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PORT OF WORKINGTON

NOTICE TO MARINERS

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INSTRUCTIONS TO SMALL COMMERCIAL VESSELS

Skipper, owners and operators of small commercial vessels are advised to familiarise themselves with and observe the requirements of the Port of Workington General Byelaws 2000.

In addition, the Port of Workington requires that skipper, owners and operators of small commercial vessels, which are not subject to Pilotage Directions, follow the instructions listed below when operating within the Port's jurisdiction.

Prior to commencing marine operations small commercial vessels shall ensure that:

- All machinery and equipment on board, which is required for the safety of navigation, is confirmed in good working order. Any defect found in such critical equipment must be made operational/ repaired prior to departure.
- Prior to operating in restricted visibility, the vessel's radar, sound signalling apparatus and AIS (if carried) is confirmed as operational.
- Current weather information/forecasts are obtained, and weather/sea conditions are confirmed to be within the safe operating parameters for the vessel.
- Tidal information and the latest survey information is consulted such that sufficient under keel clearance can be established for safe passage.
- The vessel holds on board a corrected up to date copy of BA chart No. 2013 and has documented passage plan for its intended voyage.
- The vessel holds on board all relevant Local Notices to Mariners, Port of Workington Instructions to Small Commercial Vessels, Byelaws and applicable British Admiralty publications
- The vessel's crew are adequately rested.

- Any passengers carried on board have received a safety briefing.

In addition to the above safety checks all small commercial vessels are required to adhere to the following procedures and regulations:

- Prior to entering the harbour or departing its berth, make safety broadcasts to all stations/vessels on VHF channel 14.
Safety broadcasts are to include the vessels name, reporting position, present passage intentions and intended destination.
- Always maintain a good lookout and be aware to the possible presence of small recreational craft, debris or fishing gear that may compromise or obstruct navigation.
Vessels are required to observe the Port of Workington Byelaw 10 (vessels to navigate with care).
- Vessels are to proceed at a safe speed so as not to create excessive wake or wash.
Vessels are required to observe the Port of Workington Byelaw 11 (Speed of Vessels) restricting their speed to less than 5 knots.
- Whilst proceeding in the Port's jurisdictions are required to observe the Collision Regulations, Merchant Shipping (Distress Signals and Prevention of Collisions) Regulations 1996 (as amended).
- Vessels using tidal berths should ensure that mooring lines are deployed and tendered such that the vessel shall remain secure alongside at all times
- Vessels intending to use the North Jetty must first obtain permission from the Harbour Master, or representative, to do so and remain available to move immediately if directed.
Vessels are required to observe the Port of Workington General Byelaws Part III – Berthing and Mooring.
- Vessels required to take onboard fuel or any other potential pollutant must inform the Harbour Master, or representative, prior to commencing such operations and complete the appropriate Port of Workington checklist.
- Vessels involved in any kind of accident or incident (as defined in Marine Guidance Note 564 (M+F)) or incident or sighting that may affect the safe navigation must immediately report such details to the Harbour Master.
Vessels are required to observe the Port of Workington Byelaw 6 (Notice to be given of damaged vessels and incidents). The skipper or owner of a vessel involve in any kind of accident or incident resulting in a major injury, must report such accident or incident to the Chief Inspector of the Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) as per the Merchant Shipping (Accident and Investigation) Regulations 2005, as amended.

Phil Scattergood

Harbour Master

7th January 2026