

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.

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).

Exemptions:

A Pilotage Exemption Certificate (PEC) may be granted to the Master or First Mate 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.