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DUN LAOGHAIRE HARBOUR NOTICE TO MARINERS

REPORTING OF MARINE ACCIDENTS OR NEAR MISSES.

Dun Laoghaire Harbour
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council
Dun Laoghaire
Co Dublin

Date: 01 April 2026

1.A) Statutory Reporting Requirements

The Marine Accident Investigation Unit (MAIU) was established on 1 January 2026 under Section 7(1) of the Merchant Shipping (Investigation of Marine Accidents) Act 2025. The MAIU fulfils Ireland's obligations under Directive 2009/18/EC and SOLAS Chapters I/21 and XI-1/6.

Under the Act, masters, skippers, operators, and persons in charge of vessels are required to report without delay any marine accident involving:

- Commercial vessels, or
- Interactions between commercial and recreational vessels, including near misses.

A marine accident includes a casualty or an incident, and an incident includes a near miss.

B) Legislative Clarification

There is no statutory requirement to report marine accidents or near misses involving only:

- Personal watercraft (PWCs),
- Recreational craft, or
- Small fast powered craft (defined as: "A ship (other than a recreational craft) of less than 7 metres in length overall with a total propulsion power of equal to or greater than 150kW")

unless a non-recreational vessel is also involved.

C) Reporting to the MAIU (Statutory Requirement)

Where an accident or near miss meets the statutory criteria above, notification must be made directly to the MAIU:

24-hour reporting line: +353 1 676 8139

General queries: info@maiu.gov.ie

Office hours: +353 1 604 0578

Website: www.maiu.gov.ie

D) Purpose of Marine Safety Investigations

Marine safety investigations aim to determine the causes of accidents and improve safety. They do not apportion blame or liability.

2.A) Additional Reporting Requested by Dún Laoghaire Harbour

To support safe and efficient harbour operations, Dún Laoghaire Harbour requests that all harbour users, including recreational craft, club vessels, and personal watercraft, report any accident, incident, or near miss occurring within the harbour or its approaches, even where such events do not meet statutory reporting thresholds.

This includes:

- Near misses between recreational and non-recreational craft,
- Situations where vessel handling or navigation could have endangered safety if not corrected,
- Vessels being towed or escorted into the harbour following an incident.

B) This requirement exists because Dún Laoghaire Harbour itself has statutory obligations to:

- Report marine accidents and near misses to the appropriate national authorities.
- Ensure the safety, environmental protection, and efficient operation of the harbour.

Failure to notify the Harbour Authority may compromise safety and may constitute a breach of statutory or local harbour requirements. This local reporting request does not alter or extend statutory obligations under national legislation.

C) Reporting to Dún Laoghaire Harbour

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Reporting template attached to this Notice to Mariners or can be found on
<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/dun-laoghaire-harbour-0>

Harbour Master

Dún Laoghaire Harbour Contacts:

Phone: +353 83 144 3412 (Harbour Police/Office)

Email: harbourmaster@dlrcoco.ie

Website: <https://www.dlrcoco.ie/dun-laoghaire-harbour-0>

Masters, Owners, Agents, Charterers, Marinas, Yacht Clubs and Recreational Boaters should ensure that the contents of this Notice are made known to the Persons in Charge of their vessels or craft. All Notice to Mariners can be found on the Dun Laoghaire Harbour website.

MARITIME INCIDENT/ NEAR MISS REPORT FORM

Please send the completed forms to Assistant Harbour Master at ljackson@dlrcoco.ie

Name:	
Organisation (if applicable):	
Contact Details: Phone: Email:	
Incident location:	
Date of Incident:	
Time of Incident:	

Vessel details (if applicable):

Name of Vessel:	
Type of Vessel:	
Flag of vessel:	
IMO number:	
Vessel Owner: Name: Phone: Email: Address:	
Length overall:	
Number of crew:	
Number of Passengers:	
Port of Departure: Date: Time:	
Port of Arrival: Date: Time:	

Casualty Details:

No. of casualties:	
Name and address and contact of all casualties:	
Injuries sustained	

