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PILOTAGE DIRECTION No. 2

In accordance with Section 2 of the Pilotage Act 1987, the Port of Sunderland, as the Competent Pilotage Authority, makes the following Pilotage Direction pursuant to Section 7 of the Pilotage Act, 1987.

The Pilotage District is “the Port,” as defined by Sections 3 and 13 of the Sunderland Corporation Act, 1972 and as marked on BA Chart 1627.

The new Direction will commence on 1st April, 2011 and will be termed “Pilotage Direction No. 2.”

Compulsory Pilotage:

1. Pilotage shall be compulsory for all vessels within the Port of Sunderland Pilotage District, with the exception of vessels less than 50 metres in length.
2. Pilotage shall be compulsory for all vessels entering, leaving or transiting within the Port of Sunderland with the assistance of tugs or while under tow.
3. Pilotage shall be compulsory for any vessel with a defect in its hull, machinery or equipment, which might materially affect the navigation of the vessel.
4. Pilotage shall be compulsory for passenger vessels, licensed to carry more than 12 passengers.
5. Pilotage shall be compulsory for all vessels carrying dangerous substances (as defined by the Dangerous Substances in Harbour Areas Regulations, 1987.)

Exemptions:

A Pilotage Exemption Certificate (PEC) may be granted to the master and first mate of vessels, excluding those referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3 above, subject to meeting the prescribed qualifying criteria.

Non-compulsory Pilotage:

1. At the discretion of the authority for named vessels and masters engaged in dredging operations or the transport of dredged materials.
2. For vessels anchoring within port limits.



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