

Marine Safety Alert



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Inappropriate Setting of Creel Pots



Forth Ports is having growing concerns with the setting of creel pots in designated anchorage and navigational areas.

The presence of these pots could severely **hamper** a vessels intended manoeuvre resulting in a deviation from the passage plan. A deviation from the passage plan, especially within a small time frame is often considered to be the catalyst of many **incidents**.

Creel pots set in areas intended for vessel navigation also impose a **threat** to propeller, thruster and other sub-surface equipment which is vital to a vessels safety.

Recent instances have occurred at the pilot boarding ground, a critical operational area and in "Kilo 4" anchorage causing additional unnecessary **risk** to anchoring operations.

Forth Ports would ask that creel pot owners show due consideration to the safety and operations of other river users when setting pots.