

PILOTAGE DIRECTIONS

In accordance with Section 2 of the Pilotage Act 1987 the Blyth Harbour Commissioners as the Competent Harbour Authority for the Port of Blyth makes the following Pilotage Direction in accordance with Section 7 of the Pilotage Act 1987.

The Pilotage District will be 'the Harbour' as defined in the Blyth Harbour Acts 1858-1986 and as marked on BA Chart 1626. The Direction will apply on and after 1st April 2010.

Compulsory Pilotage:

Pilotage shall be compulsory for those vessels over 50m in length navigating within the Blyth Pilotage District. (In the case of vessels or objects being towed, pilotage is compulsory where the combined length of tow exceeds 50m).

Pilotage shall be compulsory for all vessels using attached towage services within the Blyth Pilotage District.

A vessel not subject to the above direction may nevertheless require a pilot in the interests of safety (for example in unusual conditions such as poor weather, reduced Visibility, unfamiliarity with, or lack of knowledge of, the port or due to fatigue).

Exemptions:

A Pilotage Exemption Certificate (PEC) may be granted to ***Bona Fide Deck Officers*** of such vessels subject to meeting the qualifying criteria.

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

- a) At the discretion of the authority for named vessels and masters engaged in dredging operations and the transport of dredged materials.
- b) For vessels anchoring within port limits.
- c) Holders of Pilotage Exemption Certificates (PEC's)
- d) Sovereign Vessels Inc Foreign warships.
- e) Fishing vessels less than 47.5m.

Vessel Pilotage Classification:

Pilotage Class 3	Vessels up to and including 120 m LOA up to 7,500 Dwt
Pilotage Class 2	Vessels up to and including 160m LOA and 15,000 Dwt
Pilotage Class 1	Unlimited up to 200m LOA and less than 40,000 DWT