



Floating Timber Reported on Fairway

DESCRIPTION	Vessel contacts VTS operator to report floating timber debris observed on the fairway posing a potential hazard to navigation
PARTICIPANTS	VTS operator and officer of the watch
	<p>VTS operator The VTS operator receives a call from a vessel reporting floating timber on the fairway.</p> <p>The VTS operator asks the officer the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The exact position of the timber (latitude and longitude) - Description of the timber (size, quantity, whether submerged or visible) - Whether the vessel has already passed the debris or is approaching it - Current weather and visibility conditions in the area <p>The VTS operator then informs the officer of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The report will be passed on to the relevant authorities - A navigational warning will be issued to all vessels in the area via VHF channel 16
	<p>Officer on the bridge The officer on the bridge contacts the VTS operator to report floating timber observed on the fairway.</p> <p>The officer provides the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The timber is located at position 60°04,4' N, 021°01,2' E - The debris consists of one single large log, that is partially submerged and may be difficult to see if near to the surface - The vessel is approaching the debris field from the east and has reduced speed as a precaution - Visibility is approximately 10 nautical miles, wind from the southwest at 10m/s - The debris appears to be drifting towards the northern side of the fairway.