

NOTICE TO MARINERS

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PORT OF GREAT YARMOUTH

USE OF EXHAUST GAS CLEANING SYSTEMS (EGCS) IN PORT

From 1 January 2020, the limit for sulphur content in fuel oil used on board ships operating outside designated emission control areas reduced to 0.50% m/m (mass by mass). All ships must meet the requirements of MARPOL Annex VI, Regulation 14, regardless of their size or whether they are on an international or domestic voyage.

Certain vessels limit their air pollution emissions by installing Exhaust Gas Cleaning Systems; also known as “Scrubbers”. The use of such EGC systems is allowed under Regulation 4 of MARPOL Annex VI provided they do not impair or damage the environment, human health, property or resources. Research into the environmental effects of scrubber wash water is ongoing.

Use of Exhaust Gas Cleaning Systems within Great Yarmouth Port:

Great Yarmouth Port Company acting on behalf of the Statutory Harbour Authority does not restrict use of scrubber systems provided they are operated in accordance with MCA guidance and comply with the criteria set out in MSN 1819.

Vessels may be requested to show evidence of compliance with the MSN.

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Terminals and/or Berth Operators at locations within the Harbour Area may impose their own conditions on the restricted use of scrubber systems. Vessels are requested to enquire with the berth operator directly, prior to arrival.

On behalf of **Harbour Master**

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