

EYEMOUTH HARBOUR

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS No.4 of 2026

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USE OF LADDERS FOR MOORING – PROHIBITED

Notice is hereby given that harbour access ladders, including ladder heads and associated structures, are **not designed for securing vessels** and must not be used for mooring purposes. It has been observed that vessels are making fast to ladder heads when berthing. This practice presents a **significant safety risk** and may result in **damage to harbour infrastructure**, as well as compromise safe access and egress.

INSTRUCTIONS TO MARINERS

All vessels are hereby directed as follows:

- Vessels must **only be secured to designated mooring fixtures**, including bollards, cleats, or other approved fittings.
- **Under no circumstances** are ladders or ladder heads to be used for mooring lines.
- Masters and skippers are responsible for ensuring their vessels are always secured in a safe and proper manner.

ENFORCEMENT

Failure to comply with this Notice may result in:

- Issue of a **Harbour Master's Direction**
- **Withdrawal or refusal of berthing permission**
- Recovery of **costs for any damage caused**.

GENERAL

This Notice is issued for the safety of all harbour users and the protection of harbour infrastructure. All mariners are requested to comply with the above requirements.

By order of the Harbour Master

Brendan Bates

Eyemouth Harbour Trust