

NOTICE TO MARINERS No 06 - 2017

MOORED MOBILE OFFSHORE DRILLING UNITS (OIL DRILLING RIGS)

Charts – BA1889, BA1077, BA223

Mariners are advised that moored Mobile Offshore Drilling Units (MODU's) are liable to be encountered anywhere in the Cromarty Firth port limits, both inside and outside the Sutor headlands. Anchor buoys, small craft and ancillary plant are liable to be encountered anywhere up to 900metres from moored rigs

At night MODU's may only display a white warning light flashing Morse 'U' every 10 seconds on each corner and an aeronautical red warning light on upper structures. Additional lighting may be displayed but is not guaranteed

Mariners are therefore advised to navigate with utmost caution in the vicinity of MODU's and give a wide berth, where possible

All mariners should seek advice from Cromarty Firth Port Radio on VHF Ch11 or 01349 852308 prior to anchoring within the port limits

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General Manager

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