



PD TEESPORT LIMITED

NOTICE TO MARINERS NO.11 OF 2026

Issued by the Harbour Master on 14 January

NORTH-EAST COAST OF ENGLAND

NAVIGATIONAL CONDUCT OF VESSELS IN THE PORTS OF TEES AND HARTLEPOOL

Masters' attention is drawn to the following:

1. Compulsory Pilotage

PD Teesport Pilotage Direction 2025 defines the Compulsory Pilotage area for the Ports of Tees and Hartlepool.

2. Navigational Conduct of Vessels within the Compulsory Pilotage Area

A person having the navigational conduct of a vessel within the Compulsory Pilotage Area must be an authorised Pilot or a person holding a valid Pilotage Exemption Certificate (PEC) issued by the Harbour Master.

3. Reporting of the Master Taking Navigational Conduct of the Vessel

3.1 In accordance with the Pilotage Act 1987, any Master who:

- proposes to take the navigational conduct of the vessel from the authorised Pilot or PEC holder in a compulsory pilotage area; and
- fails to notify the Competent Harbour Authority of their actions;

is guilty of an offence.

3.2 When it becomes apparent that a Pilot or PEC holder no longer has the navigational conduct of the vessel, they must report the incident to TEES VTS on VHF Channel 14, as soon as is safe and practicable to do so.

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.

Radar, AIS, CCTV, Telephone and VHF Channels are recorded 24/7.

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