



THE MERSEY DOCKS & HARBOUR COMPANY

NOTICE TO MARINERS

No. 30 – 2007

PORT OF LIVERPOOL

UNDER KEEL CLEARANCE

MARINERS ARE REMINDED THAT VESSELS ENTERING OR LEAVING THE PORT OF LIVERPOOL SHOULD ONLY DO SO AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF THE DANGERS TO NAVIGATION AND ONLY AFTER THE MASTER IS SATISFIED THAT THERE IS SUFFICIENT UNDER KEEL CLEARANCE FOR THE VESSEL AT ALL TIMES.

MARINERS ARE ADVISED THAT WHEN DETERMINING SAFE UNDER KEEL CLEARANCE CONSIDERATION MUST BE GIVEN TO ANY SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES THAT MAY EXIST, INCLUDING ATMOSPHERIC CONDITIONS AND WIND DIRECTION THAT MAY RESULT IN A REDUCTION TO THE HEIGHT OF TIDE AND THE EFFECTS OF SQUAT AND INTERACTION THAT MAY RESULT IN AN INCREASE IN THE DRAUGHT OF THE VESSEL.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT VESSELS DO NOT, OTHER THAN IN EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES, OPERATE IN TIDAL WATERS IF THE UNDER KEEL CLEARANCE IS DEEMED TO BE LESS THAN SIXTY CENTIMETRES AND THAT LADEN TANKERS FOR TRANMERE AND PASSENGER VESSELS DO NOT, OTHER THAN IN EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES, NAVIGATE IN TIDAL WATERS IF THE UNDER KEEL CLEARANCE IS DEEMED TO BE 10% OR LESS OF THE VESSELS OBSERVED DRAUGHT OR IF IT IS LESS THAN ONE METRE.

MARINERS ARE ADVISED THAT WHEN DETERMINING SAFE UNDER KEEL CLEARANCE IN NON TIDAL WATERS CONSIDERATION MUST BE GIVEN TO ANY SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCE THAT MAY EXIST, INCLUDING THE ACTUAL IMPOUNDED WATER LEVEL OF THE ENCLOSED DOCK SYSTEMS AND THE AVAILABLE DEPTH OF WATER.

THIS NOTICE SUPERSEDES NOTICE TO MARINERS No 10 – 2007.

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31ST OCTOBER 2007