

## Notice to Mariners

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Notice is hereby given

### **Please note the following additions to Newport Harbour Safety Management.**

3.4 NAABSA berths (Not Always Afloat But Safe Aground) Berths in the Harbour can dry at low water and vessels berthed there sit on the bottom.

The Harbour Authority have a responsibility for ensuring that these berths are safe to use, and vessels must have considered the fact that they will dry out in their berthing risk assessment. For many shipowners/operators NAABSA can seem an unnatural operation, when one considers the time and effort devoted to trying to prevent the vessel from making contact with the seabed during normal operations.

However, like all maritime activities, the hazards can be mitigated with a proper assessment of the risks and thorough preparation. The master must consider the state of the vessel, local tidal conditions and the hazards presented by the seabed in the vicinity of the berth, including the age and accuracy of the local survey data, to ensure success. The visitor berths at Newport harbour will be inspected by harbour staff at regular intervals, any obstacle and foreign items will be removed or marked. Privately operated berths and permanent berths have the responsibility to inspect their own berth area.

6.8 Fuel Bunker and Bunkering Fuel Bunker and Bunkering is not encouraged within the harbour's jurisdiction. The bunkering of small amounts of fuel (20 litre fuel can) to vessels laying at Newport is permitted, but this should be carried out with great care. Larger amounts of fuel should not be carried out without permission of the Senior Harbour Master. Fuel bunkers positioned within the harbour jurisdiction or estate will only be permitted with permission of the Senior Harbour Master.

Jonathan Brand – Senior Harbour Master