

**DATE: 05 July 2024**

**SUBJECT: Precautions for lines boats during vessel attendance for mooring services - Rev.1**

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This Harbour Master's Instruction applies to all Lines boats service providers, lines boat skippers, marine pilots and Fremantle Ports' mooring teams at the Port of Fremantle.

This Harbour Master Instruction replaces **HMI 02-2024** which is now **cancelled**.

Based on the discussions held during the post-incident workshop for lines boat operations, given below are the revised precautions that are to be implemented with immediate effect;

- Lines boats engaged in vessel attendance during berthing / shifting or unberthing of a vessel are to stay well clear of the stern of the vessel under pilotage by at least 50 metres, until required to handle the vessel's mooring lines.
- Lines boats engaged in vessel attendance during berthing / shifting or unberthing of a vessel are to stay well clear of the bow and stern thruster area of the vessel under pilotage by at least 50 metres, until required to handle the vessel's mooring lines.
- Any approach to provide line handling services shall be made only when line handling is required and after clearance has been received from the attending marine pilot that it is safe to do so.
- Prior to instructing a line boat to approach the vessel, the attending marine pilot is to ensure from ship staff that both anchors are housed and secured from accidental release. Confirmation of this is to be then communicated to the line boat skippers.
- As a practice and in order to minimize the risk of a line boat getting stuck between a vessel and the wharf, first lines - spring lines will be transferred to the shore mooring teams via heaving lines. Line boats are to be then used for head, breast and stern lines.

Any queries regarding the above process must be submitted to the email address:

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