



Falmouth Harbour
Commissioners

USE OF FALMOUTH HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS COMMERCIAL MOORINGS

NOTES TO MASTERS

Commercial Moorings in Falmouth Harbour are designed and maintained in accordance with British Admiralty specifications.

The moorings consist of large size chain mooring legs and high holding power anchors. The moorings are designed to have significantly greater holding power than the ships own anchor and cable.

Suitability to use the mooring is assessed using a number of criteria including length, draft and the ships anchor cable size which is a reflection of its windage.

Vessels wishing to book moorings should do so through their agents. Buoy Jumpers are available to assist with securing vessels to the Buoy provided that 24 hours notice is given and the weather conditions are suitable for securing the vessel.

Ideally vessels should be secured to the buoy by chain or wire. If ropes are used then it is strongly recommended that they are not routed via roller fairleads with a steep angle to the buoy.

If required, a high breaking load rope pendant can be hired from Falmouth Harbour Commissioners. The Pendant is suitable for deployment through a centre panama lead only.

Although a buoy berth is more secure than lying to a ship's own anchor, ship's masters should ensure that a suitable watch is maintained at all times. Notice for engines should not normally exceed 4 hours without the approval of the Harbour Authority. Notice for engines is to be reduced if strong winds are forecast.

Ship's masters should not deploy the vessel's own anchors whilst moored to the buoy as there is a risk of these becoming trapped in the groundwork.