

NOTICE TO MARINERS NO.18 OF 2021

Updated by the Harbour Master on 06 January

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 should report to the Harbour Master.
- Training of Pilots has been re-introduced. If a vessel wishes to refuse a second pilot, the Agent must inform the Duty Pilot prior to arrival so this can be considered and adhered to.
- Wear a face covering in indoor settings where social distancing may be difficult and when coming into contact with people you do not normally meet.
- An advanced hygiene routine has been implemented on the pilot cutter, which limits the number of pilots being transferred at any one time.
- 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.17 of 2021 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 crewmember who enters/leave the bridge should wash their hands thoroughly.
- If possible, have a supply on 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.