

NOTICE TO MARINERS No. 3 - 2021

BUNKERING AND OILY SUBSTANCE TRANSFER OPERATIONS

All vessels and operators are advised of the following in respect to bunkering and oily substance transfer operations:

1. Notification and Reporting Requirements

Any person wishing to undertake bunkering operations including oily waste disposal within port limits must ensure that they have read and are in compliance with Port of Cromarty Firth's most recent Bunkering & Oily Substance Transfer Guidelines and that the appropriate forms, checklists and risk assessments have been completed and submitted prior to starting the operation.

2. Bunkering & Oily Substance Transfer Hours of Operation

While alongside quays or jetties:

- a) Oil or oily substance transfers to or from road tankers or mobile shore tanks are restricted to daylight operations only, unless additional written permission is provided via Cromarty Firth Port Radio
- b) Oil or oily substance transfers to or from vessels are restricted to daylight operation only, unless additional written permission is provided via Cromarty Firth Port Radio
- c) Transfers ex pipeline from fixed shore tanks at the Invergordon Service Base or Nigg Energy Park can be undertaken as a 24 hour operation

Whilst at anchor or mooring:

- a) Transfers are restricted to daylight operation unless additional written permission is provided via Cromarty Firth Port Radio.

3. Oil Spill Reporting and Response

All spills of oily substances should be reported immediately to the relevant facility owner and Cromarty Firth Port Radio on VHF CH11. Vessels should implement immediate action to control the spread of spilt substances, including the use of absorbent pads, booms, and granular material until a representative from the appropriate facility arrives on site to assess the level of action necessary.

A full report of the incident should be submitted to Port of Cromarty Firth at the earliest opportunity.

On no account should dispersants be used, at any time, to aid the breakdown of oily substances.

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