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NOTICE TO MARINERS 041/2024

Vessel Interaction

Mariners attention is drawn as way of a reminder to the Harbour Authority's Annual Local Notice to Mariners No 16 – Interaction.

> *Several cases of interaction have been experienced in the river. (Interaction occurs mostly between vessels of different sizes). Interaction has occurred on occasions when fishing, recreational, passenger vessels have attempted to pass commercial vessels usually at a time when the larger commercial vessel commences slowing down on their approach to the dock and riverside berths. There is a serious risk of interaction, sucking the smaller vessel into the larger vessel, turning the smaller vessel broadsides to the river and therefore causing risk of collision and capsizing. In all cases it is highly recommended that overtaking in the river is only acceptable after clear consultation and agreement between the 2 vessels.*

For further information on the dangers of interaction the MCA have published MGN 199 (M) Amendment 1 Dangers of interaction.

MGN 199 (M) Amendment 1 Danger of interaction - GOV.UK

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