

HARBOUR MASTER'S INSTRUCTION

06-2024

DATE: 14 August 2024

SUBJECT: Reporting of Mooring rope parting incidents to Harbour Master's office

This Harbour Master's Instruction applies to all vessels arriving at the Port of Fremantle with the intention of conducting operations at a berth within the port.

It has been observed that vessels are experiencing mooring ropes parting incidents at various berths. However, these incidents are not being reported to Fremantle Ports.

In the interest of Mooring safety for vessels, vessel crews, shore mooring teams and other essential personnel on the berths, all vessel Masters are required to report mooring rope parting incidents to Fremantle Ports' and AMSA to assist Fremantle Ports' in conducting incident investigations.

The following process is to be followed for each mooring rope parting incident or if multiple partings are experienced within a short period of time (Eg - 4 hours);

- Reports are to be submitted using the AMSA Forms 18 / 19, giving details of the incidents. These reports are to be submitted at the earliest time from occurrence - within 4 hours, to harbourmaster@fremantleports.com.au and to reports@amsa.gov.au
- The mooring rope inventory is to be submitted highlighting the parted mooring rope(s). Mooring rope inventory to include following minimum information
 - MBL of parted mooring rope
 - Age of parted mooring rope and date when the mooring rope was put in service
- Certificate(s) for the parted mooring rope(s) is to be submitted.
- Vessels are required to clear all remnants of parted mooring ropes from the respective berths and take them on board the vessels. The remnant ropes present a navigational hazard to the subsequent vessels arriving at the berth and to mooring operations. Any remnants of ropes not removed at the time of departure will be removed through Fremantle Ports' service providers. All removal charges shall be to the vessel's account.

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

harbourmaster@fremantleports.com.au



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