

## NOTICE TO MARINERS

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#### Noise mitigation measures in Ringaskiddy Basin

Mariners are reminded that Ringaskiddy Basin has berths that are adjacent to residential areas in Ringaskiddy Village. This is especially pertinent during the following operations: manoeuvring, cargo operations and whilst alongside awaiting operations.

Masters and vessel crews are requested to follow the below guidance to assist with noise mitigation.

- Vessel propulsion machinery should be shut down as soon as possible after berthing is completed.
- Vessel propulsion machinery should be restarted as late as possible prior to departure
- Auxiliary engine usage should be minimised whilst alongside. Where possible Auxiliary engines located on the vessel side away from Ringaskiddy village should be utilised.
- Ventilation systems that are not required when berthed should be shut off. Engine room fans should be reduced to low speed whilst alongside and cargo deck/hold fan usage minimised or shut off where possible.
- Where silencers are installed to auxiliary engine exhausts and machinery, these should be kept in a fully functioning condition.
- The use of noisy mechanical tools should be minimised and usage should be in areas where impact can be limited. Tools used for maintenance (scaling hammers / grinders etc) should not be used and work scheduled for times outside of the Port Call unless specific permission has been received.
- Alarms for Emergency training exercises should not be sounded before 9am (Monday to Friday) and before 10am (Saturday & Sunday). Alarms for Emergency training exercises should not be sounded after 1800 hrs daily.
- All external audio equipment (including PA systems, entertainment systems etc) should be isolated where possible or used a reduced volume between 0900 hrs Monday – Friday and 1000 hrs Saturday & Sunday and not after 1800 hrs daily. Outside these times the audio equipment should not be used.
- Ship's whistles should only be used for emergency drills and when the vessel is underway.
- **The requirements set out above are not applicable in the event of an onboard emergency where all alarms and passenger announcements are required to alert crew and/or passengers.**

If a vessel has known noise issues, the vessel operators are requested to consider additional noise mitigation on board.

All vessel Masters, owners and operators are further requested to consider the [Best Practice Guide as issued by Project Neptunes](#). This guide offers best practices for noise mitigation as determined by the Port Industry and compiled by the [Project Neptune](#) team to assist vessel Masters, owners and operators.

Thank you for your understanding and support in maintaining good relationships with residents and Harbour stakeholders.

**BY ORDER,**

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