

PORT OF GREAT YARMOUTH

Consultation on Proposed Revision of the Port of Great Yarmouth Pilotage Direction

Following review of the existing Pilotage Direction issued in 2019, it has been determined that the Direction is in need of amendment. In consideration of the physical changes within the port, the frequency of berth usage in different areas, and the types of vessels being served, the proposed changes are summarised below.

No.	Description	Comment
1	Reorganisation of Schedules including incorporation of Appendix 1 from Pilotage Directions 2019.	To simplify the Pilotage Directions and enable the CHA to amend schedules more efficiently where changes to traffic patterns or port development occurs.
2	Removal of Pilotage Authorisation and Training (Schedule 2 in Pilotage Directions 2019)	To reduce amount of superfluous information in the Directions and Schedules. This information remains available to bona fide interested parties on request.
3	Splitting of Pilotage Area 'River Port' into two separate areas – 'River Port North' and 'River Port South'	Following a series of navigational risk assessments conducted during construction, and post completion of Herring Bridge; and in consideration of the infrequent use of existing PECs North of the bridge location, it has been determined that the CHA will, for the time being, not issue PECs for the area of the River Port to the North of the Herring Bridge. Legacy PECs will be also be subject to the restriction in the new Pilotage Direction.
4	Introduction of a new class of PEC for vessels shifting within the 'River Port South' Pilotage Area.	A new limited PEC to be made available enabling the holder to Pilot vessels shifting from berth to berth within the River Port South area, where the vessel is not swinging.
5	Various minor amendments.	Including; Additional detail on Pilot Boarding Positions. Additions to required boarding arrangements referencing internationally required standards. References to port tariff where charges may be applicable. Updates to titles of various personnel.

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