
SUBJECT: West Indies Oil Company limited pipeline repairs at Sand Haven Beach

REFERENCE:

- a) *The Port Authority Act.*
- b) *Antigua and Barbuda Merchant Shipping Act, 2006.*
- c) *The International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) regulation V/4 navigational warnings and regulation V/9 hydrographic services.*
- d) *International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea - COLREGS*

TO: Ship-owners and operators of small craft registered or licensed in Antigua and Barbuda, and all visiting vessels.

1. PURPOSE

This Marine Notice provides information on pipeline repairs being carried out in Sand Haven Beach area that may impact maritime safety.

2. APPLICATION

This Marine Notice applies to all vessels and mariners operating in Antigua and Barbuda waters.

3. BACKGROUND

Antigua and Barbuda as a contracting government to the Safety of Life at Sea convention (SOLAS), is responsible for fulfilling the obligations pertaining to maritime safety, in particular navigational warnings, and hydrographic services.

ADOMS is the Maritime Authority through which Antigua and Barbuda ensures compliance with SOLAS and is home to the National Hydrographic Office.

The West Indies Oil Company Limited is presently conducting repairs on a pipeline at Sand Haven beach in proximity of their pumps.

4. OBLIGATIONS AND GUIDANCE/RESPONSIBILITES

1. Activities and Timelines:

1. Repair work commenced on 30 October 2024.
2. The works will be carried out daily.
3. Operations are expected to continue until 22 November 2024.
4. All caution signs will be posted, and on-site work crew will be available to provide guidance on any safety requirements if necessary.

2. Safety Considerations

1. Mariners are advised to, where practicable, keep clear of the works area and to pass working vessels with caution.
2. Beachgoers are advised to prioritize their safety by observing all caution signage and following the guidance of on-site work crew.
3. Vessel operators are reminded that, as per the COLREG, operators are required to keep a lookout when the vessel is underway.

3. Amplified Information

1. Please contact the West Indies Oil Company Limited for further information:
Tel: (268) 464-9504

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