

NOTICE TO MARINERS

Speed Limits

All Masters, Pilots, Pilot Exemption Certificate holders and other mariners in charge of vessels navigating within Dublin Port are hereby notified that the following speed limits apply;

**SAFE
SPEED**

Dublin Bay, seaward of the Breakwaters:

All vessels shall navigate at a safe speed in accordance with Rule 6 of the International Regulations for Prevention of Collisions at Sea having due regard to the following as a minimum: other traffic, the vessels draft and handling characteristics, the effects of squat and under keel clearance, weather and tide.

High Speed Craft must not operate in the supercritical mode within the limits stated in the agreed plan with the Harbour Master paying particular attention to pilot transfers, leisure users and members of the public who may be impacted by large waves.

**9
KNOTS**

9 Knots - All Vessels On the River Liffey west of the Breakwaters to the Port Operations Centre. Particular attention is drawn to the effect of wake wash along the Great South Wall.

**6
KNOTS**

All Vessels Greater Than 200m LOA should reduce to below 6 knots west of No.15 Starboard Lateral Buoy.

All vessels should exercise caution when passing berths, jetties and moored vessels. Passing should be done at minimum safe speed, thereby reducing the interactive forces that could cause a moored vessel to surge on the berth.

**4
KNOTS**

4 Knots - All Vessels within all basins and on the River Liffey west of Port Operations Centre.

VTS will monitor and enforce the above speed limits, reporting any unsanctioned breaches to the Harbour Master. Any Master has the authority to exceed any speed limit in order to maintain the safety of their vessel or to maintain the vessels planned track however the Master will remain responsible for any outcomes of such speed limit breaches. Prior notification of the necessity to breach a speed limit should be made to VTS. Justification will be required by the Harbour Master should the reason not be apparent and/or reasonable. Craft employed in the service of Dublin Port Company are exempt from these speed limits east of the North Bank Light but shall navigate at a safe speed at all times.

Captain Michael McKenna | Harbour Master | 01 January 2024