



## DEE CONSERVANCY

### Ballast Water Management

Due to the Dee Conservancy being an important ecologically sensitive area and a highly protected nature conservation site, vessels should avoid discharging water ballast within the Dee estuary which could have an impact on the native environment.

Vessels operating in the Dee Conservancy are required to comply with guidance contained in the Maritime and Coastguard Agency - MGN 363 (M+F).

Where applicable, vessels are required to maintain a ballast water management plan and a ballast water record book for inspection by the harbour authority and flag state.

When a vessel is required to de-ballast for safety or operational reasons within the Dee Conservancy this should be through an approved ballast water treatment system or a ballast water exchange should have been completed.

As and when a vessel's safe stability parameters allow, a ballast water exchange should equate to a 95% volumetric exchange and be completed at least 50 nautical miles from land or as far as possible from the nearest land within the vessels normal trading pattern. Where possible the exchange should be completed in waters of at least 200 metres deep.

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