



Local Notice to Mariners No 5 of 2023

Ships Gear

Vessel masters are required to ensure that any onboard gear that will be used during a port call is not swung out over the water without prior permission from VTS.

Gear will be defined but not limited to

- Onboard cranes
- Stability pontoons
- Davits
- Gangways
- Any other onboard equipment that extends over the side of a vessel

Permission from VTS is required for the following activities,

- All lifeboat/ rescue boat/ daughter craft where the boats are moved from a stowed position or launched
- All swinging out of ships cranes/ derricks over the water
- Deployment of stability pontoons
- Building of scaffolding over a vessels side
- Load testing of cranes over the quay or water
- Testing of equipment over the water

Vessel masters are also responsible for any third-party operation on board their vessel. No vessel is permitted without prior permission to extend any gear over the seaside of the vessel

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