



NOTICE TO MARINERS

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Use of Anchors During Towage and Mooring

Masters are advised that the lowering of anchors during towage and mooring operations presents a potential hazard to tugs and associated personnel.

All vessels intending to lower or use anchors during towage or mooring operations must inform the Pilot and tug in attendance prior to the commencement of the manoeuvre.

Where the use of anchors is anticipated, this must be clearly discussed and agreed during the Pilot Master Exchange and communicated to all involved in the operation

This information is required to enable Pilots and Tug Masters to assess the risks and plan towage operations safely.

This Notice is issued in the interests of navigational safety.

Port Operations
Belfast Harbour
28th January 2025

Captain K. G. Allen
Harbour Master