



Local Notice to Mariners 04 / 2025

Ships Gear

Vessels are required to obtain prior permission from Vessel Traffic Services (VTS) before swinging any on board gear out over the water during a port call.

On board gear includes, but is not limited to:

- On board cranes;
- Stability pontoons;
- Davits;
- Gangways;
- Any other on board equipment that protrudes and extends out over the side of a vessel.

The following activities require prior approval from Vessel Traffic Services (VTS):

- Launching or moving lifeboats, rescue boats, or daughter craft from their stowed positions;
- Swinging cranes / derricks outboard over the water;
- Deploying stability pontoons;
- Building scaffolding outboard over a vessels side;
- Load testing of cranes over the quay or water;
- Testing equipment that extends over the water.

Masters are also responsible for ensuring that any third-party operations conducted on board their vessel comply with these requirements.

No gear is permitted to extend over the seaside of a vessel without explicit prior permission from Vessel Traffic Services (VTS).

Port of Aberdeen
Marine Department
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Vessel Owners, Operators, Agents, Berth Operators etc should ensure that the contents of this Navigation Notice are made known to the Masters of their vessels.