

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS No. 18 of 2020

Notice to Large Commercial Vessels

The masters of larger commercial vessels bound for the Littlehampton Harbour Competent Harbour Authority (CHA) area must take note of the port's [Pilotage Directions](#) and, in addition, be advised of the following safety and administration points:

Pilot Ladders:

- Masters must give assurance that the pilot ladder is properly constructed, recently inspected, in good condition and rigged as per *SOLAS Regulation V/23* and *IMO Resolution A.1045(27) 'Required Boarding Arrangements for Pilot'*.
- The Master will be asked by the boarding Littlehampton Pilot via VHF Ch71 to give verbal confirmation of this in advance of the pilot transfer taking place. In the event that this measure is not complied with, or the pilot detects that the ladder is not fit for purpose, the transfer will not take place and the vessel may be directed to a safe anchorage.

Tarmac NASBA Berths:

- Masters of vessels due to berth at the quayside berths operated by Tarmac (known as Railway Wharf) should note that each of the two 78m berths are NAABSA (Not Always Afloat, But Safely Aground) and dry the approximate level of chart datum.
- The Master is advised to maintain watchkeeping until the vessel takes the ground and whilst cargo operations are underway.
- The master is advised to tend the vessel's mooring lines and monitor its attitude and position as the tide falls to ensure the vessel lists towards the quay before taking the ground. Where necessary, the Master is advised to rig extra lines to ensure the vessel remains upright and against the quay.
- The Master is advised to keep all watertight openings closed and monitor bilge levels and alarms.

Minimum Forward Draught:

- Unladen vessels must take on ballast to achieve a minimum forward draught of 1.5m before sailing. For vessels of over 1800GT, the minimum forward draught requirement is increased to 2.1m

Owners, Agents and Charterers should ensure that the contents of this Notice are made known to the Masters or persons in charge of their vessels or craft.

Harry Gregory
Harbour Master
2nd December 2020