

Marine Safety Alert



Alert No: 001

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Security of Moorings



(Photo for illustrative Purposes)

Background

During a recent incident - a yacht broke adrift from its mooring on the Forth and grounded on Oxcars. This vessel drifted unmanned from its mooring position towards Oxcars via the main shipping channel, causing a navigation hazard to river users during transit.

On this occasion, no associated injuries or damage were reported however, the Harbour Authority wishes to take the opportunity to raise awareness amongst river users regarding the importance of maintaining and monitoring secure vessel moorings, for the safety of all. Boat owners are specifically requested to ensure that critical shackles are seized appropriately and to ensure that shackles are routinely visually inspected.

Incidents of vessels breaking adrift should be notified to the Duty Officer at the Forth & Tay Navigation Service to inform traffic broadcasts – contact details are available on the Forth Ports website