

## NOTICE TO MARINERS

No 3 of 2009

### “ST HELIER VTS”

From 0001BST, Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2009, “St Helier Port Control” will change its Call Sign to “**St Helier VTS**”. The recognised term “VTS” (Vessel Traffic Services) will more accurately reflect its role, with the introduction of training that meets international VTS standards, enhanced equipment and the upgrading of the information service provided by the existing “St Helier Port Control”.

“**St Helier VTS**” will continue to work on **VHF Ch 14**, giving directions and information to mariners in the approaches to the Port of Jersey.

This change will bring the Port of Jersey inline with many other UK and world ports, and complying with the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) and International Association of Lighthouse Authorities (IALA) recommendations. By using the recognised term VTS this will more accurately reflect its roll as a vessel information service.

This change is designed to reduce risk and improve safety for all vessels within the port area and its approaches and therefore enhancing environmental protection. This change will not affect the normal routine traffic reports currently passed through Jersey Coastguard on **VHF Ch 82**.

Custodians of Jersey Harbours’ ‘Notice to Mariners Information Boards’ are requested to ensure that only current Notices are displayed.



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