



Belfast Harbour Commissioners

Notice to Mariners

NO 2 OF 2009 (Superseding No 8 of 2006)

Traffic Organisation Service

Mariners are advised that at 0700 Local Time on the 1st of December 2006 Belfast Harbour Commissioners operated a Traffic Organisation Service.

This service is as described in Marine Guidance Notes 238, 239 & 240 (issued by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency) and includes a system of traffic clearances. The system of clearances will be operated under the delegated authority of the Harbour Master by the VTS. The call sign for the port control is Belfast Harbour Radio. Clearances will be issued prior to departure from the berth, when ready to depart in all respects and at the Fairway buoy. The clearances will be valid for 15 minutes and will be timed when issued. To order a pilot, 2 hours notice will be required prior to arrival at the Fairway Buoy or prior to departure.

Belfast Harbour Radio can be contacted via Channel 12 VHF or by Telephone on 028 9055 3504.

The area of coverage for the Traffic Organisation Service will be:

- Belfast Harbour South of Number 12 Buoy.
- Victoria channel to the Fairway Buoy.

A VTS information service is offered in all other areas within the harbour.

The service will be available 24hrs a day.

All vessels arriving, departing or transiting the Harbour and vessels crossing the Victoria channel are required to participate.

Vessels will be required to report to Belfast Harbour Radio:

- 2 hours prior to arrival at the Fairway Buoy
- 15 minutes prior to arrival at the Fairway Buoy
- Passing the Fairway Buoy in and out.
- Passing No 12 Beacon in and out.
- Arriving and departing the berth.
- 15 minutes prior to departing the berth.

Initial arrival and departure reports to include:

- Vessel Name
- Position
- Master's Name
- ETA at Fairway Buoy
- Confirm pilot requirements Inner/Outer pilotage
- Hazardous cargo on Board listed by class on board.
- Defects on board.

PORT CENTRE
BELFAST
1st January 2009



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HARBOUR MASTER