



Portsmouth International Port – Local Notice to Mariners No. 01/16

Dated 2nd December 2016

Prohibition of the use of Metal or Plastic Clips on Mooring Lines, Heaving Lines or Messenger Lines

- 1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** by the Harbour Master of Portsmouth International Port that after a serious accident in which a heaving line parted and whipped back into the face of a mooring gang member; **The use of any metal or plastic clips or other hard fastenings on heaving lines, messenger lines or mooring lines has been prohibited in the Commercial Port.**
2. The injury sustained was made much greater due to the fact that a metal clip was being used on the heaving line to aid quick release by the crew and it was noted that the recoil of this metal clip missed the mooring gang member's eye by a few centimetres causing severe injuries to his face.
3. Mooring gang members have been instructed to cut off any such objects that are a danger to the mooring gang.
4. Mariners are hereby advised to attach their heaving/messenger lines to the mooring ropes by knots or hitches.

Captain Rupert Taylor

Harbour Master

Portsmouth International Port