



Harbour Master Update

003/2020

DATE: 2020-OCTOBER-19

SUBJECT: Underwater Biofouling Management

Purpose:

The Halifax Port Authority (HPA) has reviewed the Underwater Biofouling Management Process. As a result, the process will be changed effective January 1, 2021.

Details:

On January 1, 2021 HPA will implement a new process associated with the underwater biofouling management of vessels within HPA mandated waters. HPA will continue to provide guidance to vessel operators on the guidelines, regulations and practices involved with underwater biofouling management. The procedural changes are highlighted below.

Actions:

New Process:

- Underwater biofouling of is permitted in the Port of Halifax, but requires approval from the HPA Operations Department via hpa_security@portofhalifax.ca.
- The contractor hired by the vessel to conduct the work must provide HPA with confirmation of clean and capture technologies to be utilized and where the disposal of waste will take place. This equipment must be capable of meeting all Transport Canada and Environment Canada regulations in regard to percentage of debris captured.
- On request, vessels must be able to provide the Harbour Master with copies of the biofouling management plan and biofouling record book.

Information Flow:

1. Vessel/Agent will email hpa_security@portofhalifax.ca to request permission to perform biofouling management activities.
2. Vessel/Agent will receive email from HPA Harbour Master, or delegate, requesting proof of clean and capture technology being utilized to facilitate biofouling management activities.
3. Vessel/Agent will receive email authorising or denying biofouling management activities.

Please note, there are several regulations highlighted in the biofouling management process that are required to be adhered to. To monitor this, the HPA reserves the right to perform on vessel inspections at any time without notice.

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