

HD 501 – TYNE PILOTAGE DIRECTION

In accordance with the Pilotage Act 1987 (as amended) the Port of Tyne Authority is the Pilotage Authority for the Tyne Pilotage District.

“The Pilotage District, with effect from 27 July 1989, will be the Port which includes the seaward approaches within a radius of one mile from either of the roundheads of the North and South Piers at the mouth of the River Tyne and shall include, for the purposes of compulsory pilotage under Part I of the Pilotage Act 1987, so much of the area outside the port as lies within a radius of 3 miles from each of the roundheads, above described, contained within an area East of a line South Pier lighthouse bearing 179° and to the North of a line South Pier lighthouse bearing 288°”

Compulsory Pilotage

Pilotage is compulsory for vessels over 50metres LOA. (In the case of vessels or objects being towed, pilotage is compulsory where the combined length of the tow exceeds 50m);

EXCEPT:-

- (a) A Pilotage Exemption Certificate (PEC) may be granted to a Deck Officer of such vessels after examination.
- (b) At the discretion of the Authority, a Pilotage Exemption Certificate (PEC) may be granted to the Deck Officer of vessels > 50 metres but <100m LOA, without examination.

Non-Compulsory Pilotage

Pilotage is non-compulsory for vessels up to 50 metres, and as follows:-

- (a) For vessels being moved entirely outside the main navigable channel for the purpose of changing from one mooring to another mooring.
- (b) At the discretion of the Authority, for named vessels and masters, based in the port, operating regularly throughout the year, and engaged in:-
 - The transport of waste or dredged materials;
 - Refuelling or storing of other vessels;
 - The movement of barges, pontoons, or other similar craft:
- (c) For vessels which are transiting the seaward approaches to and from other ports.
- (d) For vessels anchoring in that part of the designated anchorage North East of the River Tyne entrance which lies within the port limits.
- (e) For vessels moving entirely within enclosed docks.

River Sections

The four sections of the Pilotage District are: -

- I. From the outer limits of the Pilotage District as previously described to a line drawn due north through Jarrow Quay Corner to the North Bank.
- II. From the upriver limit of Section I upriver to a line drawn due south from St Anthony's Point to the South Bank.
- III. From the upriver limit of Section II to the downstream side of the Swing Bridge at Newcastle and Gateshead.
- IV. From the upriver limit of Section III to the navigable limits of the Port upstream.