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DUN LAOGHAIRE HARBOUR **NOTICE TO MARINERS**

PASSENGER SHIP TENDERING OPERATIONS

Dun Laoghaire Harbour
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council
Dun Laoghaire
Co. Dublin

Date: 01 January 2025

This Notice should be read in conjunction with any COVID protocol issued by the Department of Transport.

This Notice to Mariners is intended to provide for the regulation of all tenders used for transferring passengers from cruise ships anchored in Dublin Bay into Dun Laoghaire Harbour and should be read in conjunction with Dublin Port Notice to Mariners No. 23 of 2025 (Passenger Ship Tendering Procedures)

Attention must also be given to the Dublin Port Company Notice to Mariners No. 2 of 2025 (Standard Operating Procedures)

Anchorage

Passenger ships intending to tender into Dun Laoghaire Harbour should anchor within the recommended Dublin Bay anchorage area as directed by Dublin Port VTS. Please note that the water that lies between the chartered anchorage area and Dun Laoghaire Harbour is used by leisure sailing and yacht racing. This area contains numerous statutorily sanctioned sail racing marker buoys. The position of the buoys can be found listed in the Dublin Port Company, Notice to Mariners No. 20 of 2025

Preparation

Special attention should be given to Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport Notice 08 of 2024 and a copy of the Safety Proposal Plan required by that notice must be provided to Dun Laoghaire Harbour prior to the commencement of any operations

This Safety Proposal Plan must also contain a Risk Assessment and Standard Operating Procedure specific to tendering operations from the proposed anchorage position into Dun Laoghaire Harbour

Operational restrictions

Unless otherwise stated;

- Number of passengers on tenders not to exceed 100
- Tendering can only operate in hours of daylight
- Tendering cannot operate if visibility is less than one (1) nautical mile

There is a speed limit of 8 knots within the harbour. No wake when passing No. 4 berth, minimum speed.

All Tenders should stand well clear of any large commercial vessels arriving in to, or departing from, Dun Laoghaire Harbour.

All Tenders should be aware that many pleasure boats operate in and out of Dun Laoghaire Harbour and they should navigate with caution at all times. The pleasure boats are requested not to obstruct these tenders whilst within Dun Laoghaire Harbour Limits.

Dun Laoghaire Harbour Notices to Mariners No. 3 of 2025 (Fairway Priorities) and No. 5 of 2025 (Small Craft – Various Regulations and Restrictions) refer.

Communication Plan

The following should be noted in the Communication plan:

The ship is required to maintain a listening watch on VHF Ch 12 and its tenders are required to maintain a listening watch on VHF Channel 14.

RIBs (displaying a yellow flag, and an identifying letter of the alphabet) will be provided to guide and escort each tender to and from the tender berth. These Escort Craft will keep a listening watch on **VHF Ch 14**. Each tender escort has an individual flag with lettering for identification purposes.

No other VHF channels are to be used for Cruise Ship Tendering, which causes interference with other stations in the local area.

In conditions of reduced visibility a Dun Laoghaire Harbour Monitoring Craft may be stationed between the anchored ship and the mouth of Dun Laoghaire Harbour to monitor all tender movements and will liaise with VTS Dublin on VHF Ch12. Tendering will not continue, subject to Harbour Masters approval. Please note Dublin Port Company NtoM 23 of 2025, in particular Operational Restrictions.

Tender berth – St. Michaels Pier, Berth No. 4

Position:

53° 17.75'N

006° 07.93'W

Distance to DP No. 3 anchorage: 1.7 miles



Location: St. Michaels Pier, Berth No. 4
Pontoon size: 40 metres x 4.5m – capacity for approx. three tenders
Mooring Bollards: 10T bollards at 3m spacings
Fenders: Rubber D Fenders at 450mm and 900mm above water level.
Freeboard: 0.9 metres
Depth at berth: 5.8 metres
Tidal range: Springs 3.4m; Neaps 2.0m
Access Design: Single Ramp -Main and articulated steps as secondary means of access
Ramp: 30 m Long, 1.2m wide
Articulated Steps: 10m Long, 1.2m wide

This Pontoon is for Passenger Tenders Only.

No unauthorised use, without prior permission from the Harbour Master.

2025 Cruise Ship Schedule will be available on the Harbour website.

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Masters, Owners, Agents, Charterers, Marinas, Yacht Clubs and Recreational Boaters should ensure that the contents of this Notice are made known to the Persons in Charge of their vessels or craft. All Notice to Mariners can be found on the Dun Laoghaire Harbour website.