

## Rothesay Harbour – Traffic control signal lights

### Notice to Mariners – 02/15



Your attention is drawn to the fact that a Notice to Mariners is currently in operation at Rothesay Harbour. The wording of the NTM is as follows:-

*Mariners are advised that the entry and departure of all vessels to and from the Inner/Outer harbour at Rothesay Harbour shall be controlled by the undernoted light signals. Three fixed signal lights Lat/Long 55°50.315', 005°.03.053'W in a vertical line 1.5 metre apart are exhibited from the former Albert pier, and are visible from within the harbour (on a 24 hr basis):- These three lights shall replace the original two fixed red vertical lights.*

They will have the following meanings:-

Harbour closed to **ALL** traffic

RED ●

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Harbour Open

GREEN ●

GREEN ●

WHITE

It is important to note that all vessels are prohibited from entering or departing from Rothesay Harbour when 3 red lights are shown. The above NTM has been in place since 2015 and, of late, there has been a growing tendency for users of the harbour to ignore the traffic light system. Argyll and Bute Council's Designated Person and Harbour Board have raised concerns over the potential safety-related consequences of ignoring the above traffic light system. As such, any mariner found to be contravening the above rules will be denied future access to the harbour.