

**PILOTAGE DIRECTIONS (As amended 15th October 2004)
IN CONNECTION WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PILOTAGE PROVISIONS OF THE
PILOTAGE ACT OF 1987**

- 1.0 The Dart Harbour and Navigation Authority (“DHNA”) being the Competent Harbour Authority (“CHA”) for the port of Dartmouth and in accordance with Section 7. of the Pilotage Act of 1987 declare that the port area under its jurisdiction, in the interest of safety, shall be subject to compulsory pilotage.**
- 2.0 Pilotage is compulsory in an area bounded by an imaginary line between Inner Froward Point and Combe Point and the weir at Totnes. The area is divided into two zones:**
 - 2.1 The Outer Zone extends from an imaginary line between Inner Froward Point and Combe Point to the Anchor Stone.
 - 2.2 The Inner Zone extends from the Anchor Stone to the weir at Totnes.
- 3.0 With the exception of HM ships and cross river ferries operating between two declared points, pilotage is compulsory for the following vessels:**
 - 3.1 In the Outer Zone:
 - 3.1.1 Vessels of 20m and over in length carrying a passenger or passengers or carrying dangerous or polluting goods in bulk (Including non-gas free tankers);
 - 3.1.2 Towing vessels and tows of 50m and over in combined length;
 - 3.1.3 All other vessels of 50m and over in length.
 - 3.2 In the Inner Zone:**
 - 3.2.1 Fishing vessels with a registered length of 47.5m and over, upriver of Galmpton Creek.
 - 3.2.2 Towing vessels and tows of 20m and over in combined length;
 - 3.2.3 Other vessels of 20m and over in length either carrying dangerous or polluting goods in bulk (Including non-gas free tankers) or carrying a passenger or passengers or having a draft exceeding 1.5m.
 - 3.2.4 All other vessels of 30m and over in length
- 4.0 The definition of the length of a tow shall be:**
 - 4.1 The length of the tow when measured from the bow of the towing vessel to the stern of the vessel being towed;
 - 4.2 The length of the longest vessel when towing alongside.
- 5.0 Unless specifically exempted by the Harbour Master the following are required to notify the DHNA in accordance with paragraphs 5.1 or 5.2:**
 - 5.0.1 All ships of 50m and over in length, including HM ships and fishing vessels.
 - 5.0.2 Vessels of 30m and over and fishing vessels of 47.5m and over in length intending to enter the inner zone
 - 5.0.3 Towing vessels and tows of 20m and over in combined length
 - 5.0.4 Vessels of 20m and over in length either carrying dangerous or polluting goods in bulk (Including non-gas free tankers) or carrying passengers or having a draft exceeding 1.5m
 - 5.1 Where a Pilot is required – 72 hours in advance, with update 12 hours before arrival, and confirmation thirty minutes in advance of their arrival in, movement within or departure

from, the pilotage area (shorter notice may be accepted depending on the availability of a pilot, pilot boat crew, linesmen and port control staff.)

- 5.2 Where no Pilot is required - As early as practicable and in any event prior to entering, moving within or departing from, the pilotage area.
- 5.3 Failure to give the required notice for a pilot or failure of the ship to arrive or sail within 30 minutes of the ETA or ETD, could result in the ship having to wait for a pilot and the possible imposition of a surcharge on the normal rates of pilotage.

6.0 Methods of contacting the DHNA.

- 6.1 Address: 6 Oxford Street, Dartmouth, TQ6 9AL.
- 6.2 Email: info@dartharbour.org
- 6.3 Fax: 01803 833631
- 6.4 VHF Ch 11
- 6.5 Office Tel: 01803 832337
- 6.6 Out of hours Tel: 07968 839846

7.0 DHNA Office Hours (Subject to change without notice)

- 7.1 Summer:
 - 7.1.1 Mon. – Fri 0900 - 1700
 - 7.1.2 Sat/Sun 1000 – 1600
- 7.2 Winter:
 - 7.2.1 Mon. - Thu. 0900 - 1700
 - 7.2.2 Fri. 0900 – 1600
- 7.3 The office is closed on: Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. The office is open at Easter and during summer Bank Holiday.

8.0 Authorisation of Pilots.

- 8.1 Pilots will be authorised by this Authority in accordance with Section 3, of the Pilotage Act 1987.
- 8.2 Pilots must hold: a valid certificate of competency as Master, or have held a 1st class licence from another Pilotage District.
- 8.3 Pilots must be in possession of a current ENG1 medical certificate.

9.0 Pilotage Exemption Certificates (“PEC”) for Masters and First Mates of Vessels.

- 9.1 PECs are issued in accordance with the terms and conditions of Section 8 of the pilotage Act 1987 and may take at least one month to process.

9.2 Applicants for PECs must have held the qualifications necessary, to command the vessel or to be carried in the capacity of 1st Mate, where such a qualification exists, for which they require a PEC for at least 12 months. In addition, applicants must be in possession of current medical and eyesight certificates unless they hold a qualification that does not require such certificates. They must also either:

9.2.1 Have completed a minimum of six round trips on the bridge of a vessel in the twelve months prior to the date of application for such certificate. Such passages to have been in the type and size of vessel and in the zone to which the certificate would relate and must be recorded by the Authority at the time of their taking place. At least half the trips must have been in the last six months. These trips must have been made with either a PEC holder or a Licensed Pilot present on the bridge.

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9.2.2 Undertake a practical examination in ship handling and navigation. The examination to be in the zone or zones and on the type and size of vessel to which the certificate would relate.

9.2.3 Applicants must also satisfy DHNA at an oral examination as to their knowledge of that zone for which they require a certificate. They must also demonstrate an adequate knowledge of the English language, local bye laws and methods of signalling and communication.

9.3 PEC are to be renewed annually. Holders will be required to be conversant with any changes that have occurred in the area for which they are certified. They must have completed at least two round trips in the previous twelve months of which at least one transit must be in the presence of a licensed Pilot in the zones for which they are exempted from carrying a Pilot.

Holders must also be in possession of current medical and eyesight certificates where their qualification requires them. Alteration and additions to a certificate may take at least one month to process. Application for renewal must be made at least one month before expiry.

9.4 The holders of a lapsed PEC shall be allowed to renew such PEC provided they apply to do so no later than 28 days following the expiration date of the PEC. Thereafter, and provided that the PEC is expired less than 12 months, applicants will have to complete 2 round trips in the zones for which they are seeking an exemption with a current Pilotage Exemption Certificate holder on the bridge.

9.5 The holders of a PEC out of date by less than 24 months will have to comply with the provision of paragraph 9.4 and pass an oral examination for each zone for which they are seeking an exemption.

9.6 The holders of a PEC out of date by more than 24 months will have to re-apply for an exemption and meet the requirements of a new applicant.

**For and on behalf of the
Dart Harbour and Navigation Authority**



**Captain Mark Cooper
Harbour Master
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