

# Marine Safety Alert



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## Inappropriate Use of Lasers

Nationally there is a growing issue with inappropriate use of lasers pens.

There have been several noted incidents involving airline Pilots suffering temporary blindness following a laser being shone at their eyes whilst in control of aircraft.

There have been a number of similar incidents involving vessels in and around the Forth and Tay Harbours / Rivers.

The use of these laser pens can be highly dangerous causing temporary retina damage and potentially dangerous situations to occur.

As the Harbour Authority we urge you to report any use of these lasers immediately to the local police force on the non-emergency number 101 and follow up by submitting a marine report form to the Harbour Authority.

Marine Report Forms can be found on the Forth Ports Website.

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