



THE MERSEY DOCKS & HARBOUR COMPANY

NOTICE TO MARINERS

No. 7 – 2010

PORT OF LIVERPOOL

COMPULSORY PILOTAGE

Mariners are reminded that the Port of Liverpool Pilotage Directions state:

- (a) *Pilotage shall be compulsory for all vessels 82m and above in length, including a vessel under tow where the length of tug and tow exceeds 82m, navigating within the Port with the exception of all vessels belonging to Her Majesty and those owned and operated by the Corporation of Trinity house of Deptford Stroud.*
- (b) *Pilotage shall be compulsory for any vessel less than 82m in length navigating within the Port when:*
 - (i) *carrying Dangerous Goods and/or Harmful Substances, or*
 - (ii) *the navigation of which is in the opinion of the Company affected by a defect in or damage to the vessel or her equipment or incompetence or inadequacy of the Master or crew, or*
 - (iii) *navigating within the Port limits solely to adjust her compass*
 - (iv) *carrying more the 12 fare-paying passengers*
 - (v) *in respect of a vessel of more than 50 gross tonnes, the master or first mate has not previously navigated that vessel or a vessel of a similar class to that vessel within the Port within the previous 12 months.*

This applies to all vessels navigating in the port and means all vessels that are not safely moored to a quay or at anchor.

Vessels subject to compulsory pilotage that wish to shift berths where the bone fide Master or First Mate are not exempt from pilotage must have a Liverpool Pilot onboard unless given a Special Direction by the Harbour Master. In these circumstances a Special Direction may be given via the Dock Master in charge of that Dock Area and will only be given following the completion of an appropriate risk assessment, the vessels lines remain on the quay and the vessel does not move further than one ships length.

All vessels in all circumstances must use authorised Linesmen, seek the permission of the Dock Master in charge of that Dock Area prior to navigating in that Dock Area and report when all fast alongside.

CAPTAIN S.F. GALLIMORE
HARBOUR MASTER
PEEL PORTS – MERSEY

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