



موانئ أبوظبي  
ABU DHABI PORTS

## CHIEF HARBOUR MASTER DIRECTION

### Floating Objects in Abu Dhabi Ports Limits

**To: Vessels Masters and Owners, Shipping Agents and Port Users**

**Attention: Terminal Operations, HSE and Marine Service Provider**

In line with port quality services improvement; this direction has been issued with aim to ensure sufficient safety, security and protection standards in Abu Dhabi Ports limits.

Definition: Floating Objects are structure other than a vessel and Aids to Navigation.

Effective from 24th of September 2017 the following will be applied:

- All Vessels operating within/calling Abu Dhabi Ports, are strictly advised to report to the related Port VTS or Security ControlRoom for any Unusual/Abnormal floating objects sighted. Floating Objects include but not limited to; Natural or Industrial Materials, Equipment's and Animals/Pets.
- Vessel crew is not allowed to act individually; deal, handle, touch, and move or take out from the sea water any kind of the floating objects.
- Abu Dhabi Ports specialists will handle all floating objects or Government authorized service provider.
- Agents are requested to notify the same to vessels/ owner and other concerned.
- It is mandatory that all vessels should comply with the above instruction and the vessel accountable for any violation, which may result in a claim for restoration costs and or resource damages.
- The above instructions Exclude - Do not apply on the man overboard (MOB) incident and recovery.

Your compliance with the above is required.

**Captain / Adil Banihammad**  
**Chief Harbour Master**