

## **NOTICE TO MARINERS No. 4 - 2021**

### **GENERAL PROCEDURES**

Mariners are advised of the following:

#### **1. Mooring to Navigation Buoys**

A vessel shall not make fast to or lie against any buoy, beacon or mark used for navigational purposes.

#### **2. Laying Down Mooring Buoys and Other Tackle**

No person shall lay down any mooring, buoy, or similar tackle without the prior consent in writing from the Port Manager, deputies or assistants except in accordance with such conditions as they may impose.

#### **3. Oily Substance Transfers**

Vessel wishing to undertake the transfer of oil or substances containing oil, should refer to Notice to Mariners – No. 3 - 2021 Bunkering and Oily Substance Transfer Operations.

#### **4. Diving Operations**

Any person wishing to undertake diving operations within port limits must obtain permission from the Port Manager, deputy or assistant and have submitted and received a signed Port of Cromarty Firth (POCF) diving permit available at [www.pocf.co.uk](http://www.pocf.co.uk) prior to the commencement of operations. Diving works will be undertaken in compliance with this and the associated risk assessment and method statements.

#### **5. Waste (Garbage)**

The Merchant Shipping and Fishing Vessels (Port Waste Reception Facilities) Regulations 2003 as amended apply within the port limits of the Cromarty Firth. All waste must be disposed of in the appropriate receptacles provided by the facility or through specific arrangements with licensed waste operators. Vessel masters should familiarise themselves with both the legislation and current advice provided by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA). Applicable vessels are required to submit a Ships Waste Declaration available at [www.pocf.co.uk](http://www.pocf.co.uk) to the appropriate facility and Cromarty Firth Port Radio prior to arrival.

#### **6. Towage Directions**

Vessels undertaking towage operations within port limits of the Cromarty Firth should comply with the General Towage Guidelines and the associated documentation which are available at [www.pocf.co.uk](http://www.pocf.co.uk).

#### **7. Disabling Engines or similar Equipment**

Where there is a need for a vessel's main engine, or in the case of a MODU her anchor winches, to be immobilised, the master shall not do so prior to receiving the necessary permission and conditions from PoCF. Copies of the appropriate permissions may be obtained at [www.pocf.co.uk](http://www.pocf.co.uk)

#### **8. Dangerous Goods**

The Dangerous Goods in Harbour Areas Regulations 2016 (DGHAR) applies to all facilities in the Cromarty Firth. Vessels should ensure that the appropriate notifications are provided prior to arrival. Vessel masters should familiarise themselves with this legislation and any advice provided by the UK's Health & Safety Executive (HSE).

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