

NOTICE TO MARINERS

No 30 of 2016

(Update and Re-Issue of Notice to Mariners No 57 of 2014)

Port of Southampton - Mooring of High-Sided Vessels in Southampton Docks

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that following incidents within the Southampton Docks in severe weather, The Port Users Information and Navigation Guidelines (The PUNG) has been amended, as below, to reflect the requirement for Masters to take adequate precautions to ensure they remain securely alongside in strong offshore winds.

Moorings to be tended

The master of a vessel which is berthed or moored shall ensure that such vessel is securely made fast and that the moorings are adjusted as necessary to allow for the rise and fall of the tide and for the loading and unloading of cargo.

(Ref: Southampton Harbour Byelaws Part III No 18)

Masters of high-sided vessels alongside berths in Southampton Docks are reminded of their responsibility to ensure the vessel remains securely alongside when strong offshore winds are forecast and/or experienced. Measures to be considered include the adjustment of moorings as necessary, the correct use of tension winches, the use of additional moorings and a tug(s) to 'push up'.

The PUNG has been amended to reflect this and the current version may be downloaded from the Southampton VTS website www.southamptonvts.co.uk.

The content of The PUNG and of this Notice to Mariners will be kept under review.

**Vessel Traffic Services Centre
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Southampton**

**Captain M Phipps
Harbour Master**

01 January 2016

**Owners, Agents, Charterers, Marinas, Yacht Clubs and Recreational Sailing
Organisations should ensure that the contents of this Notice are made known to
the masters or persons in charge of their vessels or craft.**