

# **FORTH PORTS LIMITED**

**NtM No 78 of 2025**

**13<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

## **NOTICE TO MARINERS**

### **FIRTH OF FORTH**

#### **Vessel Transits under the Forth Rail Bridge**

For vessels transiting under the Forth Rail Bridge, Mariners are advised that with immediate effect the following conditions will be applied:

1. All vessels over 180m LOA to and from Ports of Grangemouth, Crombie and Rosyth must have a tug fast aft from east of the Forth Rail Bridge at number 19 buoy to west of the Queensferry Crossing inbound and west of the Queensferry Crossing to east of the Forth Rail bridge at number 19 buoy outbound.
2. Regardless of number 1 above, any vessel that reports, or is found to have a defect, or reports a power failure since their last port must have at least one tug fast when passing through the Forth Bridges as per conditions set in number 1 above.
3. Regardless of number 1 above, Forth Ports reserves the right to require towage to any vessel transiting the Forth bridges should it be deemed necessary by Forth Ports. This includes, but is not limited to, the following considerations and circumstance:
  - o a large air draft vessel,
  - o vessel manoeuvrability,
  - o crew standards,
  - o weather conditions,
  - o visibility from conning position.

All towage costs will be for the vessel account.

Vessels that can provide Forth Ports with satisfactory verification of redundancy of all propulsion and steering systems may be considered for an exemption to item 1 above only.

Towage can be provided by Targe Towing Limited. All towage and other services of whatsoever nature by Targe Towing Limited are subject to availability and conducted under the United Kingdom Standard Conditions for Towage and Other Services (Revised 2024), unless contracted otherwise.

**Status of previously published notices:**

Nos 53, 73, and 116 of 2024 remain in force

Nos 10, 14, 19, 21, 36, 48, 51, 58, 59, 68, 70, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76 and 77 of 2025 remain in force.

Issued by:

**Alan McPherson, Chief Harbour Master**