

## **NOTICE TO MARINERS**

### **Mooring operations**

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During a recent mooring operation a crew member aft gave too much rope to the linesman which resulted in an accumulation of mooring rope near the ship's propeller. Luckily on this occasion the rope was heaved onboard without getting caught by the turning propeller.

This is however a timely reminder that had the propeller had caught the mooring rope it could have led to serious injury. It was noted that only one crew member was on the aft mooring station, controlling the rope and operating the mooring equipment.

We therefore ask that all masters of vessels visiting the ports of Ipswich, King's Lynn and Lowestoft, ensure that there is sufficient crew on the mooring stations for the operation and that rope is to be slackened in a controlled way to avoid accumulation of mooring ropes around the propeller.

Failure to do so can lead to severe injury.

**Divisional Harbour Master East Anglia**

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