

## NOTICE TO MARINERS NO.20 OF 2020

Updated by the Harbour Master on 04 June

### NORTH-EAST COAST OF ENGLAND RIVER TEES AND HARTLEPOOL

#### PILOTAGE PRECAUTIONS DUE TO COVID-19

PD Teesport hereby gives Notice that the following now applies to all vessels visiting the Ports of Tees and Hartlepool.

Due to the ongoing situation with regards to COVID-19, the following advice should be followed to assist in the safeguarding of vessels' crews and Tees Bay Pilots when the vessel is under the act of pilotage:

##### **Pilot:**

- If the Pilot presents with Flu like symptoms – he **should not attend** the vessel and he should report to the Harbour Master.
- An advanced hygiene routine has been implemented on the pilot cutter, which limits the number of Pilots being transferred at any one time to two.
- Pilots will not normally wear face masks, in line with WHO and UK Government guidance.
- No handshakes and minimal contact with the Bridge inventory.
- Wherever possible, observe UK Government guidelines with regards to social distancing whilst on board – this requirement should be included in the Master/Pilot Exchange.
- Pilots, wherever possible, follow current NHS advice in how to avoid catching and spreading COVID-19.
- Wash your hands on entering the Bridge and avoid face contact with your hands.
- Pilots are not allowed to eat on the Bridge.
- Pilots are not to use cups provided by the vessel.

##### **Vessel:**

- Ensure that the requirements of Notice to Mariners No.19 of 2020 are adhered to.
- Wherever possible, the route from the pilot embarkation point to the wheelhouse should be via open deck, as opposed to within enclosed spaces.
- Ensure only essential personnel are present when accepting the Pilot and on the Bridge during the act of pilotage.
- No handshakes.
- Prior to the Pilot boarding, ensure the Bridge is cleaned with suitable disinfectant solution.
- Every crew member who enters/leaves the Bridge should wash their hands thoroughly.
- If possible, have a supply of hand sanitiser on the Bridge. Each member of the Bridge Team should use hand sanitiser frequently.
- It is recommended not to eat on the Bridge during the act of pilotage.
- Wherever possible, observe UK government guidelines with regards to social distancing whilst on board – this requirement should be included in the Master/Pilot Exchange
- Bridge to be well ventilated at all times during the act of pilotage.

**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.