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Dear Sir,

Riverside Quay

It should be noted that your vessel has been berthed in the tidal river section of King's Lynn Docks and I wish to impress upon you, your officers and crew that extreme care must be given to all moorings and gangways at all times during the vessels stay at this berth. ABP require a minimum of 3 headropes and 3 sternropes, and fore and after springs, for all vessels on this quay.

The tidal range on top spring tides can be as much as 6.50 metres. On such occasions extreme caution **must** be taken in respect of moorings and gangways immediately after the low water period or when the vessel refloats after taking the ground since the previous high water. Masters must ensure that there is power to mooring winches and that the Main Engines and bowthrusts can be quickly available. **Masters of vessels loading on this quay in particular must ensure that the crew heave the headropes tight before the vessel takes the ground**. The crew **must not let go any ropes** until the outward pilot has boarded, or until advised safe to do so by the Dock Master, his Deputy, or the Licensed Boatmen.

Two 48mm diameter x 65metre lengths of certificated polypropylene mooring rope are available to supplement the vessels own ropes if necessary. You are welcome to apply for use of these if you consider such use a prudent precaution, and **must** use them if the vessel does not have enough or suitable ropes on board. A charge of £81.50 will be made for their use in all cases.

May I respectfully remind you that the provision of an adequate safe access is your responsibility and that the failure to undertake this responsibility could lead to delay in cargo handling and access by emergency services, H.M. Customs etc.

May I point out that the use of ABP lines is an additional precaution and no liability will be accepted in the event of failure thereof.

If your vessel is required to shift berth on the Riverside Quay, **main engines must be running before any ropes are let go.**

Yours Faithfully,

DOCK MASTER