



LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS

DEAD TOWS, UNUSUAL OBJECTS AND NON-ROUTINE TOWAGE EVENTS

Mariners and Port-Users are advised that a new section of the Port Marine Safety Code, Guide to Good Practice 2013 requires Harbour Authorities to give special consideration to tows involving dead-ships or unusual objects and towage events of a non-routine nature.

From 1st October 2013, ABP Lowestoft will be introducing new local procedures for Non-Routine Towage of vessels, barges and unusual objects.

Shipowners, towage contractors, tug masters, project managers and agents are further advised that the person responsible for the safety and planning of the manoeuvre (and thereby acting as the Towing Master) must be clearly identified and be responsible for the production of risk assessments, method statements and passage plans which must be discussed and agreed in advance with the Harbour Authority.

A "Non-Routine Towage Assessment" form, copy attached separately must be submitted to the Harbour Authority in advance. When the details of the venture have been fully discussed and agreed the written approval of the Harbour Authority will be given on this form.

Please contact Lowestoft Port Control, (VHF Ch.14, Tel. 01502 572286), if further information is required.

Harbour Master

25th. September 2013

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