

# NOTICE TO MARINERS

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### Inappropriate use of heaving lines

All mariners are advised to ensure compliance with [MGN 592, Code of safe working practices for merchant seafarers 2024](#) and [BHC Towage Operations Manual 2023](#)

As such, heaving lines and messenger ropes should be of sufficient strength for the task.

All vessels should ensure that messengers and heaving lines are regularly inspected and replaced as necessary.

Small diameter heaving lines should not be used to haul mooring or tug lines; instead, messenger rope of sufficient strength should be used to haul lines.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Port Operations  
Belfast Harbour



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Harbour Master  
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