

## NASBO 002 - 2026

### Mandatory Reporting of Vessel Deficiencies

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** ... That Peel Ports - Port of East Anglia wishes to remind all agents, berth operators and shipowners of the requirement for vessels to declare any deficiencies, defects, or operational limitations prior to entering the Port of East Anglia.

In accordance with the expectations of the Maritime and Coastguard Agency and the principles of the Port Marine Safety Code, Masters are required to report any condition that may affect the safe navigation, manoeuvrability, or berthing of their vessel.

**Reportable Deficiencies Include (but are not limited to):**

- **Propulsion and Steering**
  - Main engine defects or reduced power
  - Thruster limitations or failures
  - Steering gear defects or operation in emergency mode
- **Navigational Equipment**
  - Radar, ECDIS, gyrocompass, AIS or echo sounder failures
  - Bridge control or propulsion control limitations
- **Mooring Equipment**
  - Defective winches or windlass
  - Damaged, insufficient, or unsuitable mooring lines
  - Anchors unavailable or not operational
- **Machinery and Power**
  - Generator or electrical system issues
  - Risk of blackout or reduced redundancy
- **Communications**
  - VHF radio defects
  - Internal communication failures between bridge and mooring stations
- **Stability and Structural Condition**
  - Excessive list or trim
  - Cargo shift or structural damage

- **Safety Systems**
  - Firefighting or emergency system impairments
- **Pollution Risks**
  - Any condition that may give rise to a pollution incident
- **Crew and Operational Readiness**
  - Insufficient or fatigued crew
  - Lack of competent personnel for critical operations
- **Pilot Transfer Arrangements**
  - Non-compliant pilot ladder or access arrangements

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## Reporting Requirements

- All such deficiencies must be reported as soon as they are known, and in any case prior to arrival and before pilot boarding.
- Agents are responsible for ensuring that this information is communicated to the Harbour Authority in advance.
- Masters must also declare and discuss any such deficiencies during the Master–Pilot Exchange.

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## Failure to Declare

Failure to declare relevant deficiencies may result in:

- Delay or suspension of pilotage;
- Additional control measures being imposed (e.g. tug requirements); or
- Refusal of entry or departure from the port.

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This requirement is implemented to ensure the safety of navigation, protection of personnel, and safeguarding of port infrastructure. Full cooperation from all parties is expected.

For further information or clarification, please contact [greatyarmouthharbouroffice@peelports.com](mailto:greatyarmouthharbouroffice@peelports.com)

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