

## NOTICE TO MARINERS

### Lowestoft – Re-issue of Previous Notice to Mariners Regarding Use of Weighted Heaving Lines

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Due to a recent increase in the use of weighted heaving lines at Lowestoft, Mariners and Port Users are reminded of the consequences that will follow following confirmation that a vessel crew have used weighted heaving lines during mooring operations.

Such incidents involve risk of serious injury or even death should they strike an individual – even one wearing appropriate PPE.

This matter, including the attached MCA Safety Alert, have been previously promulgated. It is hoped that highlighting this issue will remind vessel operators and crews of the dangers of using such weights, and may reduce the possibility of incidents occurring.

Any such instance of weighted heaving lines used in the Port of Lowestoft will be reported to the local MCA Office to allow enforcement action to be taken by them as deemed appropriate. Incidents are also reported to the MAIB.

These offences are subject to the vessel being fined as per attached ABP letter from 2018, which remains valid.

Agents, Owners and Vessel masters are advised to bear these guidelines in mind when conducting mooring operations in the Port of Lowestoft.

NTM No.5/2017 is hereby cancelled.

Please contact Lowestoft Port Control, VHF Ch14, Tel. 01502 572286 (Option 3) if further information is required.

**Divisional Harbour Master East Anglia**

**06 November 2024**

**Notice to Mariners Currently in Force:**

**2006** No.5 **2007** No.13 **2009** No.19 **2011** No.7, No.10 **2012** No.3, **2013** No.17, No.19, **2015** No.24  
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