

# NOTICE TO MARINERS

**No. 08 – 2017**

## PORT OF GREAT YARMOUTH

### Dangerously Weighted Heaving Lines – Reminder Notice

Reminder Notice is hereby given by the Port of Great Yarmouth that weighted heaving lines remain unacceptable for use in the port including the use of monkey's fists with additional weights inserted into them.

A safety bulletin released by the MCA in 2015 highlighted the increased risk and use of weighted heaving lines that had resulted in serious injury to port personnel. Within that bulletin vessels were reminded that the use of dangerously weighted heaving lines in the UK may be subject to prosecution.

Locally, this Notice to Mariners is being released to remind port users of their obligation to ensure the safety of all personnel within the Port of Great Yarmouth. In particular to this issue, if any line-handlers suspect that a heaving line thrown ashore is dangerously weighted, they are requested to:

- (a) Remove the suspect weight / monkey's fist from the heaving line, and
- (b) Record and send the suspect weight / monkey's fist vessel's details to the Harbour Office in Great Yarmouth and to the MCA for consideration of prosecution.

On behalf of **Harbour Master**

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# SAFETY BULLETIN

## No. 2

### DANGEROUSLY WEIGHTED SHIPS HEAVING LINES

There have been several instances where dangerously weighted heaving lines, including the use of monkey's fists with additional weights inserted into them, have been used resulting in serious injury. Further guidance is contained in Ch 26 section 26.3.5 in the 2015 edition of the Code of Safe Working Practices for Merchant Seafarers.



Vessels using dangerously weighted heaving lines in the UK may be subject to prosecution