



FOR THE ATTENTION OF ALL RECREATIONAL RIVER USERS



In order to maximise your enjoyment and to ensure the safety of all vessels transiting the Forth Estuary, Forth Ports request that you take the following precautions –

- If navigating in, or near, the Main Shipping Channel - monitor VHF Ch.71, as “Forth Navigation” regularly broadcast traffic information to commercial shipping. *Please do not transmit on this channel.*
- Maintain a proper visual lookout at all times.
- Do not stop or cross close ahead of vessels transiting or entering the Main Shipping Channel.
- Be especially vigilant, when in the vicinity of:
 - Forth Road and Rail Bridges, for vessels departing Rosyth and/or transiting the Bridges. (Vessels transiting the Bridges in either direction will generally use the North Arch).
 - North of Inchkeith Island, owing to vessels manoeuvring for pilot boarding and disembarkation.

On the Evenings that the Superfast Ferry sails from Rosyth it will routinely be scheduled to depart at 17:00

- Understand the effect of poor visibility - know the rules regarding fog signals and stay out of the Main Shipping Channel. Ships’ radars and Forth Navigation Service cannot detect small targets.

Please refer to the website www.forthports.co.uk/ftns for further information on the “Forth & Tay Navigation Service” and for the following resources –

- Forth Byelaws
- General Directions
- Mariners Guide to the Forth
- Notices to Mariners