

PILOTAGE DIRECTIONS

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

1. The Direction will apply on and after 1st April 2009.
2. The Pilotage District will be 'the Harbour' as defined in the Blyth Harbour Acts 1858-1986 and as marked on BA Chart 1626.
3. Pilotage shall be compulsory for those vessels over 50m in length navigating within the Blyth Pilotage District when any such ship is:
 - (i) Carrying dangerous goods or harmful substances of Class 1 and Class 7 as defined under VII/1.4 of the 1974 SOLAS convention.
 - (ii) Carrying liquid bulk cargoes
 - (iii) Carrying passengers
 - (iv) Substandard or in any way hampered or handicapped.
 - (v) Where the master of the vessel is visiting the port for the first time
 - (vi) Where the vessel does not have a fully corrected chart BA 1626 (or equivalent) onboard