



Local Notice to Mariners 02 / 2026

Safe Speed and River Dee Vessel Mooring Requirements

The harbour speed limit, as set by Aberdeen Harbour General Bye-Laws Regulation 12, is **5 knots** over the ground. This speed limit applies to all vessels, including small craft and fast rescue craft (FRCs), navigating within the navigational channels and the main harbour areas (North & South).

Mariners and Port Users are advised to exercise caution at all times when within the harbour limits and should maintain a safe speed in order to minimise the risk of damage caused by wash or displacement.

Special attention is required when navigating near moored vessels on the River Dee. There have been instances where vessels parted mooring lines after being passed by another vessel.

Masters and Navigating Officers are reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure that their vessels are securely moored alongside, with lines tended at regular intervals. It is strongly recommended that additional mooring lines be deployed in the river, especially if it is in spate.

The use of self-tensioning equipment is not recommended within the Port and is not permitted on the River Dee.

Port of Aberdeen
Marine Department
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Vessel Owners, Operators, Agents, Berth Operators etc should ensure that the contents of this Navigation Notice are made known to the Masters of their vessels.

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