



NOTICE TO MARINERS NO. 9/20

COVID-19

PILOTAGE PROCEDURES

Mariners are reminded that the potential for transmission of the Covid-19 virus remains a continued concern among seafarers and port authorities. Detailed requirements to help reduce the risk of infection are set out in our Notice to Mariners No. 5/20 dated 20 March 2020.

This Notice is intended to remind the Masters, crews and operators of vessels of the need to carry out certain actions prior to pilot boarding and during pilotage through the Gloucester district including:

- Immediately prior to pilot embarkation, all surfaces and equipment in the wheelhouse, or on the bridge wings, that the pilot may touch must be cleaned with a suitable cleaning solution.
- The wheelhouse, where possible, should remain well ventilated via the opening of external doors or windows.
- The wheelhouse should be cleared of all crew not essential to the navigation of the vessel. Crew members present are advised wear a protective mask and rubber gloves.
- Visits to the wheelhouse which are necessary for vessel operations should be made externally.
- Unless necessary for the safety of the pilot (i.e. during the embarkation process), crew or vessel, the pilot and crew should remain at least 2m apart.
- Similar precautions must be taken during disembarkation of the pilot either ashore or to the pilot launch.

Owners, Agents and Charterers 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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Harbourmaster/Marine Officer

17 September 2020.