

NOTICE TO MARINERS

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COMPULSORY PILOTAGE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the attention of Masters whose vessels are subject to compulsory pilotage is drawn to the requirements of Section 15 of the Pilotage Act 1987, viz:

A ship which is being navigated in an area and in circumstances in which pilotage is compulsory for it by virtue of a pilotage direction shall be:

- (a) under the pilotage of an authorised pilot accompanied by such an assistant, if any, as is required by virtue of the direction; or*
- (b) under the pilotage of a deck officer possessing a pilotage exemption certificate in respect of that area and ship.*

Therefore, whilst the Master of a vessel retains overall **command**, if that vessel requires such, the Pilot (or, if appropriate, the holder of a valid Pilotage Exemption Certificate) shall have **conduct** (i.e., control of the navigation and physical movements of the vessel, in whatever form that takes) of the vessel whilst it is subject to compulsory pilotage.

The Master of a vessel subject to compulsory pilotage who assumes conduct of the vessel in lieu of the Pilot (or, if appropriate, the holder of a valid Pilotage Exception Certificate) may be guilty of an offence and liable to prosecution.

This Notice to Mariners is to be read in conjunction with the Pilotage Directions for the Port of Liverpool.