

NOTICE TO MARINERS – No. 09 2021

PORT OF GREAT YARMOUTH

Open Loop Scrubbers Questionnaire

MARINERS ARE ADVISED that Peel Ports Group is gathering information from vessels using their ports in regards to the use of vessel exhaust scrubber systems.

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

Some vessels limit their air pollution by installing exhaust gas cleaning systems, also known as “scrubbers”. The use of such systems is allowed under Regulation 4 of MARPOL Annex VI as long as they do not impair or damage the environment, human health, property, or resources.

Research into the environmental effects of scrubber wash-water is ongoing, however, ports are concerned of the potential for these systems to contaminate sediment, preventing future dredging activities. In order to contribute to the evidence base and facilitate better understanding of the potential impacts of the use of exhaust gas cleaning systems, Peel Ports Group is collecting information about the vessels using their ports.

Vessels navigating within the Port of Great Yarmouth are requested to complete the short survey to assist with this work. The survey can be accessed via the News section within PortLinks online booking portal or the link below;

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfe4fSuD-jlP2V1-VWwzWMzRP5Q5GoMwcZX73k37Vz8DEYy3g/viewform>

The survey will be available until December 2021 when a review of data collected will be undertaken.

On behalf of **Harbour Master**

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