

# Marine Safety Alert



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## Regulations for Commercially Operated Craft.



Forth Ports would like to remind all operators and owners of craft operating in a commercial capacity that they are obliged, by law, to adhere to local and national legislation when navigation within our jurisdiction.

All of our legislation and other such information can be found using the Forth Ports website.

It is the owners and operators responsibility to be familiar with and to facilitate our requirements & procedures.

As part of our Port Marine Safety Code we have issued "General Direction 19 (GD19) – Registration of Commercial Craft", which aims to ensure commercial craft are properly maintained, equipped and manned and used only for purposes which they are capable. All commercial operators with craft, boats or small vessels working on the Forth are therefore required to register their craft with Forth Ports on an annual basis. Forth Ports will, where deemed appropriate, conduct inspections of such craft, such inspections being based on national standards, laws, agreed code of practice, manufacturer's handbooks and other similar information.

Forth Ports would like to use this opportunity to sincerely thank the vessel owners and operators who are fully compliant.