

**FORTH PORTS PLC**  
**Via e-mail**

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**NOTICE TO MARINERS**  
**FIRTH OF FORTH**

**Mooring and Unmooring Operations**

As required by the Port Marine Safety Code so as to maintain the highest levels of safety, approved and trained mooring gangs must undertake the mooring and unmooring of vessels. For the purpose of this notice the term vessel does not include pleasure craft, tugs, boats or fishing vessels.

It is not permitted for ships crews to secure or release mooring lines from the quay having disembarked or embarked from the vessel before it is fully and safely moored, with an appropriate gangway rigged. This includes vessels shifting within enclosed dock systems.

The practice of putting mooring lines out on a bight in order that they can be slipped to allow the vessel to sail without a mooring gang is also not permitted.

Masters and agents are advised to ensure that mooring gangs are ordered with the required adequate notification and to attend the vessel at the appropriate time.

**Status of Previously Published Notices:**

No 7 of 1998 remains in force

No 13 of 1999 remains in force

No 1 of 2000 remains in force

Nos 3, and 8 of 2002 remain in force

No 12 of 2003 remains in force

Nos 13 and 19 of 2004 remain in force

Nos 9, 10, 11, 14, 18 and 19 of 2005 remain in force

Nos 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12 and 13 of 2006 remain in force



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