

**PD TEESPORT LIMITED**

# **NOTICE TO MARINERS NO.6 OF 2019**

**Issued by the Harbour Master on 04 January**

**NORTH-EAST COAST OF ENGLAND  
TEES BAY**

## **SUSPENSION OF COMPULSORY PILOTAGE IN HEAVY WEATHER - RIVER TEES**

1. When the prevailing weather conditions preclude safe embarkation and/or disembarkation of vessels in Tees Bay, the compulsory pilotage for the area between Tees North and South Buoys and No.13 Beacon may be temporarily suspended for:

- hazardous vessels under 150m OAL; and
- all other vessels under 175m OAL except ro-ro ferries, which must be less than 200m OAL;

provided that "Tees VTS" can satisfactorily complete the relevant risk assessment.

2. The risk assessment requires that:

- inward bound vessels may only be considered for this manoeuvre during daylight hours (civil to civil);
- the Master has completed the appropriate passages on at least 2 occasions within the past 12 months;
- the vessel has on board an up-to-date copy of Chart 2566 "Tees and Hartlepool Bays" or approved equivalent;
- the Pilot/Duty Pilot considers the manoeuvre is safe, given his knowledge of the vessel and the weather conditions;
- the Master has been briefed on the relevant part of the Passage Plan by the Pilot;

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- the Master considers the manoeuvre is safe, given the weather conditions, size, power and reliability of the vessel;
- for inward bound vessels, the Pilot confirms that embarkation before a line drawn between No.7 and No.8 Buoys is possible and that it is part of the Passage Plan;
- for outward bound vessels, the Pilot confirms that disembarkation after a line drawn between Phillips Approach Buoy and No.12A Buoy is possible and that it is part of the Passage Plan;
- the vessel will remain under manual steering for the passage;
- the Bridge Team includes at least the Master, a Mate and a Helmsman;
- the Master has been informed that the Pilot will check compliance on boarding;
- inward bound vessels enter between Tees North and South Buoys;
- the visibility in the Sea Reach exceeds 1 nautical mile;
- there is a clear channel with no other vessels approaching closer than 1 nautical mile at any stage of the unpiloted passage;
- the Duty Assistant Harbour Master can confirm that there will be no more than a total of 3 vessels moving in the Tees Channels during this manoeuvre;
- the Harbour Surveillance Radar is working, with the relevant part of the River Channel displayed.

**NOTE:** Owners, Agents and Charterers should ensure that the contents of this Notice are made known to Masters or persons in charge of their vessels or craft.