NOTICE TO MARINERS

Perth Harbour

Coronavirus (Covid-19) Revised Pilotage Requirements

Following the outbreak of the coronavirus COVID-19, the UK Department for Transport, in consultation with Public Health England, has issued updates on the spread of the virus and guidelines (Guidance for shipping and sea ports on coronavirus (COVID-19)) for the steps necessary to prevent the spread of the virus. Further useful advice for ship operators can be found at Advice for ship operators for preparedness and response to the outbreak of COVID-19.

In support of those guidelines, Perth Harbour has introduced the following procedure for embarkation of pilots and subsequent vessel transit;

Pilot Embarkation Procedure for all vessels calling on the Tay:

- Vessels must have submitted the required Maritime Declaration of Health to the relevant Port Heath Authority and Perth Harbour prior to boarding (inbound) – as per NTM No. 02/2021. Should a suspected case of COVID-19 be identified following the arrival of a vessel into Perth Harbour, the vessel must bring this to the attention of the Harbour Master immediately.
- Pilots shall risk assess procedures prior to embarkation and advise the Harbour Office of any additional measures that are required, including Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).
- Where possible, one hour before the pilot embarkation time, all non-essential crew should remain clear of the designated route from the pilot embarkation point (either pilot ladder, accommodation ladder etc.) to the wheelhouse, especially where the route is within enclosed spaces.
- Immediately prior to pilot embarkation, all surfaces and equipment in the wheelhouse, or on the bridge wings, that the pilot may touch must be sanitised.
- The wheelhouse, where possible, should remain well ventilated via the opening of external doors or windows.
- Where possible, the route from the embarkation point to the wheelhouse should be via the open deck, as opposed to within enclosed spaces.
- The wheelhouse should be cleared of all crew not essential to the navigation of the vessel.

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- Unless necessary for the safety of the pilot (i.e. during the embarkation process), crew or vessel, the pilot and crew should maintain social distancing.
- Similar precautions must be taken during disembarkation of the pilot either ashore or to the pilot launch.

Additional procedure for vessels where they have a <u>suspected case of COVID-19 on board</u>:

- The vessel should be subject to an individual risk assessment involving the Harbour Master, Perth Pilot and where possible local health authority.
- The vessel should confirm that the crew member(s) suffering COVID-19 symptoms are isolated away from any area of the vessel that the pilot needs to access or transit.
- A clear and sanitised pathway from the pilot boarding point to the bridge should be clearly identified and confirmed to the pilot prior to boarding.
- Crew members required to be present on the bridge during the pilotage should be kept to a minimum, all should maintain social distancing where possible and should always wear face-coverings.
- The pilot could be provided with appropriate enhanced PPE as an additional precaution, where practicable, as identified by the individual risk assessment and dependant on the severity of the circumstances.

If any vessel is not able to comply with the requirements of this notice they are required to notify Perth Harbour, VHF Ch09, this information can then be relayed to the Pilot prior to their arrival at the vessel. Failure to comply with this notice may result in your Pilot being cancelled or your vessel delayed.

As vessels for Perth are required to accept a Pilot from the Port of Dundee, vessels must ensure that any additional requirements set by the Port of Dundee are complied with.

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