



Associated British Ports - Lowestoft

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NOTICE TO MARINERS

LOWESTOFT INNER HARBOUR – TOWN / CEFAS QUAY – PASSING SPEED

Mariners and Port Users are requested that when passing vessels moored on Town Quay and Cefas Quay, that speed is kept to the minimum at which control of the vessel can be maintained, and that the moored vessels are afforded as wide a berth as is safe and practicable. These requirements are subject to the prevailing conditions, and considering the available depth and width of the navigable channel.

This requirement is to reduce the effects of vessel wash and also interaction, the effects of which increases with size, depth, proximity and speed of the vessels involved. Excessive speed is likely to result in moored vessels ranging along the quay, overwhelming vessel mooring arrangements and increasing risk of serious incident and potential for injury.

The ports maximum speed limit is 4 knots, but passing speed should be less than this value.

In addition, a procedure is being implemented where vessel bunkering operations on Town and Cefas Quays will be suspended, or subject to a delayed start when a large vessel is scheduled to pass. Vessels taking bunkers on these quays are requested to keep a listening watch on VHF channel 14. They should also fly the red 'B' flag to indicate that they are engaged in bunkering operations.

Further to the above, any vessel passing Town or Cefas Quay that observes a moored vessel with slack mooring lines, are advised to inform Port Control on VHF channel 14.

For further information please contact Lowestoft Port Control, (VHF Ch.14, Tel. 01502 572286).

Harbour Master

25th July 2019

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