

NOTICE TO MARINERS

Vessels Fitted with Main Engine Limiters

Since 1 January 2023, all ships are required to calculate their attained Energy Efficiency Existing Ship Index (EEXI). To comply with this regulation, vessels have been outfitted with Shaft Power Limitation (SHaPoLi), Engine Power Limitation (EPL) or similar systems.

Where such limiters are fitted, it is important that the Pilot Card properly reflects the ME settings and engine power available. Pilots must be made aware of any constraints and/or limitations on the available power as part of the Master Pilot Exchange (MPX).

The Safety of Navigation and protection of the critical national infrastructure is the over-riding concern and in circumstances where the manoeuvrability of a vessel is compromised, limited or restricted due to the fitting of any Main Engine Limiters the Master must be able to override such settings on request, in circumstances where this is not possible additional control measures such as tug assistance will be required.

Attention is also drawn to Notice to Mariners No 2 of 2026, Section 8, Part a), xiv), which requires *“Power and Propulsion: To reduce the risk of power loss and blackout all vessels navigating within the jurisdiction shall maintain stable power and propulsion arrangements, vessels shall avoid changing over power, propulsion and fuel systems while actively underway within the jurisdiction. Changes to the power, propulsion and fuel systems should be carried out in a controlled manner; prior to arrival, once the vessel is safely alongside her berth or anchored, in preparation for departure or shifting and once clear of the jurisdiction.”*

Captain Michael McKenna | Harbour Master | 01 January 2026