

## Vessels Maintenance Activities within the Port

Masters, Owners, Operators and Agents of all vessels calling in Dublin Port are hereby notified that the following activities are restricted without the prior approval of the Harbour Master;

- ✘ Immobilisation of main engines.
- ✘ Hot Work outside of the ships' accommodation including burning, welding, cutting, brazing or grinding.
- ✘ Washing, chemical cleaning, painting, chipping or scraping of the ship's side.
- ✘ Work overboard or afloat using boats, paint rafts or other floating platforms.
- ✘ Work aloft from the quayside using mobile elevated work platforms such as cherry pickers, scissor lifts, ladders, scaffolding etc.
- ✘ Work aloft or overboard using bosun's chairs, stages, rigging, climbers, man baskets etc.
- ✘ Landing of machinery, equipment lifeboats, rescue boats or rafts on the quay side.
- ✘ Underwater or diving operations, including inspection, repair, hull cleaning etc.
- ✘ Cranage or lifting operations, other than cargo operations
- ✘ Any storing operations within the Oil Jetty Zone – OB1, OB2, OB3 & OB4.

The Master remains responsible for the safety and supervision of their crew when working on the quays, aloft, overboard or from the water. The quays are a busy working environment appropriate PPE must be worn including a Hi-Visibility jacket. Personnel working afloat or within 1.5m of the quay edge must wear an appropriate personal flotation device.



Vessels wishing to carry out any of the above activities must apply to the Harbour Master, not less than five (5) days in advance by emailing [shippingdesk@dublinport.ie](mailto:shippingdesk@dublinport.ie) the application should contain; a summary of work to be carried out, risk assessment, method statement, standard operating procedure, emergency plan, communication plan, evidence of insurance and if applicable; a transportation plan, work-site boundary, evidence of training and qualifications or MSD sheets. Diving operations must include a dive plan. Cranage or lifting operations must include a lifting plan and will be subject to approval of the Port Engineer. Urgent work due to breakdown will be considered on application on a case-by-case basis however incomplete applications will be refused. Permission will be contingent on any conditions the Harbour Master places on the operation.

Where there is a need for a safety boat to be deployed for maintenance activities the craft should be the vessels own daughter craft, lifeboat, rescue boat or FRC or a licenced Passenger Boat holding a licence issued by the Marine Survey Office. Any craft used must monitor VHF Channel 12 and be capable of recovering a person from the water and taking them to a place of safety. Depending on the nature of the work and location within the Port the craft may be required to carry an AIS Transponder.

Launching and recovery of lifeboats and rescue boats for the purpose of training exercise and drills is permitted; Vessels should request permission and traffic clearance from VTS, all boats must remain in close proximity to the vessel and maintain a listening watch on VHF Channel 12.

**Captain Michael McKenna** | Harbour Master | 01 January 2024