

All Mariners, Masters, PEC holders and Pilots with the conduct of any vessel are reminded of the necessity of testing all bridge manoeuvring controls, at all positions for both ahead and astern propulsion on a regular basis, including CPP and all other forms of propulsion.

All bridge controls and astern movement should be tested prior to entry into restricted waters and in plenty of time prior to berth approach particularly if there has not been the necessity to use backup controls and astern engine movements on the preceding passage in the port.

Such tests should be logged in the vessel's official log book (Manoeuvring Book) on each occasion. Percentage of ahead power and time delay to achieving astern power should also be recorded and Master/Pilot duly notified.