

Marine Safety Alert



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Security of Moorings



(Photo for illustrative Purposes)

Background

We are reissuing this Marine Safety Alert following a recent incident in which a small yacht drifted onto the rocks under Blackness Castle, after the sinker it was moored to broke free from the seabed,

The Harbour Authority wishes to take the opportunity to raise awareness amongst river users regarding the importance of maintaining and monitoring secure vessel moorings, this is for the safety of all. Boat owners are requested to ensure that critical shackles are seized/secured appropriately and to ensure that shackles are routinely visually inspected. If sinkers or anchors are used, these are inspected on a regular basis and are sufficient for the size of vessel using them.

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.