



# **NOTICE TO MARINERS**

**No. 04 – 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

## **Sub: Notification of Defects**

**To: All Ship-owners, Masters, Operators and Shipping Agents**

Notice is hereby given that all vessels calling RAK Ports are required to notify vessel defects to port authority prior to arrival, either directly or via shipping agents. The Master of every vessel which has a defect that affects, or has the potential to affect, her normal ability to safely navigate and/or manoeuvre in the prevailing conditions, or has suffered damage that is likely to affect safe navigation of the vessel, shall, before entering Port Limits, inform Port Control of the vessel's condition. Such items include, but not limited to: defective bridge equipment, mooring equipment, anchors, engines, thrusters, propeller, rudder and damage to structure.

Such a vessel shall not be permitted to enter the Harbour without the consent of the Harbour Master. A vessel later found to have a defect might reasonably expect to be delayed until her condition has been assessed and/or rectified to an acceptably safe standard. If, however, a defect is reported in good time, the port will have time to consider what, if any, extra precautions are required, thereby reducing any downtime to the minimum.

The responsibility of notifying vessel defects to the port authority rests with the vessel master and can be communicated via the pre-arrival documentation in addition to informing the agent. If a vessel arrives, departs or manoeuvres, within the port area without prior notification of defects or without first obtaining permission from Port Control, the owner/Master and her agent shall each be guilty of an offence and will be subject to reasonable penalty.

**Capt. Michael Magee**

Group Harbour Master, RAK Ports

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