



# Port of Heysham



# Pilotage Directions

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Peel Ports Group

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## **1. Authority**

Heysham Port Limited as the competent harbour authority for the Port of Heysham pursuant to the Pilotage Act of 1987 and in exercise of their powers under section 7 of the said act, hereby give pilotage direction for the Port of Heysham.

## **2. Definitions**

Unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) “the Act” means the Pilotage Act 1987 and any statutory amendment or re-enactment thereof.
- (b) “Certificate” means a Pilotage Exemption Certificate granted by the Company.
- (c) The “Company” means Heysham Port Ltd, Heysham, Lancashire, LA3 2XF.
- (d) “Length” means the overall length of the vessel.
- (e) “the Port” and “the Port of Heysham” means Heysham
- (f) “Port Operations Control” means the Port Operations Control for the Port of Heysham.
- (g) “Pilot” means a pilot authorised by the Company.

In these Directions, the singular shall include the plural and vice versa and words importing gender shall include any other gender unless the context otherwise requires.

## **3. Compulsory Pilotage**

- (a) Pilotage shall be compulsory for all vessels 50 metres (m) and above in length, including a vessel under tow where the length of tug and tow exceeds 50m, navigating within the Port.
- (b) Pilotage shall be compulsory for any vessel less than 50m in length navigating within the Port when:
  - the navigation of which is in the opinion of the Company affected by a

defect in or damage to the vessel or her equipment or incompetence or inadequacy of the Master or crew.

- navigating within in the Port limits solely to adjust the compass.
- carrying fare-paying passengers, (unless otherwise agreed with the Company).
- Carrying on board (including in its slop tanks), quantities of the following (IMO codings in brackets):
  - i) Explosives (Class 1, excluding Class 1.4), in excess of 10 kg Net Explosive Quantity;
  - ii) LNG in bulk, LPG in bulk or being non-gas free following discharge of these cargoes;
  - iii) Flammable liquids and substances in bulk or being non-gas free following discharge of these cargoes (Class 3 of flashpoint  $<23^{\circ}$  C); and/or
  - iv) Toxic and corrosive substances in bulk or being non-gas free following discharge of these cargoes (Classes 6.1 and 8.0);
- in respect of a vessel of more than 50m, the Master or First Mate has not previously navigated that vessel or a vessel of a similar class to that vessel within the Port in the past 12 months.

#### **4. Pilotage Exemption Certificates**

(a) Vessels of 50m and above in length

A certificate for a bona fide Master or First mate of the vessel of 50m and above in length will be granted by the Company, on examination, following receipt of the written application and examination fee in respect of such master or First Mate, provided that such Master or First Mate shall:

- (i) hold a valid Certificate of Competency for the class of vessel to which the certificate is intended to relate and a full ENG1 medical certificate or equivalent.
- (ii) have experience, of navigation in the Port, and the Port Byelaws, Port Control System and the English language, which experience is sufficient in the opinion of the Company to enable the applicant to be capable of navigating the vessel and manoeuvring the vessel alongside of which he is the Master or First Mate in the Port.
- (iii) have satisfied the Company in examination that he has the skill sufficient for the purpose of piloting the vessel to which the Certificate is to relate within the Port.

- (iv) as bona fide Master or First Mate of a vessel of substantially the same class as that to which the Certificate is to relate, have performed not less than 20 trips (10 in, 10 out), in each case, to or from the Port from or to a place outside the Port, at least four of such trips being undertaken in darkness, within the period of 12 months immediately preceding the application for a Certificate and during each of such trips the applicant has been on watch on the bridge of such vessel. At least one such trip shall be a check ride, preferably inward bound and where circumstances permit, in darkness, and shall be under the supervision of a first class pilot for which the appropriate check ride fee shall be paid by the applicant to the Company.

Where the Company is not satisfied that the necessary experience referred in paragraph 4(a) above has been attained, the Company may require such Master or First Mate to perform one or more further trips to or from the Port from or to a place outside the Port in a vessel of substantially the same class as that of the vessel to which the certificate will relate, accompanied by a pilot until is so satisfied.

**(b) Vessels of less than 50m in length**

A certificate for a bona fide Master or First Mate of a vessel of less than 50m in length that is required pursuant to these Pilotage Directions to have a Pilot on board, will be granted by the Company, on examination, subject to the same provisions as apply to the granting of a Certificate for Masters and First Mates of vessels of 50m and above in length per paragraph 4(a) hereof.

**(c) Renewal of Certificates**

A certificate will be renewed annually on the first day of January in any year on the written application of the relevant Master or First Mate, provided that the said Master or First Mate shall have performed 20 trips (10 in, 10 out) to or from the Port within the 12 months preceding the date of renewal as bona fide Master or First Mate of a vessel to which the Certificate relates.

A Certificate will not be renewed when the relevant Master or First mate does not hold a full ENG1 medical certificate or equivalent.

**(d) Revalidation of Certificates**

A certificate will remain valid for a period of 5 years and during the year after the fourth renewal a check ride will be required. If the candidate's performance is satisfactory the subsequent renewal will be classed as a revalidation. If there is any cause to doubt a candidate's performance or evidence that their local knowledge has not been kept up to date, a full re-examination will be required.

### **(e) Amendments to Certificates**

- where a bona fide Master or First Mate of a vessel, having granted a Certificate by the Company for a vessel may apply, to add to that certificate, a further vessel/s of substantially the same class as that to which the original Certificate is intended to relate.
- where a bona fide Master or First Mate of a vessel, having been granted a Certificate on examination by the Company, ceases for any reason to be employed or engaged by the Company named on the Certificate, the Certificate will cease to be valid as from the date of the termination of employment or engagement.
- where a bona fide Master or First Mate to in paragraph 4d(i) is subsequently employed or engaged by another employer and applies to the company for the Certificate will only be granted by the Company, on examination, subject to the conditions contained in section 4(a).

### **(f) Reporting of Casualties**

A Master or First Mate who holds a Certificate shall report in writing as soon as possible to the Harbour Master of the Port, any accident which has happened to or been caused by a vessel within the port and whilst under his charge.

### **(g) Procedure in relation to accidents or incidents involving the holder of a Certificate;**

### **(h) Preliminary Procedure**

Following any accident or incident to a vessel within the Port whilst under the charge of a Master or First Mate who is the holder of a Certificate such Master or First Mate shall submit in writing to the Deputy Harbour Master, and as soon as practicable, a report of the accident or incident.

On receipt of such report the Deputy Harbour Master of the Company may request an interview with such Master or First Mate who may, if he so wishes be accompanied by a companion.

Having established the facts the Deputy Harbour Master may take no further action or refer the matter to the Harbour Master who may suspend such Master or First Mate and hold an inquiry.

### **The Inquiry**

The inquiry shall be heard before the Company's Pilotage Committee, which shall be

chaired by the Harbour Master and shall include the Deputy Harbour Master and an authorised Heysham Pilot.

The Master or First Mate may, if he so wishes be accompanied by a companion. The facts of the case and the disciplinary action to be taken shall be submitted to the Company for its endorsement. The Company may take the advice and penalty as so given or reduce it, but shall not increase it nor impose no penalty.

The following actions may be taken in relation to the relevant Master of First Mate:

1. A caution to be recorded and deleted after six months
2. A warning to be recorded and deleted after six months
3. A reprimand to be recorded and deleted after one year
4. A re-qualification and re-examination and / or a check trip.
5. Revocation of Certificate.

### **Appeal Procedure**

The relevant Master or First Mate may within five business days from the date of being informed in writing of the Committees decision appeal against that decision by notifying the Deputy Harbour Master in writing of his intention to appeal. The appeal shall be heard by a director of the Company, the Deputy Harbour Master and an unconflicted authorised Heysham Pilot and their decision will be final.

For the avoidance of doubt, where an appeal against revocation of an authorisation is unsuccessful, the effective date of the revocation will be the date of the inquiry and not the appeal.

## **5. Boarding and Disembarking Stations**

The sea stations for the boarding and disembarking of pilots from and to pilot boats is that station marked on Admiralty Charts 1552 and 2010. This position lies approximately 1 mile SSW of No2 buoy.

## **8. COMMUNICATIONS**

- (a) Email address:  
duty.manager@heyshamport.com
- (b) Vessels wishing to communicate with the Heysham Pilot VHF should call, "Heysham Pilot" on Channel 14 or Channel 74. Channel 16 may be used to establish initial contact.
- (c) Port Operations Control - Heysham has the following telephone number:  
Duty Managers            01524 868307