MARINE SAFETY ALERT

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Near Side Mooring Lines

Background

All vessel entering the locks at Grangemouth and Leith are expected to have mooring lines ready for immediate deployment as soon as the vessels’ bow enters the lock. If necessary, heaving lines should be led through the appropriate fairlead and crew should be in a position to quickly pass a line ashore.

Mooring lines are required to be deployed from the nearside of the vessel, to avoid manual handling issues for shoreside personnel. Bollards on the lockside are set back from the lockside edge for this reason.

![Near Side Mooring Lines Image]

Preferred

Avoid