

NOTICE TO MARINERS 12 of 2016

SAFE MOORING OF VESSELS ON THE THAMES

Following a number of recent incidents involving vessels berthed on the Thames, Masters of vessels are reminded to ensure that mooring lines are utilised in a safe and efficient manner. Best practice and good seamanship along with regular monitoring are essential to ensure safe berthing practice.

Where a vessel is moored on the Thames, it is most important that her moorings are kept taut. If they are not, the effect of wind or tide or the wash or draw-off of passing vessels may result in parted moorings or vessel movement on the berth.

It is imperative to monitor line tensions, leads, weather and tidal conditions on a regular basis and ensure that whilst berthed in the port a vessels lines are fit for purpose, secure and safe at all times.

Thames Byelaw 17 - Vessels Berthed or Moored, is applicable and should be applied as appropriate.

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BOB BAKER
CHIEF HARBOUR MASTER



EXPIRY DATE: 15th June 2017
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