
- (g) reductions in speed limits in certain areas;
- (h) rules governing personal conduct of masters of vessels;
- (i) controls on swimming;
- (j) rules regarding the use of blue flashing lights.

3. Admiralty charts relating to the Dockyard Port area can be bought from authorised suppliers; details of these suppliers can be obtained from the Hydrographic Office, Taunton.