ASSOCIATED BRITISH PORTS

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STANDING NOTICE TO MARINERS

(No. S.H.25)

ILLEGAL PRACTICE OF SECURING VESSELS TO FLOATING MARKS IN THE RIVER HUMBER

MARINERS ARE WARNED that action will be taken against Masters of any vessels making fast to the floating navigational marks in the River Humber.

Such practice is highly dangerous to the safety of shipping as these marks are liable to drag their moorings when subjected to additional strains and, furthermore, vessels navigating with the aid of radar cannot identify a floating mark when its echo is merged with that of another craft.

Attention is drawn to Section 219 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1995, which provides that any person wilfully or negligently riding by, making fast to, or running foul of any light vessel or buoy shall, in addition to the expense of making good any damage so occasioned, be liable for each offence to a FINE.

Standing Notice to Mariners S.H. 25 dated 1st January 2001 issued by Associated British Ports is hereby cancelled.

CAPT. P.J. COWING, HARBOUR MASTER, HUMBER

20th January 2006