



PORT OF LARNE

NOTICE TO MARINERS NO. 3 (2010)

Ship movements during Bunkering Operations

New oil fuel bunkering operations will commence in the port from 4th September 2010 and the following control measures are introduced to safeguard against the potential of a marine incident.

1. Whenever there is a 'ship to ship' transfer operation underway every Master of a ship arriving and departing will take great care and attention and pass at a safe minimum manoeuvring speed. Larne Port Control will keep all ships informed of any ongoing bunkering operation.
2. In adverse weather conditions the Master of an arriving or departing ship must advise Larne Port Control of their intention to manoeuvre at increased speed so that the tanker bunker barge Master can be advised and so allow the crew to prepare accordingly.
3. Master's of tanker bunker barges must cease oil transfer operations when they are notified by Larne Port Control that a vessel is to pass.
4. Both the tanker barge and receiving ship must be securely moored at all times during the transfer operation.

Note: Master's operating in this port can be rightfully proud of the mutual respect, professional conduct and close co-operation between all parties in often difficult circumstances and we request this well developed and mature safety culture is carried across into this new challenging operation.

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