

# NOTICE TO MARINERS

No. 13 of 2016

## Passenger Ship Tendering

This Notice to Mariners is intended to provide for the regulation of all ship-carried tenders used for transferring passengers within the jurisdiction of Dublin Port Company. Once the tendering craft cross over into the Dun Laoghaire Harbour area of jurisdiction they should comply with whatever requirements the Dun Laoghaire Harbour Authorities specify

### **Anchorage**

Passenger ships intending to tender into Dun Laoghaire Harbour should normally anchor within the recommended anchorage area. The water that lies between the chartered anchorage area and Dun Laoghaire Harbour has been designated for leisure sailing and yacht racing. This area contains numerous statutorily sanctioned sail racing marker buoys. The position of the buoys can be found listed in the Dublin Port Company, Notice to Mariners No 14 of 2016.

### **Preparation**

Copies of the following must be forwarded to the Harbour Master at least 14 days before the date of the proposed tendering

- Tendering Operations Safety Plan Proposal as sent to the Maritime Safety Directorate
- Risk Assessment and Standard Operating Procedure specific to tendering operations from the proposed anchorage position into Dun Laoghaire Harbour
- Chartlets showing proposed anchorage position and planned route to and from Dun Laoghaire.
- If a ship wishes to anchor at a position outside the recommended anchorage area and closer in to the entrance of Dun Laoghaire, a written request must first be submitted to the Dublin Port Harbour Master. This to include the aforementioned Risk Assessment and Standard Operating Procedure.
- The name/ number and size of the proposed tendering craft
- The Tendering Plan giving start and finish times for proposed arrival / departure from ship / shore.
- Plan to show tidal height times with expected tidal strength and current directions.
- Copy of the Communication Plan.

Once the Permit to undertake Tendering Operations has been issued by the Maritime Safety Office (MSO) a copy should be forwarded to the Dublin Port Harbour Master as soon as is practicable thereafter.

### **Operation restrictions**

The aforementioned Risk Assessments and Standard Operating Procedures must specify the following operational restrictions for the ship carried tenders:-

- The Maximum Operation Range between ship and shore.

- The Maximum Wind speeds.
- Maximum Sea and Swell height.
- Minimum Visibility.
- Areas to be avoided.
- Procedures for Tenders when large commercial vessels arriving / departing Dun Laoghaire.
- Special attention must be given to the Dublin Port Company, Notice to Mariners No 10 of 2016

### **Communication Plan**

The Communication plan to include:-

- Primary and secondary VHF channels to be used during the tendering operation between the passenger ship and tenders.
- As the Passenger Ship will be anchored within the Dublin Port area of jurisdiction it is required to maintain a continuous Listening Watch on VHF Channel 12 for VTS Dublin.
- All tenders are required to maintain a listening watch on VHF Channel 12 while operating within the Dublin Port area of jurisdiction.
- Once tenders cross over into the Dun Laoghaire Harbour area of jurisdiction they should change over to VHF Channel 14.
- Communications with the Monitoring Craft.

### **General**

- The number of crew members on board the tenders should be at the level as required by the Flag Administration.
- When the tenders are in the water they should be monitored and under the direction of a certificated officer on the navigation bridge of the passenger ship
- A suitable craft to be stationed between the Passenger Ship and Dun Laoghaire Harbour to monitor all tender movements.
- The Tenders and Monitoring Craft must first obtain permission from “VTS Dublin” before commencing Tendering operations.

### **Monitoring Craft**

- The Monitoring Craft to liaise with VTS Dublin (VHF Channel 12).
- The Monitoring craft to be fitted with Radar
- The monitoring craft to ensure that the tender(s) will only operate between the Passenger Ship and Dun Laoghaire Harbour.

All Notice to Mariners can be located on the Dublin Port Company Website by clicking on the following link. <http://www.dublinport.ie/information-centre/notice-to-mariners/>

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