



Port information notice

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To: All Port Operators, Owners, Masters and Agents of vessels
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Ballast water discharge declaration

Mariners are reminded of Harwich Haven Authority Byelaw No. 33 Discharge of Ballast:

“Except in a case of emergency a vessel is prohibited from discharging water ballast into the harbour without the consent of the Harbour Master.”

Any vessel intending to discharge ballast water within the jurisdiction of Harwich Haven Authority shall complete a Ballast Water Declaration form (VTS16) available for download from <http://hha.co.uk/operations/downloads/> and return via email to Harwich VTS (hha.vts@hha.co.uk).

Any vessel that is not subject to the Ballast Water Management Convention and intends to discharge ballast water within the jurisdiction of Harwich Haven Authority shall specify this exemption in the Ballast Water Discharge Declaration form.

The International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships Ballast Water and Sediments has been ratified and entered into force on the 08th September 2017.

The Maritime and Coast Guard Agency (MCA) have published the following guidance; <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/control-and-management-of-ballast-water>

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