

## NTM 02/21 Oban Bay Large Vessel Navigational Safety Broadcasts

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**Latitude**                      **56° 24.927? North** (WGS-84 datum)  
**Longitude**                    **005° 28.952? West** (WGS-84 datum)

Mariners may be aware of the Code of Practice for Oban Bay, North Channel & Sound of Kerrera that provides advice on how to navigate safely within the approaches and through Oban Bay.

[http://obanharbour.scot/files/2114/9313/1556/oban\\_code\\_of\\_practice.pdf](http://obanharbour.scot/files/2114/9313/1556/oban_code_of_practice.pdf)

The Code recommends that large vessels (defined as a vessel of more than 20 metres in length overall, and/or a vessel with a draft in excess of three metres) requiring to use the designated large vessel channels to enter or depart Oban Bay should make a warning broadcast on VHF Channel 16, followed by a brief safety announcement on VHF Channel 12.

It is requested the attached VHF calling procedure from the Oban Harbour [website](#) is used.

Masters of large vessels are further requested to ensure navigational safety broadcasts on channel 16 are clear and with a short but necessary delay before continuing their safety announcement on Channel 12, thereby allowing sufficient time for mariners to change to the necessary VHF channel to receive the message.

Further details can be obtained using the contact details below.

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