Local Notice to Mariners No. 02 of 2026

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RIVER ARUN 3.8KM SWIM 13TH JUNE 2026

MARINERS ARE ADVISED that an Iron Man open water swimming race (managed by Raw Energy Pursuits) will take place on the River Arun on Saturday 13th June 2026. Approximately 500 swimmers will be entering the water at the Ship and Anchor Marina in Ford at approximately 1130. They will race to the Littlehampton Public Slipway (Lifeboat Station), arriving between 1200 and 1300. Swimmers will be escorted by safety boats, kayaks and shoreside spotters / medics throughout.

The river will be closed to all other traffic between Ford Railway Bridge and the A259 Road Bridge for the duration of the race (vessels will not be permitted to pass swimmers whilst they are up-river of the A259 road bridge).

Vessels movements between the A259 Road Bridge and the Public Slipway (Lifeboat Station) may continue but, between 1000 and 1100, vessels should keep to Western side of the river and proceed at the minimum speed required to maintain steerage.





The Harbour Patrol RIB will also be on the water for the duration of the race and will be listening on VHF CH71.
All vessels are instructed to maintain a good look-out, to keep well clear of swimmers, and to follow any instructions issued by the Harbour Patrol RIB or other escorts or safety crew. For further

information please contact the Harbour Office.

This Local Notice to Mariners is self-cancelling on completion of the event.

Owners, Agents, Charterers, Marinas, Yacht Clubs, and Recreational Sailing Organisations should ensure that the contents of this Notice are made known to the masters or persons in charge of their vessels or craft.