

Title: Newcastle Harbour – Tug Loss of Communications
Warning Signal – Emergency Whistle

Reference: To be included in next version of Marine Pilots Guidelines

Harbour Master Memo OPS – 009 (25/5/06) Emergency Ship Whistle is cancelled and replaced by this HMI.

Description:

In the event of disruption to communication between tug masters and pilots when in the berthing pocket the following signal is to be used:

One Prolonged Blast on the ships whistle, when in the berthing pocket, indicates that communication has failed and that the pilot requires the tugs to stabilise the vessel.

That means, stop your actions and take other actions to stop the vessel to the best of your assessment and awareness. Communication between tugs in this situation is clearly advantageous.