

FORTH PORTS LIMITED

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PERMANENT NOTICE TO MARINERS FIRTH OF FORTH HEAVING LINES

At a recent Port Marine Safety Code Steering Group Meeting, chaired by the MCA, the issue of unsuitable and potentially dangerous weights on heaving lines was discussed.

There have been increasing reports of vessels using inappropriate weights on heaving lines which result in unnecessary risks to boatmen, tug crew etc. One such incident in a UK Port has resulted in the Master of the vessel being prosecuted.

The PMSC Steering Group agreed that a national campaign was required to bring this issue to the attention of vessels.

Forth Ports fully supports this campaign and reminds vessel Masters that heaving lines utilising inappropriate weights such as pieces of metal will not be tolerated.

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