

NOTICE TO MARINERS

No.8 – 2017

HEYSHAM HARBOUR

REGULATION OF VESSEL MOVEMENTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, following consultation with Port Users, the following procedures shall forthwith apply in respect of the regulation of vessel movements within the limits of Heysham Harbour. These procedures have been put in place to ensure the safe and efficient navigation of all vessels.

Inward Bound Vessels

1. All vessels shall report to Heysham Port Control (VHF Ch.14) when passing (as appropriate) Lune Deep Buoy, No.2 Buoy and No.6 Buoy. The report must include the vessel's intended destination (e.g., details of berth or anchorage).
2. No vessel shall proceed inwards of No.6 Buoy and enter the Harbour without first obtaining the permission of the Harbour Master.
3. All vessels shall report to Heysham Port Control when all-fast/anchored.

Outward Bound Vessels and Vessels Navigating Solely Within the Limits of Heysham Harbour

4. Notwithstanding any other notice given to Heysham Port Limited, all vessels shall arrange to notify Heysham Port Control of their intention to depart a berth/anchorage at least 15 minutes prior to the planned time of departure.
5. Immediately prior to departure from a berth/anchorage, all vessels shall report to Heysham Port Control and request permission to navigate. The report must include the vessel's intended destination (e.g., details of berth, anchorage or next port).
6. Under normal circumstances, no vessels shall be given permission to navigate within the Harbour when:
 - (a) another vessel is inward bound and has passed No.6 Buoy, or
 - (b) another vessel is navigating within the Harbour, unless such other vessel is the Heysham Pilot Launch or a tug(s) assisting with a manoeuvre.
7. All vessels shall report to Heysham Port Control when (as appropriate) passing No.2 Buoy outward or when all-fast/anchored.

General

8. The notifications referred to in points (1) and (4) are to be given in addition to any Pilotage Notification required in accordance with the prevailing Port of Heysham Pilotage Directions, notification prior to entry into port as required in accordance with the Merchant Shipping (Vessel Traffic Monitoring and Reporting Requirements) Regulations 2004 as amended, or any other notification as required from time to time by Heysham Port Limited or by statute.
9. The aforementioned permissions shall be communicated by Heysham Port Control. However, any permission given shall not absolve any master from their responsibilities in respect of their vessel and its safety, nor shall such permission be construed as being a direction.
10. The master of a vessel who causes their vessel to arrive, depart or manoeuvre within the Harbour without first obtaining permission and the master of any vessel who fails to comply with a direction of the Harbour Master shall be guilty of an offence and may be subject to prosecution.
11. Mariners' attention is drawn to Navigation Guideline No.5 "Clear Harbour Entrance":
Vessels arriving and departing shall not ordinarily pass each other between the North and South Piers and No.8 Buoy. This manoeuvre may only be undertaken with the agreement of the Masters, Pilots or Pilotage Exemption Certificate Holders of both vessels, and Heysham Port Control must be informed of their agreement.
12. For the avoidance of doubt, when pre-advised departure times conflict, vessels operating on regular scheduled services and departing at their scheduled departure times shall normally take priority and be given permission to depart over vessels:
 - (a) not operating on regular scheduled services;
 - (b) giving short notice of departure times; or
 - (c) operating on regular scheduled services but which are departing either earlier or later than the scheduled departure time.

Notwithstanding, if safety of navigation would be prejudiced in such situations, the permission shall be given to the vessel at risk.

This Notice to Mariners shall remain in force until such time as the procedures herein are incorporated into the relevant Heysham Harbour legislation.

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