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How to complete an Electronic Logbook

A quick guide to the main messages required when using e-logs.

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Departure message (DEP)

- Must be sent before you leave port on every trip, even if not fishing
- Must declare all gear and catch on board at time of departure
- Must show the correct information for the master on the trip
- Must declare intended activity – fishing/cruising/scientific

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Fishing Activity Report (FAR)

- Must be submitted every day on all fishing trips before 23:59 — even if there is no catch to declare
- Must declare all catch on board over 50kg live weight
- Must record what has been thrown back into the sea (discarded)
- Must record undersize fish in accordance with the landing obligation

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End of Fishing (EOF)

- Must be submitted after all Fishing Activity Reports have been sent on all fishing trips
- This declares that no more fishing is to be carried out on this trip

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Prior Notification (PNO)

- This message declares the time and date you intend to return to port
- This message declares the amount of catch on board and how much you intend to land
- You **MUST** return to port no later than 4 hours after the time specified in this message

Not every vessel has to send a PNO

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Return to Port (RTP)

- Must be submitted every time a vessel returns to port — detailing the time and date of return
- Must declare reason for returning — e.g. landing/sheltering/repair
- To allow a landing declaration to be submitted, the return reason must be 'Landing — LAN

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Landing Declaration (LAN)

- Must be completed for all trips where catch was landed
- Can be completed by the master or his representative
- Must be submitted within twenty four hours of the landing operation
- Must detail all species and quantities landed – even if not sold

Other Messages

Depending on where and how you fish, there may be other messages and information you are required to submit via your elog.

For instance, “Catch on Entry” and “Catch on Exit” when passing in and out of an effort zone (such as a Sole Recovery Zone). For more information on these, please contact the Milford Haven Fisheries Office on **03000 253500** or speak to your local Marine Enforcement officer.