

Marine Notices 2007

Marine Notice No.29 of 2007. Small Craft Operating At Entrances To Ports.

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The Department of Transport would like to advise that all small boats (sailing, rowing or power driven) are strictly required to keep out of the fairway channel at the entrance to the countrys ports.

This requirement is essential so that close quarters situations do not arise.

All small craft, when obliged to operate in fairway area, should do so with extreme caution, following the international regulations for preventing collisions at sea 1972 as amended, local bye-laws and local notice to mariners.

If possible avoid busy shipping fairways and routes, especially in reduced visibility. Cross them at right angles, as quickly as possible after checking that it is safe to do so.

Keep a good lookout at all times especially astern of you.

Allow plenty of time to make an alteration of course or speed in the vicinity of large vessels.

Large vessels, vessels with deep draught and vessels in ballast cannot easily avoid small craft in a narrow channel. When slowing down or stopping the manoeuvrability of these vessels is adversely affected. It is up to the small craft to keep clear.

Further information can be found in the Code of Practice for: The safe Operation of Recreational Craft published by the Department of Transport.

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