

NOTICE TO MARINERS

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.

Further information on the use of Drones is available [HERE](#)

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.

The following information will be required to support an application:

- a) Completed Drone application form.
- b) A copy of the take-off/landing and flight plan maps.
- c) Pilot competency.
- d) SOP for drone filming.
- e) Indemnity for Dublin Port Company.

Further information and application for the commercial use of Drones is available [HERE](#)

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.

Captain Michael McKenna | Harbour Master | 01 January 2026