



## **NOTICE TO MARINERS**

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### **DIVING OPERATIONS WITHIN CLYDEPORT WATERS**

Commercial Diving Operations carried out within Clydeport waters are covered under the “Diving At Work Regulations 1997” Approved Code of Practice for Commercial Diving Projects Inland/Inshore.

Under Regulation 8 of the 1997 regulations, the Diving Contractor is responsible for ensuring that a risk assessment is carried out and a diving project plan is prepared. The risk assessments must identify and address site specific hazards and their risks. During this process the Diving Contractor will determine the appropriate diving methods and equipment to be used.

Diving Contractor is required to consult with the Marine Department when planning a dive project. Clydeport operates a permit to work system for diving projects. The Contractor will require the permission of the Senior Manager Marine Operations before any diving commences.

The Marine Department will advise on any procedures or arrangements that must be complied with and where appropriate agree any additional measures deemed necessary such as publishing a Notice to Mariners.

An agreed method of communications is required so that either party can be quickly informed, for example in the event of a change to shipping schedules.

This guidance does not apply to recreational diving unless there is an instructor who is paid to teach students or a qualified diver who is paid to guide a dive party.