



GLOUCESTER HARBOUR (PILOTAGE AND CONSERVANCY) DUES ¹

The Gloucester Harbour Trustees have agreed the following list of charges from 01st April 2026 which should be read in conjunction with the current Pilotage Directions as issued from time to time by the Gloucester Harbour Trustees.

I HARBOUR (PILOTAGE AND CONSERVANCY) DUES AND PILOT BOAT CHARGES

Subject to a minimum of 1000 tonnes Summer Deadweight, Harbour Dues (which include both pilotage dues and conservancy dues) will be levied as follows:-

(a)	Vessels transiting the Gloucester Harbour under pilotage	67.8p per Summer DWT
(b)	Contribution in respect of PNPf deficit	3.80p per Summer DWT
(c)	Pilot Boat Charge (see note (iv) below)	£185

- (i) These charges will apply to all commercial vessels which engage a pilot, whether or not subject to compulsory pilotage.
- (ii) The above charges will also be levied on specialist vessels and those of high volume to mass ratio such as Ro-Ros, car carriers and passenger ships using a notional Summer Deadweight tonnage for such vessels that is calculated by applying the following formula:-
- “overall length in metres x the extreme breadth in metres x 2”
- subject to a minimum charge based on a notional 1000 tonnes Summer Deadweight.
- (iii) Charges will be incurred for any act of pilotage which has commenced whether or not the intended destination is reached.

¹ The Gloucester Harbour Trustees have power to levy harbour dues ('ships dues') pursuant to the Harbours Act 1964, Section 10 of the Pilotage Act 1987 and the Gloucester Harbour Acts and Orders 1899 to 2002.

- (iv) An additional charge is payable on each and every occasion that a pilot is embarked or disembarked at Breaksea/Barry Pilot Station, or an attempt to embark or disembark a pilot is made or the pilot launch is mobilised to a cancelled or amended pilotage booking.

2 ABORTED PASSAGE

When a passage is aborted by the pilot during the passage because of adverse weather or tidal conditions, provided that the draft and speed of the vessel given by the ship's master when making the pilot booking is accurate, a reduction of 50% of the harbour dues will be granted to a ship for the outward/return passage of an aborted passage, irrespective of where in the act of pilotage the passage was aborted. A charge for the pilot boat as set out in 1(b) will also be levied where applicable.

3 RETENTION ON BOARD

A charge of £355 will be levied on each occasion when a pilot is retained on board for a tide or part thereof due to operational requirement, ship breakdown, weather, or at the direct request of a master.

4 ASSISTANT PILOT OR HELMSMAN

When circumstances require, an additional pilot or helmsman may be embarked to assist the pilot as set out in the Pilotage Directions. No additional charge will normally be made for this service, but the Trustees reserve the right to make an appropriate charge in exceptional circumstances.

5 CHARGE FOR ORDERS AND CANCELLATIONS OUTSIDE DUTY WATCH HOURS

A charge of £90 will be levied on orders received for pilots outside the hours advertised in the current Notice to Mariners – Pilotage Orders and Procedures.

6 LATE ORDERING, CANCELLATION OR POSTPONEMENT CHARGES

The following charges will be levied where insufficient notice is given when:

- a) ordering a pilot
- b) cancelling or postponing an order for a pilot
- c) a pilot attends at any agreed point of boarding (including Sharpness) to carry out an act of pilotage which is cancelled or does not take place (an aborted act).

NB In respect of (c) above any charges levied in respect of the pilot boat as set out in 1(b) will also be payable.

All the times relate to High Water at Sharpness (HWS)

A INWARD BOUND VESSELS

i)	Notice is given less than 10 hours but more than 8 hours before HWS	£90
ii)	Notice is given less than 8 hours before HWS	£430

**B INWARD BOUND VESSELS
(PORTS OF BRISTOL, AVONMOUTH, PORTBURY AND PORTISHEAD ONLY)**

i)	Notice is given less than 8 hours but more than 6 hours before HWS	£90
ii)	Notice is given less than 6 hours before HWS	£430

C OUTWARD BOUND VESSELS

i)	Notice is given less than 4 hours but more than 2½ hours before HWS	£90
ii)	Notice is given less than 2½ hours before HWS	£245

7 PILOTAGE EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE (PEC) CHARGES

The Gloucester Harbour Trustees have power under section 8 of the Pilotage Act 1987 to issue Pilotage Exemption Certificates. The criteria for granting PECs are set out in a document issued from time to time by GHT.

The following charges will be levied in relation to PECs:

Examination or Re-examination Fee	£510
Grant of Certificate	£ 80
Annual Renewal of Certificate	£ 80
Amendment or issue of a duplicate Certificate	£ 80

8 PILOTAGE EXEMPTION PAYMENTS

A charge will be levied for each vessel navigated by a certificate holder as follows:-

- 1) For the first trip either in or out or within the Harbour commencing on 1 January in each year: full Harbour Dues, and
- 2) For each subsequent trip up to 31 December in that same year, a conservancy charge as specified in 10, 11 and 12 below shall be levied.

9 PILOTAGE FOR LEISURE CRAFT

All matters relating to the provision of pilotage for leisure craft of less than 30 metres length overall, that are being used solely for the purposes of pleasure and recreation and not profit, will be handled direct by Gloucester Pilots Partnership.

10 CONSERVANCY CHARGE

Commercial vessels (including fishing and charter vessels) not subject to compulsory pilotage will be subject to a conservancy charge when navigating or remaining within the Gloucester Harbour. This charge will be 30p per Summer Deadweight Tonne (DWT) subject to a minimum charge based on 1000 DWT. The Gloucester Harbour Trustees have power, at their discretion, to waive, vary or compound the conservancy charge payable.

11 FOR VESSELS REMAINING OR OPERATING WITHIN THE GLOUCESTER HARBOUR OR ANY PART THEREOF

A conservancy charge at the rate specified in paragraph 10 above will be levied for each 24 hour period or part thereof during which a vessel remains or operates within the Gloucester Harbour.

12 FOR VESSELS MAKING FREQUENT AND REGULAR USE OF THE GLOUCESTER HARBOUR OR PART THEREOF

The Gloucester Harbour Trustees have power, at their discretion, to vary or compound the conservancy charge payable where vessels make frequent and regular use of the Gloucester Harbour or part thereof. Further details can be obtained from the Trustees' office (telephone 01453 811913).

13 PASSENGER DUES

The Gloucester Harbour Trustees do not currently levy passenger dues. However, they reserve the right to introduce such dues should future circumstances require it.

14 GOODS DUES

The Gloucester Harbour Trustees do not currently levy goods dues. However, they reserve the right to introduce such dues should future circumstances require it. (For example, should there be a necessity or requirement for special measures to be undertaken to assess, supervise, monitor or otherwise facilitate the carriage of certain goods through the harbour.)

15 HARBOUR DUES: BREAKDOWN OF COMPONENTS

The charge shown in section I (above) is made up as follows:

Provision of pilotage service	70%
Discharge of conservancy duties	30%

16 TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Payment for pilotage services is due immediately on completion of the passage. Shipping agents accredited with the Gloucester Harbour Trustees have agreed payment arrangements for the vessels they represent whereby payment is made either by direct debit or within 15 days of the invoice. **The masters of all other vessels should make direct payment to GHT via the pilot on completion of the passage.**

17 EFFECTIVE DATE OF COMMENCEMENT

The charges specified above will be levied on and after 01st April 2026.

All previous Lists of Charges are cancelled.

SUMMARY OF GHT'S HARBOUR DUES

These charges are applicable from 01st April 2026 to all commercial vessels which engage a pilot whether or not subject to compulsory pilotage.

Leisure craft of less than 30 metres not used for profit which wish to engage a pilot, should contact the Gloucester Pilots Partnership direct for information on charges.

Harbour Dues (combined pilotage and conservancy)	67.8p per summer dwt	
PNPF supplement	3.80p per summer dwt	
Pilot boat	£185 per trip	
LATE ORDERING/CANCELLATION/POSTPONEMENT		
Ordering/cancellation out of duty watch hours	£90	
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For full details of these and all other charges, please refer to the 'Gloucester Harbour (Pilotage and Conservancy) Dues' document.