



Local Notice to Mariners

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Safe speed and River Dee vessel Mooring requirements

The Harbour speed limit as set by the Aberdeen Harbour General Bye-Laws regulation 12 is 5 kts, this speed limit applies to all vessels including small craft and FRCs navigating in the Navigation Channel and the main harbour areas (both North and South).

Mariners are advised to exercise caution at all times within the harbour limits and proceed at a safe speed in order to reduce the risk of damage caused by wash or displacement.

Particular care should be taken when vessels are moored on the River Dee, there have been occasions where vessels have suffered parting of lines whilst being passed by another vessel at slow speed.

Masters are reminded that it is their responsibility that their vessels are securely moored alongside, and the lines are tended at regular intervals. It is strongly advised that additional mooring lines are deployed in the river especially if it is in spate.

Use of self-tensioning is not recommended within the Port and is not permitted in the river

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Harbour Master

<https://www.portofaberdeen.co.uk/port-information/marine#downloads>

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