

## 1. Communication (24/7)

- 1) Port and Pilot work Channel 11, Pilot and tugs work Channel 13.
- 2) Telephone: 01349 852308. Fax: 01349 854172.
- 3) Email: shipping@cfpa.co.uk

## 2. Reporting

Vessels are to report to Port Radio when:

- 1) Passing the Buss Bank buoy.
- 2) When all fast on the berth or brought up at anchor.
- 3) Before leaving or moving off from the berth.

## 3. Pilot Boarding

Pilot normally boards between the headlands west of the Buss Bank buoy except for large vessels and Mobile Offshore Drilling Units, where it will be by the Cromarty Firth Fairway Buoy

## 4. Courses

Courses are required as follows:

- 1) To stay south of the Nigg Sands East & Nigg Sands West buoys and north of the Buss bank & Newhall buoys. (Chart No 1889).
- 2) For vessels proceeding beyond Invergordon courses should be set to pass close south of yellow Rosskeen outfall buoy, yellow Dalmore outfall buoy, the Burbridge buoy and north of the Cullicudden buoy, then directly to the Highland Deephaven jetty. (Chart No 1890).
- 3) Mobile Offshore Drilling Units may be encountered within the firth at designated anchorages as shown on Chart No's 1077, 1889 & 1890. Where possible vessels navigating within the Cromarty Firth should keep at least 1.0 cable clear, passing to the north of units anchored east of Invergordon and south of units anchored west of Invergordon.

## 5. Tide

Tidal current in the main follows the contours of the Firth. The strongest current is between the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> hour of the ebb tide.

## 6. Environmental Conditions

If visibility is less than two cables or when sustained wind gusts exceed 30 knots with a predominantly northerly or southerly component, berthing or unberthing of vessels at any berth in the Firth maybe suspended.