



موانئ أبوظبي
ABU DHABI PORTS

NOTICES TO MARINERS

New Musaffah Channel - Speed Limits

To: All Vessels, Shipping Agents, Marine Services Provider, and all other concerned parties

All ships using the New Musaffah Channel shall at all times proceed at a safe speed; using all available means appropriate to the prevailing circumstances and conditions with such care and caution, and in such manner enabling her to take a proper and effective action to avoid any navigational incident.

With immediate effect and till further notice, the Master of a vessel shall not cause or permit his vessel, under normal operating conditions, to proceed within the channel at a speed in excess of the speed mentioned within the below table:

Channel Areas	From Fairway to Buoys M63/M64	North of Buoys M63/M64 towards Musaffah Port
Maximum speed over the ground (knots)	10	6

For the purpose of this notice the following shall be considered:

1. The speed of a vessel is measured as the "speed over the ground".
2. Except in emergency situations and as circumstances dictate, the above defined speed limits are the maximum and should not be exceeded in normal operations.
3. Further restrictions may be applied by the Port Harbour Master on certain vessels based on case by case study.
4. Vessels which, due to their construction, are producing external wake wash, such vessels are required to transit at such speed to reduce the wash impact to the minimum but not in excess of the speed mentioned above.
5. Masters are reminded to adhere at all times to the Collision Regulations with special consideration to safe speed and narrow channels rules.

A Master who contravenes any of these directions shall be liable to a penalty.


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