



PD TEESPORT LIMITED

NOTICE TO MARINERS NO.15 OF 2026

Issued by the Harbour Master on 14 January

NORTH-EAST COAST OF ENGLAND

MOORING OF SMALL CRAFT/FISHING VESSELS IN THE PORTS OF TEES AND HARTLEPOOL

PD Teesport hereby draws attention to the following in respect of the mooring of small craft/fishing vessels in the Ports of Tees and Hartlepool.

1. The Master must ensure that:
 - (a) the vessel is kept properly berthed alongside any quay at all times and ensure that neither the vessel nor its moorings or gangway obstruct other vessels or hamper the use of the Harbour.
 - (b) the vessel's moorings are adjusted as necessary to allow for the rise and fall of the tide and the prevailing and forecasted conditions.
 - (c) consideration has been taken regarding passing traffic in close proximity whilst moored alongside and moorings are adjusted, as required, prior to the passing of large vessels.
 - (d) when making fast to or letting go from any berth within the Harbour, there are sufficient competent persons available on-board and ashore to carry out the operation safely.
 - (e) when mooring or unmooring, the moorings of any other vessel disturbed in the process are made safe.
2. The Master shall comply with any directions the Harbour Master may deem necessary to ensure that the vessel is, and continues to be, properly and effectively moored alongside.
3. In accordance with the PD Teesport Limited General Directions, the Master of a small vessel/fishing vessel must ensure that:
 - (a) the Master must not take any steps that render the vessel's main propulsion or steering systems inoperable, without first obtaining the permission of the Harbour Master and complying with any conditions the Harbour Master may impose;

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- (b) where a vessel's main propulsion or steering systems become inoperable for any reason, the Master must immediately inform the Harbour Master, providing any further information that the Harbour Master may require and complying with any conditions that the Harbour Master may impose.
4. In accordance with the Tees and Hartlepool Harbour Byelaws 1977 & 1985, the Master of a small vessel/fishing vessel must ensure that:
- (a) a responsible person, competent to supervise the loading or discharging of the vessel, shall at all times be on onboard during loading or discharging.
5. Masters of small vessels/fishing vessels in Hartlepool are also advised that:
- (a) the Fish Quay must be clear for large vessels (over 150m OAL) entering or departing Hartlepool and barge movements, as determined by the Harbour Master;
 - (b) vessels over 150m OAL normally enter or depart Hartlepool 1 hour before high water;
 - (c) vessels should not be left unattended on the Fish Quay without the expressed permission of the Harbour Master;
 - (d) TEES VTS will provide notification to Hartlepool Fish Company Ltd in advance of large vessel and barge movements, which require the Fish Quay to be clear.

NOTE: Owners, Agents and Charterers should ensure that the contents of this Notice are made known to Masters or persons in charge of their vessels or craft.

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