Port of Great Yarmouth

PEEL PORTS GREAT YARMOUTH

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REPORTING OF SHIP DEFECTS, FAILURES AND OPERATIONAL LIMITATIONS

MASTERS, OWNERS, OPERATORS AND AGENTS OF ALL VESSELS NAVIGATING WITHIN, OR INTENDING TO ENTER OR DEPART, THE HARBOUR ARE REMINDED OF THEIR OBLIGATION TO PROMPTLY REPORT ANY FAILURE, DEFECT, MALFUNCTION OR LIMITATION AFFECTING, OR LIKELY TO AFFECT, THE SAFE NAVIGATION, MANOEUVRABILITY OR SEAWORTHINESS OF THE VESSEL.

For the avoidance of doubt, this requirement is not limited to the total failure of equipment or machinery. A vessel which remains operational but has a defect or limitation that reduces its normal capability must report the circumstances where that defect or limitation affects, or could affect, the safety of the vessel or other vessels.

Examples include, but are not limited to:

- main or auxiliary propulsion machinery defects, including reduced or restricted engine power;
- the unavailability of one or more engines or propulsion units;
- limitations affecting propellers, controllable-pitch systems, azimuth thrusters or other propulsion equipment;
- steering gear defects or restrictions;
- bow or stern thruster defects or reduced availability where relevant to safe manoeuvring;
- defects affecting electrical generation or essential electrical systems;
- defects affecting navigation or communications equipment;
- machinery or equipment limitations which may reduce the vessel's ability to manoeuvre, maintain speed or respond effectively in an emergency; and
- any other defect, failure or condition which affects, or could reasonably be expected to affect, the safe navigation or operation of the vessel.

Such defects must not be withheld from the Harbour Authority solely because the vessel remains capable of proceeding under its own power.

Reports should be made to the Harbour Authority at the earliest opportunity and, wherever practicable, before the vessel enters Harbour limits, commences a movement, departs a berth or manoeuvres within the Harbour.

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The report should include sufficient information to allow the Harbour Authority to assess the navigational implications, including:

- the nature of the defect or limitation;
- the equipment or machinery affected;
- the vessel's remaining operational capability, including any restriction on available propulsion power where applicable;
- any consequential restriction on speed or manoeuvrability;
- any temporary measures or redundancy available;
- the anticipated duration of the defect; and
- the proposed arrangements for repair or restoration.

The Harbour Authority may, following assessment of the circumstances, impose appropriate measures or conditions to ensure the safety of navigation before permitting or continuing a vessel movement.

This Notice should be read in conjunction with the Merchant Shipping (Vessel Traffic Monitoring and Reporting Requirements) Regulations 2004.

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