

# **ABP ASSOCIATED BRITISH PORTS FLEETWOOD**

## **NOTICE to MARINERS 27 of 2014**

### **BUNKERING NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

**Mariners are advised** that in order to safe guard the marine environment and conform to the legal requirements within the Merchant Shipping Act of 1995 the Harbour Master is to be notified before any bunkering fuel or oil transfer operations commences. This notification shall be made as follows;

#### **Bunkering of vessels**

- To ensure a rapid response by ABP Personnel to an incident, bunkering should only take place when the Lockhead or Marina offices are manned.
- Prior to any bunkering operations a Bunkering Check List is to be completed similar to those used by ABP for their own operations. A vessel's/company's own checklist which requires a similar or higher level of operational vigilance and which can show that they operate to best practice, may continue to operate their own procedures, a record of which should be maintained onboard.
- Fleetwood Lockhead or the Marina Offices are to be advised prior to commencing operations that:
  1. the checklist is completed;
  2. bunkering is about to commence;
  3. bunkering is complete;
  4. quantity received.

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## **Shore side filling of holding tanks**

- Single skinned tanks that are not contained within a bund should not be used for the storage of fuel/oils ashore;
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  1. the checklist is completed;
  2. bunkering is about to commence;
  3. bunkering is complete;
  4. quantity received.

In the event of an oil spill or oil being sighted in the water an immediate report must be made to Fleetwood Lockhead or the Marina Offices by quickest means.

Captain Guy Lockwood  
Harbour Master  
13<sup>th</sup> August 2014

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