



## **Portsmouth International Port – Local Notice to Mariners No. 05/12**

**Dated 9th August 2012**

### **PORTSMOUTH INTERNATIONAL CRUISE and FERRY PORT**

#### **Prohibition of the use of Rocket Propelled mooring line aids**

1. **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** by the Harbour Master of Portsmouth International Port that the use of rocket propelled apparatus to fire a heaving line ashore during mooring operations is strictly prohibited in the Commercial Port.
2. The apparatus referred to above fires a rocket propelled heavy projectile with a line attached. This presents an extremely hazardous situation to personnel and property ashore.
3. Any person ashore inadvertently hit by the projectile could be seriously injured, a strike on the head could even result in a fatal injury.
4. When passage planning, in the case of unfavourable weather conditions, Ships Masters should consider the use of a tug to assist the vessel onto the berth or a mooring boat to send lines ashore when normal mooring procedures prove inadequate.
5. This notice supersedes CNTM 01/06 which is cancelled.

**Captain Rupert Taylor**

**Harbour Master**

**Portsmouth International Port**