

FORTH PORTS LIMITED

NtM No 89 of 2023

3rd October 2023

NOTICE TO MARINERS

FIRTH OF FORTH

Departure clearance procedure for vessels of 50 Gross Tonnes or more

From **Tuesday 10th October 2023 @ 0001h**. All vessels of 50 Gross Tonnes or more, berthed or anchored within the Forth Ports Statutory harbour area will be required to request clearance **prior** to sailing, from Forth Navigation (VHF CH71) , Leith Harbour (VHF Ch12) or Grangemouth Locks (VHF Ch14) - depending on the vessels location, as laid out in Forth General Direction 4(c)2:

4(c)2 The master of the vessel which proposes to commence navigating must obtain a clearance from the Duty Officer of the Forth Navigation Service before the vessel commences to navigate.

- For vessels under pilotage the pilot is to request clearance to depart.
- When clearance is granted to a vessel it will be valid for a 15minute period. If a vessel does not leave the dock or anchorage within 15 minutes then clearance must be requested again.
- If for any reason a vessel is not granted clearance, the vessel will be instructed to stay alongside and will be asked to call back after a specified period of time.
- Clearance being granted does not relieve any vessel of their responsibilities under the **International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea 1972**.

Status of previously published notices:

No 10 of 2019 remains in force

Nos 07, 14 and 73 of 2021 remain in force

Nos 21, 28, 55 and 86 of 2022 remain in force

Nos 08, 09, 10, 14, 22, 25, 33, 36, 74, 86, 87 and 88 of 2023 remain in force

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