

ASSOCIATED BRITISH PORTS

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STANDING NOTICE TO MARINERS

(No. S.H. 14)

RIVER HUMBER

V.H.F. COMMUNICATIONS

The attention of Mariners is drawn to section 6 of Standing Notice to Mariners No. S.H. 2 and to the Maritime and Coastguard Agency, *MGN 324 (M + F)*

Vessels engaged in berthing and docking manoeuvres may experience considerable difficulties in maintaining efficient communications between the ship, tugs and shore based personnel due to excessive use being made of V.H.F. radio for non essential communications. The loss of communications between the ship, tugs and shore-based personnel at the critical stage of a manoeuvre could result in a serious and hazardous situation developing.

The co-operation of Mariners is sought in conforming with international and national legislation. Marine VHF apparatus may only be used in accordance with the International Telecommunications Union's (ITU) Radio Regulations

Communications on port operations channels must be restricted to those relating to operational handling, the movement and the safety of ships and, in emergency, the safety of persons. Communications on ship movement channels must be restricted to those relating to the movement of ships. Public correspondence messages are excluded from the service.

Standing Notice to Mariners S.H.14 dated 1st January 2001 issued by
Associated British Ports is hereby cancelled

**CAPT. P.J. COWING,
HARBOUR MASTER, HUMBER**

14th April 2009