



## **NOTICE TO MARINERS NO. 6/14**

### **Safety assessments for non-commercial vessels subject to compulsory pilotage or requesting pilotage services.**

As set out in Section 18 of the Pilotage Act 1987, the Master of any vessel subject to GHT's Pilotage Directions or any vessel requesting pilotage services is required to provide details of the ship's dimensions and all other information relevant to the ship and its cargo which may affect passage through the compulsory area. The required information is set out in section 2(v) of the Trustees' Pilotage Directions.

Any non-commercial vessel (e.g. yacht or privately-owned vessel) which by virtue of its size is subject to compulsory pilotage, but is not subject to any regulatory or mandatory inspection regime, may be requested to make a declaration or provide proof of inter alia: adequate insurance cover; crew competency; compliance with SOLAS regulations and the provisions of MGN 489(M) for the size of vessel. Notification of any defective and unreliable equipment or machinery will also be required.

This information is needed in order to assess the seaworthiness and suitability of the vessel to operate in the Gloucester harbour. The vessel may be subject to inspection to confirm any declaration.

If, in the reasonable opinion of the pilot or the harbour master, the failure to provide this information or the provision of incorrect information may give rise to a potentially hazardous situation, the passage may be refused.

These requirements will also apply to vessels subject to GHT's Pilotage Directions intending to use the drydocks at Sharpness or Gloucester and vessels attending Gloucester Docks for other purposes.

Notices to Mariners may be viewed on the Trustees' website:

[www.gloucesterharbourtrustees.org.uk](http://www.gloucesterharbourtrustees.org.uk)

Owners, Agents, Charterers and Boat Clubs should ensure that the contents of this Notice are made known to the Masters or persons in charge of their vessels or craft.

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