

## **NOTICE TO MARINERS No.18 OF 2014**

### **Passage planning**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that due to the number of incidents in the Barrow Channels, particularly where vessels have collided with aids to navigation, mariners are reminded of the need to prepare an adequate passage plan for their intended voyage.

Amongst other considerations which should include the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea, mariners are advised to take into account the following measures as part of their passage plan

1. That a proper lookout is maintained at all times
2. Safe speed of the vessel - particularly in relation to the visibility as well as the proximity of other users such as survey vessels, small craft and sailing vessels.
3. The handling characteristics of the vessel
4. Redundancy of propulsion and steering systems
5. The state of wind, sea, current and tidal surge
6. Anticipated traffic
7. The option to make full use of the available width of channel should the need arise
8. Their vessels' draft in relation to the depth of water available

In common with good standards of seamanship, no other duties should be conducted by the person responsible for the safe navigation of the vessel so that they can devote their full attention to that role.

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