

GALWAY HARBOUR COMPANY

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS

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All MARINERS, SHIP OWNERS, FISHERMEN, YACHTSMEN, AND BOAT OWNERS

REPORTING PROCEDURES, PILOTAGE INFORMATION AND PORT INFORMATION FOR ALL VESSELS

Ships must notify Port of Galway, at least 24 hours in advance via SSI, as follows:

- (a) ship identification
- (b) port of destination
- (c) estimated times of arrival and departure
- (d) total number of persons on board
- (e) Changes to ETA's must be updated to SSI and notified directly to the Port via the vessels agent.

This notification shall be made through the SafeSeasIreland web portal (www.safeseas.ie). Vessels which cannot make use of SafeSeasIreland for these purposes, or any other purposes under the Regulations, due to its unavailability for technical reasons, should notify problems to the Marine Survey Office, whose contact details are provided at the end of this Notice, for a possible resolution, before alternative arrangements (use of telephone, fax, email or other electronic means) are made.

All vessels, with the exception of exempted vessels listed in the directive, must comply with Statutory Instrument No. 573 of 2010 which gives effect to Council Directive No. 2002/59/EC, European Communities (Vessel Traffic Monitoring And Information System) Regulations, 2004.

Vessels failing to supply the required information through the "SafeSeasIreland" system may be subject to inspections and alerts now made available for the next receiving EU Port.

1. Port of Galway Reporting Procedures

Mariners are advised that the Port Operations Service, call sign "Galway Port Radio", maintains a listening watch 2 hours before high water each tide on VHF Channel 16 & 12. VHF Channel 12 is the primary working channel.

The requirements of the Harbour Master will be made known via Port Operations. Whilst vessels are navigating within the jurisdiction of the Port of Galway, a watch must be kept on the Channel 12 at all times.

When within V.H.F. range (approx. 25 miles), E.T.A.s can be updated or amended by if necessary by contacting Galway Port Pilots on Channel 12

The Port Operations Service is offered, and will be rendered only on the conditions that neither the Port of Galway nor any of its servants, agents or pilots shall be held liable to any person whatsoever for loss or damage of any kind, howsoever caused or arising, whether as a result of non-availability of the service or information issued.

2. Contact Information

Port Office/Operations:

Phone: +353 91 561874

- Email: info@theportofgalway.ie
- OR submit a detailed request under tab "contact us" on the Port of Galway website www.theportofgalway.ie

Port Operations:

- Phone 24hr +353 91 561874
- Email: marineops@theportofgalway.ie

3. Pilotage

Galway, situated on the River Corrib, latitude 53° 16' North 009° 03' West.

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Weather conditions greatly influence the heights of tides as predicted herein. Westerly winds tend to "force" the height higher than the predictions, whilst North and North East winds "cut" the tides and they may not reach the height given in the tables.

The Galway Pilotage District includes "the waters of the Bay of Galway within an imaginary line drawn from Golam Head to the Western Point of the Aran Islands and thence to Hags Head in County Clare.

The Pilotage area is divided into the outer Pilotage District where Pilotage is optional and the inner Pilotage District where Pilotage is compulsory, the latter district being from the waters of the bay of Galway which lie eastwards of an imaginary straight line drawn from Kilcolgan Point to the point of intersection of latitude 53° 14.70'

North and longitude 009° 03.45' West, “and thence to the western end of the dockgates at Galway, including the waters of Galway Dock.

Outer Pilots may board off Aran, weather permitting and arrangements for a pilot should be made through the Port office or ships agents in Galway 24 hours before a vessels arrival. Pilotage is compulsory for passenger ships greater than 60m in length and or with a gross tonnage of greater than 400GT bound to Rossaveel or any of the three Aran Islands.

Pilotage is compulsory in the inner pilotage district for all vessels. See exempted vessels below.

All vessels, including fishing vessels and leisure craft intending to dock, sail or manoeuvre within the confines of the Port and channel are to maintain a listening watch on VHF Ch12 and be ready to answer a radiotelephony call from the Harbour Master, a Licensed Pilot, Dockgatemens or Coxswain of the Pilot Cutter.

The Pilot Cutter “Loc Lurgain II”, Gatehouse and harbour Office are equipped with V.H.F. radio and keep watch on channel 16 & 12 during office hours at the Port office, during ship movements by the pilot cutter and at the gatehouse 2 hours before high water until high water each tide.

All commercial vessels over 500gt are required to complete the ‘pre arrival notification’ in accordance with safe seas Ireland. This can be completed directly by the ship’s agent and is to be sent not less than 24 hours before the ships expected arrival at Galway. More information can be viewed at www.safeseas.ie

4. Vessels Exempted From Compulsory Pilotage

- a.
 - (i) Vessels owned by the state.
 - (ii) Pleasure craft, work vessels and sail training vessels less than 50m length overall
 - (iii) Fishing Vessels <25m
 - (iv) Vessels of less than fifty tons Gross Tonnage (GT).
 - (v) Vessels, the property of the Lighthouse Authority responsible for the care and maintenance of lighthouses in the state, so engaged.
 - (vi) Vessels, the property of or engaged by the Port of Galway Company.
- b. Tugs, dredgers, sludge vessels, barges, and other similar craft may be exempt from compulsory pilotage if the Harbour Master is satisfied that the Master has the necessary local knowledge.
- c. Notwithstanding the above the Harbour Master may, at his sole discretion, direct the Master of an exempted vessel to engage the services of a licenced pilot if, in the opinion of the Harbour Master, such service is required for safety and/or navigational purposes

5. Declarations of Dangerous Goods: Information Requirements

A person offering for carriage dangerous or polluting goods, for any ship, of any size, must supply a declaration before the goods are taken on board, stating:

- the correct technical names of the dangerous or polluting goods,
- the UN numbers where they exist,
- the IMO hazard classes in accordance with the IMDG, IBC and IGC Codes,
- where appropriate, the class of the ship needed for Irradiated Nuclear Fuel (INF) cargoes as required under the IMO Code for the Safe Carriage of Irradiated Nuclear Fuel, Plutonium and High-Level Radioactive Wastes in Flasks on board Ships, and the address from which detailed information on the cargo may be obtained.

Any change to the above information thus declared must also be declared.

A person offering for carriage dangerous or polluting goods must also supply a declaration, in regard to substances referred to in Annex I to the MARPOL Convention, (oil, bitumen or tar) the safety data sheet detailing the physico-chemical characteristics of the products, including, where applicable, their viscosity expressed at 50°C and their density at 15°C and the other data contained in the safety data sheet in accordance with IMO Resolution MSC.150(77).

The above declarations must also include the emergency numbers of the shipper or any other person or body in possession of information on the physico-chemical characteristics of the products and on the action to be taken in an emergency

Declarations are made on SSI (safe seas Ireland).

6. Marine Survey Office: Contact Details

The Marine Survey Office, Leeson Lane, Dublin 2,
tel: +353-(0)1-678 3400

For general enquiries, please contact the Maritime Safety Policy Division,
tel: +353-(0)1-678 3418

Written enquiries concerning Marine Notices should be addressed to:
Maritime Safety Directorate, Department of Transport, Leeson Lane, Dublin 2,
Ireland, email: marinenotices@transport.ie

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