

Masters of vessels berthing at the Port of Port Hedland (except PH4 Berth) are advised that due to the configuration of the Port Hedland inner harbour, there exists the potential for significant interaction between ships berthed at the wharves and large bulk carriers entering or leaving the inner harbour.

Masters of vessels berthed within the Port are reminded of their responsibility to ensure mooring lines are adequately tended, particularly over spring tides when tidal flow and currents within the harbour can be excessive.

At all times, a competent person must be on board a vessel to tend to the vessel's mooring lines. Mooring lines are to be kept tight and the ship kept firmly alongside and parallel to the fender line and if necessary tightened at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled passing of large ships. During these periods, where it is not possible for a single person to adjust all of the ships lines within a short period, then additional competent persons will be required to tend the mooring lines with particular attention being paid to breast lines with a large vertical angle.

Mooring line drum brakes should be properly set to hold the vessel alongside and to prevent it ranging along the wharf under the influence of the tide or vessel interaction forces.

Vessels being loaded by ship loaders at their allocated berths should be aware that it may be necessary for the respective Wharf Supervisor / Loader Controller to cease cargo operations on these berths for passing inbound and outbound vessels.

Tankers berthed at PH1 or PH3 should ensure that adequate precautions are in place during cargo transfer operations that would account for the effect of vessel interaction.

All mooring failures shall be reported to Port Hedland VTS, on VHF 12. To ensure the vessel remains securely moored after a mooring line failure, a pilot will be placed on board the vessel and tug assistance provided until the line/s can be rerun or the vessel taken to the anchorage. A lines boat will be used where necessary.

Any vessels moored alongside a berth in the Port that fails to tend or maintain its mooring lines adequately may be issued an infringement notice under the Port Authorities Act 1999 and liable to a fine of \$20,000.00.

It is the responsibility of the shipping agent to provide their vessels with updated shipping schedules during their vessels stay alongside the berth.

The shipping agent is to provide their vessel with a copy of this document. Vessel's Masters are required to sign this document as an acknowledgement for receipt, understanding and acceptance to comply. The signed form should be emailed to the Port Hedland VTS as soon as practicable by email to shipping@pilbaraports.com.au.

NOTE: This form is not applicable for Port Hedland Berth 4

(Masters Signature & Date)

Ships Stamp

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