

Local Notice to Mariners

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Engine Immobilisation Requests

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the master of a vessel shall not, except where his vessel is lying aground, take any steps to render his vessel incapable of movement without first obtaining permission from the harbour master.

Where a vessel (other than a small vessel of less than 20 meters LOA) is at any time not capable of being safely moved by means of its own propulsive machinery, the master or owner shall as soon as reasonably practicable inform the harbour master (Southampton Harbour Bylaws 2003).

Provisional approval can be requested from Southampton Harbour Authority via an [Engine Immobilisation Request Form](#). Requests are to be submitted no less than 24 hours in advance.

Vessels are to contact "Southampton VTS" on VHF Channel 12 prior to engine immobilisation and immediately after engines are restored.

Please also refer to testing of engines and equipment [Local Notice to Mariners](#).

**Steven Masters,
Harbour Master**