



## Navigation Notice No 06 of 2024 Mooring Operations

Following a procedural review, there have been a number of observations regarding mooring operations within the port limits of Aberdeen.

There has been an increase in the diameter of ropes being used by vessels, which in turn, increases the weight of ropes being run from the vessel to Boatmen on the quayside.

Manual handling is a hazard when it comes to mooring operations, and the type, diameter and weight of the mooring ropes must also be risk assessed by the vessels Master when operating in the Port of Aberdeen.

If a vessel is using mooring rope greater than 48mm the mooring gangs must only send the Boatmen one rope at a time.

Vessel masters are to discuss with the Boatmen - prior to running their lines - the size of ropes that they have on their vessel.

Vessel that are berthing in the river are to take particular care with ropes that are either a large diameter or do not float.

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