
NOTICE TO MARINERS

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R I V E R H U M B E R

SERVICE UPDATE – REQUEST FOR MAXIMUM ADVANCED NOTICE OF VESSEL MOVEMENTS

MARINERS AND AGENTS ARE ADVISED that ABP intends to maintain pilotage and shipping services to the Humber ports, however this must be done within the bounds now imposed by the Government in response to the Coronavirus pandemic.

Marine colleagues have been confirmed as “key workers” and as such will continue working but will adhere to safety requirements in respect to maintaining physical separation to prevent the spread of the virus. This means that the number of pilots in each pilot launch will be reduced, and this along with managing absence and sickness may result in delays to pilotage.

Vessel Traffic Services, pilot launch crew, mooring and support services may also be affected by reduced availability of staff. This may result in reduced operational hours for the provision of such services, and subsequent delays.

Towage and third party services may also be affected by staff shortages.

In order to maintain the safest and most efficient service agents are requested to advise of expected shipping movements through agents online at the **VERY EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY** and not delay in entering expected movements. This will allow us, so far as possible, to match limited supply with demand, and ensure that the pilotage and shipping service is optimised taking into account available resources, berth and stevedore availability and any other prevailing circumstances.

Agents are also encouraged to keep agents online as up-to-date as possible in respect of ETA's and ETD's so that detailed planning can also continue with the best information available.

Any significant changes to the provision of pilotage and shipping services will be announced by a further notice.

MARINERS AND AGENTS ARE FURTHER ADVISED AND REQUESTED to provide notice as soon as possible via agents online to ensure smooth running and service provision for vessel movements.

**CAPT. A. FIRMAN
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24th March 2020

THE INTERNET

In order to widen communication between ABP Humber Estuary Services and those with an interest in the estuary, you are invited to visit our website which carries a wide range of information, including current live weather and Buoy positions, charts, tidal information and copies of this and other Notice to Mariners.
www.humber.com