

NOTICE TO MARINERS NO.18 OF 2022

Issued by the Harbour Master on 07 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 regard 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.
- 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.
- No handshakes and minimal contact with the Bridge inventory.
- Wherever possible, observe current UK Government Guidelines with regard 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.

Vessel

- Ensure that the requirements of Notice to Mariners No.17 of 2022 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.
- If possible, have a supply on hand sanitiser on the Bridge. Each member of the Bridge Team should use hand sanitiser frequently.
- Wherever possible, observe UK Government Guidelines with regard 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.