

NIGERIAN PORTS AUTHORITY

PUBLIC NOTICE NO: 3817

The general public is hereby notified that by the provisions of the Nigerian Ports Authority Act, the Authority is vested with the statutory responsibility to ensure safety of navigation, prevent and control pollution and protect the marine environment within the limits and approaches of the ports.

The Authority also has the responsibility under relevant International laws and maritime conventions to ensure that while vessels exercise their right of innocent passage, the exercise of such right is not prejudicial to safe navigation, effective communication systems or the sources of revenue accruable to any Government agency from any legitimate undertaking.

Pursuant to the above, the Authority has observed that for some time now, vessels have been anchoring indiscriminately in close clusters around the approach to the Lagos Harbour entrance which increases in density by the day thereby resulting in near misses and at least one collision and mariners have started complaining. Furthermore, there have also been series of complaints from service providers (NITEL, Main One, GLO and MTN) of communication cable cuts due to indiscriminate dropping of anchors in prohibited areas, with its attendant costs and inconvenience to customers and end-users.

Also, the Nigerian Metrological Agency (NIMET) will soon install its weather buoy and shall be given a safety distance of 500m radius around it in accordance with applicable regulations and international best practice.

It has therefore become necessary to issue this notice so that all mariners and the general public would be informed of the locations in which anchorage is prohibited within the Lagos Roads.

LOCATIONS ANCHORING IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED -- LAGOS ROAD

LOCATION (A):

<u>Latitude</u>	<u>Longitude</u>
06 ⁰ 23' 39"N	03 ⁰ 21' 54"E
06 ⁰ 20' 35"N	03 ⁰ 20' 43"E
06 ⁰ 13' 00"N	03 ⁰ 24' 00"E
06 ⁰ 13' 00"N	03 ⁰ 37' 00"E
06 ⁰ 25' 24"N	03 ⁰ 37' 00"E

LOCATION (B) – ROUTE POSITIONING LIST I

<u>Latitude</u>	<u>Longitude</u>
06 ⁰ 11' 00"N	03 ⁰ 24' 30"E
06 ⁰ 11' 00"N	03 ⁰ 25' 06"E
06 ⁰ 21' 54"N	03 ⁰ 26' 15"E
06 ⁰ 21' 54"N	03 ⁰ 26' 44"E

06 ⁰ 24'	06''N	03 ⁰ 25'	33''E
06 ⁰ 24'	06''N	03 ⁰ 26'	03''E
06 ⁰ 25'	18''N	03 ⁰ 25'	58''E
06 ⁰ 25'	18''N	03 ⁰ 25'	28''E

LOCATION (C) – ROUTE POSITIONING LIST II

<u>Latitude</u>		<u>Longitude</u>	
06 ⁰ 11'	00''N	03 ⁰ 28'	24''E
06 ⁰ 11'	00''N	03 ⁰ 28'	56''E
06 ⁰ 22'	00''N	03 ⁰ 30'	30''E
06 ⁰ 22'	00''N	03 ⁰ 31'	03''E
06 ⁰ 23'	24''N	03 ⁰ 30'	48''E
06 ⁰ 23'	24''N	03 ⁰ 31'	16''E
06 ⁰ 25'	18''N	03 ⁰ 30'	51''E
06 ⁰ 25'	18''N	03 ⁰ 31'	21''E

LOCATION (D) – ROUTE POSITIONING LIST III

<u>Latitude</u>		<u>Longitude</u>	
06 ⁰ 25'	30''N	03 ⁰ 35'	45''E
06 ⁰ 25'	30''N	03 ⁰ 36'	15''E
06 ⁰ 13'	00''N	03 ⁰ 35'	39''E
06 ⁰ 13'	00''N	03 ⁰ 35'	06''E

LOCATION (E) - NIMET WEATHER BUOY (WITH SAFETY BUFFER OF 500M RADIUS)

<u>Latitude</u>		<u>Longitude</u>	
06 ⁰ 21'	43'' N	06 ⁰ 28'	39'' E

LOCATION (F) ROUTE POSITION LIST IV

<u>Latitude</u>	<u>Longitude</u>
06° 11' 12" N	03° 39' 00"
06° 11' 12" N	03° 39' 42"
06° 11' 06" N	03° 38' 58"
06° 11' 06" N	03° 39' 36"
06° 22' 08" N	03° 37' 45"
06° 22' 08" N	03° 38' 21"
06° 23' 09" N	03° 37' 42"
06° 23' 09" N	03° 38' 18"
06° 25' 30" N	03° 38' 03"
06° 25' 30" N	03° 38' 39"

1. NEW ANCHORING LOCATION – LAGOS ROAD

Consequent upon the above, a new anchoring location has now been established off Lagos road with the following coordinates;

Latitude

Longitude

06 ⁰ 23'	39"N	03 ⁰ 15'	58"E
06 ⁰ 23'	39"N	03 ⁰ 21'	54"E
06 ⁰ 20'	35"N	03 ⁰ 15'	58"E
06 ⁰ 20'	35"N	03 ⁰ 20'	43"E

2. GENERAL: CONDUCT OF VESSELS AT ALL NPA DESIGNATED ANCHORAGES -
INNER OR OUTER

The Authority wishes to reiterate that:

- 1.0 Any vessel at anchor shall be properly manned, equipped and maintained in accordance with the International Convention and the provisions of the Merchant Shipping Act.
- 2.0 The Master or person in charge of each vessel that is anchored shall ensure that;
 - a) The vessel is ready with her motive power at all times as the situation may demand;
 - b) Proper anchor watch is maintained.
 - c) Procedures for detecting a dragging anchor are followed;
 - d) At all times comply with all relevant Collision Regulations;
 - e) Whenever weather, tide or current conditions are likely to cause the vessel's anchor to drag, action is immediately taken to ensure the safety of the vessel, structures and other vessels, such as being ready to veer off the chain, let go a second anchor or get underway using the vessel's own propulsion or with tug assistance.

In view of the above, it is **ILLEGAL** for any vessel to be anchored at the prohibited locations. Therefore, any vessel found anchored in such locations will be appropriately sanctioned in accordance with extant laws and regulations.

However, all vessels that cannot for any reason comply with the above conditions **MUST** anchor at depths of not less than 50 metres and away from the West, East and South approaches to Lagos Fairway Buoy and all cable routes.

**Signed
Management**