



NOTICE TO MARINERS No 02/24 GENERAL DIRECTIONS - PILOTAGE

Clydeport Operations Limited, as the Competent Harbour Authority for the purposes of the Pilotage Act 1987 (as amended by the Marine Navigation Act 2013) and in pursuance of its powers under Section 7 of the said Act, hereby issues Pilotage Directions to ships navigating within the limits of jurisdiction as defined in the Clyde Port Authority Order Confirmation Act 1965 and subsequent amendment(s).

Clydeport Operations Ltd has been appointed by Ardrossan Harbour Company Ltd to act as its agents in fulfilling, inter alia, Ardrossan Harbour Company pilotage functions. This Pilotage Direction is therefore applicable in respect of Ardrossan Harbour Company Ltd.

In this direction the following meanings shall apply;

- a. The **SEAWARD LIMIT OF COMPULSORY PILOTAGE FOR ALL VESSELS** means a line, commencing at the intersection of the line of longitude 05° 06'W with the North shore of Loch Striven and then proceeding due South to the north shore of the Island of Bute and by the same line of longitude, from the South shore of the Island of Bute to the Latitude of Gull Point on Little Cumbrae Island; thence by a line proceeding in the direction 143° (T) for a distance of seven nautical miles; and thence by a line proceeding in the direction 053° (T) to the northern boundary of the Harbour of Saltcoats.
- b. The **OUTER PILOTAGE AREA** means that part of the Firth of Clyde, Holy Loch and Loch Striven within the area bounded by an imaginary line from Kempock Point proceeding in the direction 295°(T) to Strone Point and The Seaward Limit of Compulsory Pilotage.
- c. The **COMPULSORY PILOTAGE DISTRICT FOR ALL VESSELS** means that part of the area of jurisdiction of the Clyde Port Authority Order Confirmation Act 1969 and subsequent amendment(s) contained between the Seaward Limits of Compulsory Pilotage and the Landward Limit of Compulsory Pilotage.

SPECIFIC VESSELS THAT ARE SUBJECT TO COMPULSORY PILOTAGE

The following vessels will be required to engage the services of an authorised Clydeport Pilot :

- a. Passenger vessels \geq 25m (LOA) OR carrying in excess of 12 passengers.
- b. Timetabled ferry services operating within the Clyde Port Authority area of jurisdiction.
- c. Vessels carrying dangerous goods as defined in the IMDG Code and/or Dangerous Goods in Harbour Areas Regulations 2016 and all vessels which are not gas free.

In addition to the above the following Table applies within the pilotage areas.

Outer Pilotage Area (LOA & above)	
120m	Transiting the Outer Pilotage Area
75m	Proceeding to Ardrossan



Tows: For dead tow movements (towed vessel has no power) the above table applies when the overall length of the tow including vessel, towline and tugs meets the above LOA criteria.

In the event of a Deck Officer of any of the above vessels, except vessels carrying dangerous goods in bulk, holding a current Pilotage Exemption Certificate issued by Clydeport, the services of an Authorised Clydeport Pilot will not be required, unless requested.

VOLUNTARY PILOTAGE

Clydeport will provide Pilotage services to any vessel upon request, subject to Pilot availability, when navigating within Clydeport jurisdiction.

CLYDEPORT PILOTAGE ARRANGEMENTS

Clydeport directs that any vessels which are subject to Compulsory Pilotage or request Voluntary Pilotage as aforementioned shall:

- a. Give a minimum of 6 hours' advance notice of estimated arrival time and 6 hours' advance notice of departure or intention to shift within the Port. All requests for a Pilot should be made together with bookings and submitted via PortLinks Clydeport.portlinks@peelports.com .
- b. Failure to provide such advance notice or failure to arrive, depart or shift within 2 hours of the notified time will be penalised by a charge in accordance with that specified in the Clydeport Schedule of Charges 2019. Cancellation Charge will apply if vessel fails to depart more than 1.5 hours after the Pilot embarks on board the vessel.
- c. The Harbour Master's decision on Pilotage shall be final.

PILOTAGE EXEMPTION SCHEME

In accordance with Pilotage Act 1987 and Port Marine Safety Code Guide to Good Practice, Clydeport provides opportunity for Pilotage Exemption. Information on Pilotage Exemption Certificates (PEC) can be found on the Peel Ports website at:

<http://peelports.com/ports/clydeport/port-information>

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