

Forth Ports Welcomes New Chief Harbour Master

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FORTH PORTS APPOINTS NEW CHIEF HARBOUR MASTER

Forth Ports Limited, the UK's 3rd largest Ports Group, announces the appointment of Alan McPherson as their new Chief Harbour Master for Scottish operations.

As Chief Harbour Master, Alan will be responsible for the busy waterways of the Forth and Tay which are manned by the navigation service 24/7. Alan will manage an operating area of 280 square miles of navigable waters, including two specialist marine terminals for oil and gas export and provides other marine services, such as towage and conservancy.

Alan, originally from Glasgow, is an experienced mariner and Harbour Master with over 17 years in the sector.

Alan was previously with the Port of Tyne Authority where he held various roles in the 15 years with the company including Senior Pilot, Deputy Harbour Master and Harbour Master. He has also worked with the Port of Sunderland, Global Marine Drilling, Tidewater and Ben Line. Alan is also a Treasurer of the UK Harbour Masters Association.

Stuart Wallace, Divisional Director of Forth Ports, said: *“We welcome Alan to Forth Ports as our new Chief Harbour Master. He brings with him a wealth of experience in the marine sector and has a strong management track record as a Harbour Master.”*

Commenting on his appointment, Alan McPherson said: *“I am excited to join Forth Ports as Chief Harbour Master. I have worked in the marine sector for almost two decades both on and offshore and it’s great to move back to Scotland with my family.”*

Alan started on 7 October and is based in Grangemouth at the Forth and Tay Navigation Service.

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Notes to editors:

- Forth Ports Limited owns and operates eight commercial ports in the UK – Tilbury on the Thames, Dundee on the Firth of Tay and six on the Firth of Forth – Leith, Grangemouth, Rosyth, Methil, Burntisland and Kirkcaldy.
- Within and around the Firths of Forth and Tay, Forth Ports manages and operates an area of 280 square miles of navigable waters, including two specialised marine terminals for oil and gas export and provides other marine services, such as towage and conservancy.
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