

NOTICE TO MARINERS

NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR VESSELS SELF MOORING ON ABP COMMERCIAL BERTHS

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This notice is to advise Mariners, Port Users and Vessel Operators of changes in requirements for vessels wishing to self-moor when using ABP Commercial berth areas. For the avoidance of doubt, this requirement applies to any ABP owned and operated berth, but excludes Marinas, and privately owned or leased/operated quay areas within the Ipswich SHA.

Changes as follows: -

If a vessel using an ABP berth area is not utilising the services of port linesmen, but mooring or un-mooring themselves (self-mooring), then the vessel Master or vessel operator will be required to submit to the Harbour Authority evidence that there is a satisfactory risk assessment and safe system of work in place for this activity.

The risk assessment must identify the all the hazards involved and specify the control measures in the safe system of work to mitigate these hazards and ensure the risk is As Low As Reasonably Practicable (ALARP).

These hazards should include, but not be limited to the following:

- Falling in the water (drowning)
- Falling between the quay and vessel (entrapment)
- Manual Handling

Control measures should include, but not be limited to the following:

- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), including a lifejacket

For any vessel that has not provided the Harbour Authority with a Risk Assessment to demonstrate that they have properly assessed self-mooring so that it can be conducted in a safe and acceptable manner, it will be mandatory for that vessel to use port linesmen.

These changes will come into effect from **1st March 2021**.

Mariners, Port Users and Vessel Operators are encouraged to provide the Harbour Authority with their relevant Risk Assessment for self-mooring in good time.

Please contact Ipswich Port Radio, VHF Ch68, Tel. 01473 211066, if additional clarification or information is required.

Divisional Harbour Master East Anglia

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