

# Port of Wisbech Authority

## Local Notice to Mariners

4th JUNE 2019

Number 007/19

England – East Coast – The Wash Ports – River Nene  
Admiralty Chart 1200, Imray Y9

### WEIGHTED HEAVING LINES IN MOORING OPERATIONS

**Notice is hereby given** that Masters and crews of vessels visiting the Port of Wisbech Harbour authority are required to use properly constructed heaving lines for all mooring and towing operations. The use of 'weighted' heaving lines is both prohibited and extremely dangerous, and may cause serious injury or a fatality to those on the receiving end ashore or on board another vessel.

The MCA issued **Safety Bulletin No.2** highlighting the problem of dangerously weighted heaving lines. This Safety Bulletin (a copy of which is attached). If any Boatmen, Terminal operator or Tug Master suspects that a heaving line thrown is dangerously weighted, they are requested to:

- a) Remove the suspect weight/monkey's fist from the heaving line.
- b) Send the suspect weight/monkey's fist with details of the vessel concerned, vessels Agent and date/time of the incident to the Harbour Master.
- c) The incident will be reported to the MCA.

**Owners, Agents, Charterers, Marinas, Yacht Clubs and Recreational Sailing Organisations should ensure that the contents of this Notice are made known to the Masters or persons in charge of their vessels or craft.**

If any further information is required please contact the Harbour Office 01945 588059 or 07860 576685.

**Jamie Hemming**  
Harbour Master

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# SAFETY BULLETIN

## No. 2

### DANGEROUSLY WEIGHTED SHIPS HEAVING LINES

There have been several instances where dangerously weighted heaving lines, including the use of monkey's fists with additional weights inserted into them, have been used resulting in serious injury. Further guidance is contained in Ch 26 section 26.3.5 in the 2015 edition of the Code of Safe Working Practices for Merchant Seafarers.



Vessels using dangerously weighted heaving lines in the UK may be subject to prosecution

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