

**ASSOCIATED BRITISH PORTS
SOUTH WALES**

NOTICE TO MARINERS

NO 4 OF 2004

Severn VTS - Additional Area of Coverage

Approaches to Swansea & Port Talbot - Admiralty Charts 1161 & 1169

Notice is hereby given that from 0001hrs on Thursday 1 July 2004 all commercial vessels, of 50 gt and greater, navigating in the waters contained within the area bounded by a line joining Port Eynon Point to the south-west corner of the Port Talbot deep water anchorage (51° 25.00'N 004° 09.70' W) to Nash Point will be required to report, as directed below, to Severn VTS. (See the attached chartlet). [*Details of Severn VTS were promulgated in Notice to Mariners Number 1 of 2004 a copy of which is attached to this notice for reference*].

1. Severn VTS on VHF Channel 69 will offer formally an Information Service as defined by the IMO in Marine Guidance Note 238. Port Information will continue to be provided directly from the Port of Swansea, Port Talbot Dock and Harbour and from the River Neath on the appropriate VHF working channel.
2. Vessels crossing the lines defining the Severn VTS area, inwards and outwards, must provide Severn VTS on VHF Channel 69 with information on their position, identity and intentions.
3. Vessels are to report to Severn VTS prior to departing the jetty or locks in Swansea, Port Talbot Dock, Port Talbot Harbour or prior to departing a berth on the River Neath.
4. Vessels within the Severn VTS area may call another vessel on VHF channel 69 and, unless passing a short message relating directly to safety of navigation, move to an agreed working channel.
5. Vessels communicating with Severn VTS, ports and other vessels within the Severn VTS area must use standard marine communication phrases.
6. Vessels at anchor in the Severn VTS area must call Severn VTS 30 minutes before weighing anchor and again when underway.

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