

F.A.O - All Port Customers and Stakeholders

Port of Blyth Access & Operations – Disruption to Normal Working

North Sea Regatta Tall Ships Race August 2016

As many will be aware the largest public event to take place in Northumberland in many years – ‘**The North Sea Tall Ships Regatta**’ will be held at the Port of Blyth over the Summer Bank holiday period Friday 26th August – Monday 29th August.

Event organizers are anticipating public attendance to be in the region of 0.5 million people during the event weekend and it is therefore reasonable to expect congestion and delays on the regions road and in entering or leaving the commercial port areas.

Northumberland County Council & Northumbria Police have agreed a Traffic Management Plan that will aid movement and lessen congestion where possible. The Traffic Management Plan will implement a permitted one way system which will include the road approaches and vehicle entrance into the Port of Blyth South Harbour land and operations terminal.

HGV access into port terminals will be as normal operating procedures though significant delays can be expected. Traffic entry into the one way system and into the Port estate off Wensleydale Terrace will be managed by event stewards who will refuse entry or re-direct any non-authorized vehicles away from the controlled traffic zone.

The Port and event organisers request that all businesses and port users consider what urgent access may be required during this period and where possible to avoid non-essential vehicle movements. Congestion on all roads leading to and surrounding Blyth will be inevitable although park & ride sites will be operating both to the north & south of Blyth.

For further information on the Traffic Management Plan please contact Northumberland County Council or www.Northumberland.gov.uk .

For commercial Port traffic and operations please contact enquiries@portofblyth.co.uk / operations@portofblyth.co.uk or your usual commercial / operations contact at the Port.

South Harbour commercial fishermen & leisure Craft contact marine@portofblyth.co.uk

Transped related traffic please call - 01670 540669 / 01670542604 or sales@transped.co.uk

We would urge all Port users to review anticipated vehicle movements during and the immediate days either side of the event and to plan accordingly. May we thank you for your co-operation and understanding regarding this issue and hopefully those who can will also enjoy the event itself!

Martin Lawlor
Chief Executive, Port of Blyth.