



PD TEESPORT LIMITED

NOTICE TO MARINERS NO.8 OF 2026

Issued by the Harbour Master on 14 January

NORTH-EAST COAST OF ENGLAND

RIVER TEES AND HARTLEPOOL

MOORING/UNMOORING OF VESSELS IN THE PORTS OF TEES AND HARTLEPOOL

Mariners are reminded of the following:

The practice of using ships' crews to moor/unmoor vessels has been deemed unsafe and the use of Foyboatmen is mandatory.

For the purpose of this Notice, the term "vessels" excludes pleasure craft (<20m), fishing vessels (operating from the Fish Quay and North Basin only), PD Teesport operated craft, licensed harbour tugs and compliant work boats.

A vessel shifting within the Ports may use ship's crew to move mooring lines provided that they remain on the quay until the vessel has safely moored in the new position, the gangway has been rigged and there are sufficient crew remaining on board to carry out the operation safely.

Any vessel manoeuvring using engines and/or thrusters shall be deemed to be navigating whether or not there is a line ashore and, therefore, ship's crew cannot be used.

Attention is also drawn to the MAIB Incident Reports for the [Cherry Sand](#) and [Millgarth](#).

Further information is available from TEES VTS on VHF Channel 14 or telephone 01642 277205.

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.

Radar, AIS, CCTV, Telephone and VHF Channels are recorded 24/7.

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