

**DATE: 13 April 2024**

**SUBJECT: Precautions for lines boats during vessel attendance for mooring services**

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This Harbour Master's Instruction applies to all Lines boats service providers and lines boat skippers at the Port of Fremantle.

On 11 April 2024, an incident with a lines boat occurred at the Port of Fremantle during berthing of the vessel PUSAN C. A lines boat engaged in service provision manoeuvred in close proximity to the vessel's stern and consequently was impacted by the propeller wash of the vessel leading to it's capsizing. The two lines boat crew were safely rescued and investigations are currently on-going.

As an immediate action following the incident, the following precautions are to be implemented with immediate effect;

- Lines boats engaged in vessel attendance during berthing / shifting or unberthing of a vessel are to stay well clear of the stern of the vessel under pilotage by at least 50 metres, until required to handle the vessel's mooring lines.
- Lines boats engaged in vessel attendance during berthing / shifting or unberthing of a vessel are to stay well clear of the bow thruster area of the vessel under pilotage by at least 50 metres, until required to handle the vessel's mooring lines.
- Any approach to provide line handling services shall be made only when line handling is required and after clearance has been received from the attending marine pilot that it is safe to do so.

Any queries regarding the above process must be submitted to the email address:

[harbourmaster@fremantleports.com.au](mailto:harbourmaster@fremantleports.com.au)



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