



THE BRISTOL PORT COMPANY

NOTICE TO MARINERS (No.25 of 2023)

Requirements for Accurate and Timely Communications related to Vessel Defects and Pilot Boarding Times

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, with immediate effect, that in order to provide timely warning of defects likely to affect the conduct of navigation of vessels entering or departing the Port, Owners, Operators, Masters and Agents are required to inform Bristol VTS of any such defects as far in advance as possible and not less than 12 hours prior to arrival or departure of the vessel.

Failure to provide warning of defects may result in delayed or cancelled arrivals or departures of vessels and/or service re-arrangement or cancellation costs (for example for pilotage, towage or line handlers).

In addition, it is imperative that Pilot Order times booked with Bristol VTS are passed onto the Masters of such vessels in good time.

Failure to pass on Pilot Order times to vessel Masters also may result in delayed or cancelled arrivals or departures of vessels, and/or service re-arrangement or cancellation costs (for example for pilotage, towage or line handlers).

Marine Department
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18th October 2023

Stephen Birt
Haven Master

**OWNERS, AGENTS AND CHARTERERS SHOULD ENSURE THAT THE CONTENTS OF THIS NOTICE BE
MADE KNOWN TO THE MASTERS OR PERSONS IN CHARGE OF THEIR VESSELS OR CRAFT.**