

GREAT YARMOUTH PORT AUTHORITY

Pilotage Act 1987, Section 7

PILOTAGE DIRECTION FOR THE PORT OF GREAT YARMOUTH

Dated: 25th March 1993

Competent Harbour Authority

1. This direction is made under Section 7 of the Pilotage Act 1987 by the Great Yarmouth Port Authority, being the competent harbour authority for the Port of Great Yarmouth under the Act.

Application

2. This direction shall apply to all ships, except:-

Ships of less than 40 metres in length.

Fishing boats of which the registered length is less than 47.5 metres (which are expressly excluded by Section 7(3) of the Pilotage Act 1987).

British and foreign warships.

3. The direction made by the (then) Great Yarmouth Port and Haven Commissioners and dated the 27th October 1988 is hereby cancelled.

Area

4. This direction applies to the Port of Great Yarmouth, as defined by the Great Yarmouth Port Authority Acts and Orders 1866 to 1990 and as amended by the Norfolk and Suffolk Broads Act, 1988, the geographical limits of which are as follows:-

An imaginary line drawn in an easterly direction from the coast on latitude 52 degrees 35.5 minutes north, until it reaches longitude 01 degrees 45.5 minutes east, thence in a southerly direction on the said longitude until it reaches latitude 52 degrees 33.7 minutes north, thence in a westerly direction to the point where the said latitude intersects the coast.

Longitude 01 degree 38.6 minutes east on the River Yare.

Longitude 01 degree 38.9 minutes east on the River Waveney.

Longitude 01 degree 43.3 minutes east on the River Bure.

Compulsory Pilotage

5. Within the Port of Great Yarmouth, pilotage shall be compulsory (for all ships to which this direction applies but subject to the exception defined in paragraph 7 below) in the area which is bounded by the seaward geographical limits and by the Haven Bridge on the River Yare.

Voluntary Pilotage

6. Pilotage shall be voluntary in the area which is bounded by the seaward side of the Haven Bridge, the geographical limits of the port of the River Yare and the River Waveney and by the Vauxhall Railway Bridge on the River Bure.
7. Notwithstanding the definition of the compulsory area in paragraph 5 above, pilotage shall also be voluntary for the movement of any vessel (to which this direction would otherwise apply) from berth to berth within the Port of Great Yarmouth.

The Approaches to the Port of Great Yarmouth

8. Pilotage shall be voluntary in the approaches to the Port of Great Yarmouth, which are defined as follows:-

The seaward area, beyond the Port of Great Yarmouth, which is bounded by an imaginary line drawn in an easterly direction from the coast along latitude 52 degrees 44 minutes north, until it reaches longitude 01 degrees 51 minutes east, thence in a southerly direction along the said longitude until it reaches latitude 52 degrees 30 minutes north, thence in a westerly direction to the point where the said latitude intersects the coast.

Supplementary Provisions

9. Where the master of a ship requires an authorised pilot, the pilot shall be taken on board, on arrival, at a point within the compulsory area not less than one half of a mile from the harbour entrance. Similarly, on departure from the port, the pilot shall be permitted to leave at a point within the compulsory area at least one half of a mile from the harbour entrance.
10. Where the master of a ship requests pilotage from the approaches, the pilot shall be taken on board, on arrival, at a point within a radius of one mile of the Corton Buoy. If similarly requested for departure from the port, the pilot shall be permitted to leave at such a point.

Note

(This Note is not part of the Pilotage Direction)

Pilotage Exemption Certificate for Masters and First Mates

Under the Pilotage Act 1987, a master or first mate of a ship may obtain a certificate enabling him to navigate that ship without a pilot in an area where pilotage is compulsory.

Master and first mates may obtain Pilotage Exemption Certificates from the Authority, as the competent harbour authority, subject to certain conditions and requirements. All applicants must complete a written examination and, in the case of ships of 65 or more metres in overall length, an oral examination is also required. Pilotage Exemption Certificates are valid for a maximum of one year at a time and, subject to conditions, may also be renewed.

Full details of the conditions, requirements and examination process for the grant of a Pilotage Exemption Certificate are obtainable from the Harbour Master, 20-21 South Quay, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, NR30 2RE.