

**EYEMOUTH HARBOUR
LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS No. 5 of 2017
Emergency Towing Operations.**

Date of Issue: 2nd May 2017

1. Masters of any vessels intending to conduct activities within Eyemouth Harbour that may be hazardous to navigation are hereby required to report their intentions to the Harbour Master. Towing, including vessels that have broken down at sea, falls within this category.
2. Eyemouth harbour is open 24hrs per day for routine traffic and emergency operations. It is manned by harbour staff from 06.00 to 19.00 (Summer) and 06.00 to 17.00 (Winter)
3. On notification of towing or other operation the Harbour Master will issue warnings to harbour users accordingly. If the occurrence is outside harbour manned hours, the master of the towing vessel must request the Coastguard to issue relevant warnings.
4. Masters are reminded that it is an MCA requirement to inform the Coastguard on VHF Ch.16 when taking another vessel in tow at sea.
5. The Harbour Master will assess the suitability of any vessel to be used as a brake where necessary, and if none is available will pass this information to the Coastguard with a request for lifeboat assistance.

By order of the Harbour Master

Richard Lawton, Eyemouth Harbour Trust

