



NOTICE TO MARINERS

No. 05 – 21st March 2024

Sub: Centralisation of RAK Ports Vessel Traffic Services Operations

We wish to inform you that RAK Ports centralised Vessel Traffic Services (VTS) will commence operations on **28th March 2024**. This strategic move is part of our ongoing efforts to streamline and enhance our operations, ensuring a safe, efficient, and effective service.

The new VTS system, designed by Kongsberg to meet the highest standards set by the International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities (IALA), underscores our commitment to providing the best and safest services to our clients.

To facilitate this transition, all VTS operations for RAK Ports (Saqr Port, RAK Maritime City, Al Jazeera Port, Al Jeer Port, and Ras Al Khaimah Port) will now be managed from a purpose-built centralized VTS Centre situated at Saqr Port. Go-live timings will be as follows:

- Saqr Port, RAK Maritime City, Stevin Rock Harbour and Al Jeer Port – 28th March 2024
- Al Jazeera Port and Ras Al Khaimah Port - 4th April 2024.

The current Port Control Email IDs for Saqr Port, RAK Maritime City, Ras Al Khaimah, Al Jazeera Port and Al Jeer Port will be replaced by a common Email ID: **vtscentre@rakports.ae**. This email address will serve as the primary point of contact for all communication related to VTS operations.

We want to assure you that all existing email IDs and telephone numbers will be seamlessly redirected to the VTS Centre, ensuring no disruption in communication during this transition period. However, we kindly request that you update previous records and use the new email ID for all future correspondence.

For ships arriving at each port, the call signs and VHF channels will remain unchanged.

VTS Area	VHF Call Sign	VHF Channel	Telephone No. & Mail ID
Saqr Port	Saqr Port VTS	VHF Ch. 16 & 14	+971 7 2056 161 / 162 / 163 Email: vtscentre@rakports.ae
RAK Maritime City	RMC VTS	VHF Ch. 16 & 69	
Al Jazeera	Al Jazeera VTS	VHF Ch. 16 & 72	
Ras Al Khaimah	Ras Al Khaimah VTS	VHF Ch. 16 & 71	
Al Jeer	Al Jeer VTS	VHF Ch. 16 & 14	

Marine Agents are required to register all vessels calling RAK Ports, through PCS online or through e-mail to Marine Documentation Office at Saqr Port 24hrs prior vessel arrival (E-mail: vtsdocumentation@rakports.ae)

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Capt. Michael Magee
Group Harbour Master

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