

PORT OF SUNDERLAND

NOTICE TO MARINERS

ENGLAND NORTH EAST COAST

DEAD TOWS, UNUSUAL OBJECTS AND NON-ROUTINE TOWAGE

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Port Marine Safety Code Guide to Good Practice requires Harbour Authorities to give special consideration to tows involving dead-ships or unusual objects and towage events of a non-routine nature.

Shipowners, towage contractors, tug masters, project managers and agents are advised that the person responsible for the safety and planning of such manoeuvres (and thereby acting as "Towing Master") must be clearly identified and be responsible for the production of risk assessments, method statements and passage plans, which must be discussed and agreed in advance with the Harbour Authority.

A "Non-Routine Towage Assessment" form must be submitted to the Port of Sunderland in advance for consideration by the Harbour Master or his Deputy. This can be by email to [portmarineoperations@sunderland.gov.uk](mailto:portmarineoperations@sunderland.gov.uk) or by fax to 0191 553 2145. Once details of the operation have been discussed and agreed, written approval of the Harbour Master or his Deputy will be provided on this form.

Copies of the form are available from Local Port Services (LPS), Port Control (Tel. 0191 514 2752) / email: [sunderlandharbourradio@portofsunderland.com](mailto:sunderlandharbourradio@portofsunderland.com)) or can be downloaded from the Port of Sunderland website [www.portofsunderland.org.uk](http://www.portofsunderland.org.uk) by following the "Port Entry," then "Downloadable Information" links.

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