



NOTICE TO MARINERS

No 08/18

TESTING OF ASTERN PROPULSION

All Mariners, Masters, PEC holders and Pilots with the conduct of any vessel are reminded of the necessity of testing astern propulsion on a regular basis, including CPP and all other forms of propulsion.

Astern movement should be tested prior to entry into restricted waters and in plenty of time upon berth approach if there has not been the necessity to use astern engine movements on the preceding passage.

Such tests should be logged in the vessel's official log book (Manoeuvring Book) on each occasion. Percentage of ahead power and time delay to achieving astern power should also be recorded and Master/Pilot duly notified.