

FORTH PORTS LIMITED

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PERMANENT NOTICE TO MARINERS FIRTH OF FORTH

Mooring and Unmooring Operations

As required by the Port Marine Safety Code so as to maintain the highest levels of safety, the mooring and unmooring of vessels must be undertaken by approved and trained mooring gangs.

It is not permitted for ships crews to secure or release mooring lines from the quay having disembarked or embarked from the vessel before it is fully and safely moored, with an appropriate gangway rigged. This includes vessels shifting within enclosed dock systems.

The practice of putting mooring lines out on a bight in order that they can be slipped to allow the vessel to sail without a mooring gang is also not permitted.

Masters and agents are advised to ensure that mooring gangs are ordered with the required adequate notification and to attend the vessel at the appropriate time.

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Chief Harbour Master