

NOTICE TO MARINERS

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USE OF DRONES

Dublin Port is a busy commercial port with potentially hazardous sites ashore and a wide variety of shipping from small recreational craft through to commercial passenger, cargo and freight vessels. Unregulated and careless drone use carries many potential hazards ranging from; risk of injury to port staff, members of the public, passengers & crew through to collision with vessels, oil jetties, cargo berths and quays. Consequently, the routine use of drones or unmanned aerial vehicles of any type is prohibited within port limits.

There are occasions when professional operators request permission to use a drone for filming or survey. In such instances, the request will be considered carefully by Dublin Port Company. Drone operations must comply with the Irish Aviation Authority (IAA) regulations for operation within Class 'C' Controlled Airspace and must comply with the requirements of the Data Protection Act. A minimum distance of at least 30m from any person, vessel, quay, bridge or structure must be maintained.

If appropriate, a Dublin Port Company Notice to Mariners will be issued and VTS will control river traffic for the duration of any operation as appropriate.

Drones operated by Dublin Port Company or the Emergency Services are exempt from these requirements. VTS should be advised of emergency services operations as soon as practicable.