



THE BRISTOL PORT COMPANY

NOTICE TO MARINERS (No. 6 of 2023)

This Notice comes into Force on the 1st April 2023

DANGEROUSLY WEIGHTED HEAVING LINES

MARINERS ARE REMINDED that Dangerously Weighted Heaving Lines (DWHL) remain a significant safety concern for The Bristol Port Company and the general maritime community.

The use of a DWHL is in contravention of ILO Regulations; they pose a serious safety risk to the personnel involved.

Vessels using DWHL will be reported to the MCA and the illegal DWHL confiscated and destroyed.

The International Labour Organisation (ILO) Code of Practice – Safety and Health in Ports, Section 6.13, Mooring Operations, Para 357 states:

“A “monkey’s fist” at the end of a heaving line should only be made of rope. Additional weights should never be added to it.”

Vessels found using DWHL will be penalised with a £1,000 levy in accordance with the Port tariffs.

Proceeds from the fine will be distributed amongst local charities.

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Mark Burrows
Deputy Haven Master (Conservancy)

Marine Department
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10th March 2023

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MADE KNOWN TO THE MASTERS OR PERSONS IN CHARGE OF THEIR VESSELS OR CRAFT.**