

# **NOTICE TO MARINERS**

## **NO.2 – 2016**

### **SUBJECT: THROWING OF WASTE, GARBAGE AND SUBSTANCES INTO SEA**

**Notice is hereby given that:** there have been numerous occasions that our recovery vessel (Vulture), had to pick up waste, garbage and substances thrown deliberately or accidentally by vessels, operators and/or tenants into waterways at RAK Maritime City.

As most of our garbage today is made from non-biodegradable products such as plastic, which persists in the marine environment for many years. Ropes and plastic material can get caught in propellers and block water intakes causing major damage while a vessel alongside berth or as manoeuvring, resulting in heavy financial losses as well.

All types of wastes, garbage and substances need to be disposed of appropriately include: food waste, paper products, rags, glass, metal, bottles, crockery, furniture, wire residues, fishing gear, nets, wood products, packaging material, deck sweepings, all plastics etc.

All vessels, operators, tenants and agents are hereby firmly reminded the need to manage the use and disposal of all garbage generated onboard and substances appropriately.

As it is a serious concern for both marine environment and vessels operating in the area; all are hereby reminded to ensure that no such wastes, garbage and substances are thrown into the sea. In case of reporting such cases, severe penalties apply under RAK Port regulation.

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**Capt. Michael Magee**  
**Harbour Master**

**RAK Ports**

Status of previously published notices:

2015: 1 (Throwing of ropes/debris into the sea)

2016: 1 (Notification of Pipelines)