



PD TEESPORT LIMITED

NOTICE TO MARINERS NO.4 OF 2026

Issued by the Harbour Master on 14 January

NORTH-EAST COAST OF ENGLAND RIVER TEES AND HARTLEPOOL

PORT SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

1. Mariners are advised that, except with the permission of the Harbour Master, vessels in excess of 20 metres overall length shall not navigate in the Tees Approach Channel, Tees River Channel or Hartlepool Approach Channel, unless they comply with the following:
 - (a) Port Safety:
 - (i) the vessel is seaworthy in all respects;
 - (ii) all secondary power or mechanical systems are in operation and immediately available in the event of failure of any primary system and all propulsion units, including thrusters, have been satisfactorily tested;
 - (iii) the steering of the vessel is under the supervision of the Master and may be by manual control or any device or equipment designed to function in place of the steersman;
 - (iv) anchors are clear and ready for use;
 - (v) pilot ladders must be safely rigged and conform with the relevant Regulations.
 - (b) Pilotage (Passage Planning):
 - (i) a Port Passage Plan is completed;
 - (ii) an up-to-date copy of Admiralty Chart 2566 "Tees and Hartlepool Bays" or approved equivalent (ECDIS) is held on board;
 - (iii) a Bridge Team is assembled appropriate to the vessel's operational requirements;

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(iv) the vessel listens on VHF Channel 14 (TEES VTS).

2. If the vessel does not comply with the above safety requirements, the Master must notify TEES VTS either by VHF Channel 14 or other practical means. (See PD Teesport Notice to Mariners No.1 of 2026 issued on 14 January.)

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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