

FORTH PORTS LIMITED

No 17 of 2011

2 June 2011

NOTICE TO MARINERS FIRTH OF FORTH

PILOTAGE DIRECTION NO 6

- 1 Following a review of the Pilotage Direction for the Firth of Forth and to incorporate the reactivation of the Port of Kirkcaldy, Pilotage Direction No 6 has been issued.
- 2 Following consultation with vessel operators, agents, terminal operators, the MCA, pilots, river users and the Chamber of Shipping, Pilotage Direction No 6 will come into force on the 2nd June 2011, and will supersede and cancel Pilotage Direction No 5, dated 19th January 2009.
- 3 A copy of Pilotage Direction No. 6 is attached to this notice and can also be found on the Forth Ports website www.forthports.co.uk. Mariners, vessel operators, vessel agents and terminal operators should make themselves aware of the content of this document.

Status of Previously Published Notices:

No 14 of 2006 remains in force
No 20 of 2007 remains in force
Nos 13 and 20 of 2008 remain in force
Nos 3, 7, and 26 of 2009 remain in force
Nos 3, 5, 6, 10, 28 and 32 of 2010 remain in force
Nos 10, 12, 14, 15 and 16 of 2011 remain in force

R BAKER
Chief Harbour Master

PILOTAGE DIRECTION NO. 6

Forth Ports Limited, incorporated under the Companies Acts (number 134741) and having its Registered Office at 1 Prince of Wales Dock, Leith, Edinburgh EH6 7DX (being the statutory successor to Forth Ports Authority constituted and incorporated by virtue of the Forth Ports Authority Order 1966-80 by virtue of the Forth Ports Authority Scheme 1992 Confirmation Order 1992) in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by Section 7 of the Pilotage Act 1987 ("the Act") hereby makes the following Pilotage Direction:

1. In this Direction, words and phrases shall bear the same meanings as are ascribed to them in the Forth Byelaws and General Directions for Navigation in the Forth as the same may be amended from time to time.
2. Pilotage shall be compulsory throughout that part of the Forth which lies to the westward of the line of 3°00'.00 West longitude for vessels carrying 12 or more passengers but excluding vessels exempted under Section 7(3) of the Act.
3. In the case of vessels not carrying 12 or more passengers, Pilotage shall (other than for vessels exempted from compulsory pilotage under Section 7(3) of the Act) be compulsory for the following vessels in the following areas:
 - (a) for the vessels referred to in paragraph 4.1, within the area specified in paragraph 4.2; and
 - (b) for the vessels referred to in paragraph 5.1, within the area specified in paragraph 5.2; and
 - (c) for the vessels specified in paragraph 6.1, within the area specified in paragraph 6.2; and
 - (d) for the vessels specified in paragraph 7.1, within the area specified in paragraph 7.2.
- 4.1 The vessels referred to in paragraph 3(a) above comprise:
 - (a) vessels of 45 metres overall length and more; and
 - (b) Dredgers and other craft of 85 metres overall length and more whilst employed in dredging, civil engineering or anti-pollution operations within the Forth. Vessels less than 85 metres overall length employed on such contracts shall, at the commencement of the contract satisfactorily undertake an appropriate assessment with a pilot on board.
- 4.2 The area referred to in paragraph 3(a) comprises that part of the Forth which lies to the westward of a line drawn from the southern extremity of Kinghorn Ness, in the County of Fife, true east to the meridian of 003°06.1' West, then true south to the latitude of 56°02.3' North, thence to Stell Point at the north end of the Island of Inchkeith, thence in the direction of the Oxcars Light to the meridian of 03°15:36' West, thence true south to the southern shore of the Forth, but excluding any closed dock lock or other closed work within the limits aforesaid with the exception of Grangemouth Docks. With the exception of the Eastern Channel, vessels with a summer deadweight of less than 8,000 tonnes will be exempted from pilotage when shifting berths within Grangemouth Docks. In certain circumstances the Harbour Master will require vessels with a summer deadweight of less than 8,000 tonnes to take a pilot. These circumstances include but are not restricted to the following: the close proximity of berthed vessels, the berth location and the use of tugs by the shifting vessels.
- 5.1 The vessels referred to in paragraph 3(b) above comprise:
 - (a) vessels of 45 metres overall length carrying dangerous goods and vessels of 80 metres overall length and more; and
 - (b) Dredgers and other craft of 85 metres overall length and more whilst employed in dredging, civil engineering or anti-pollution operations within the Forth. Vessels less than 85 metres overall

length employed on such contracts shall, at the commencement of the contract satisfactorily undertake an appropriate assessment with a pilot on board.

- 5.2 The area referred to in paragraph 3(b) above comprises that part of the Forth (including to avoid doubt, Leith Docks) which lies to the westward of a line drawn true west from a position $56^{\circ} 02.3'$ and $003^{\circ} 06.1' W$ to the meridian $003^{\circ} 07.3' W$, then true south to the latitude $56^{\circ} 01.6' N$, then true east to meridian $003^{\circ} 06.1' W$ and then due south to the southern shore of the Forth and bounded to the north and west by the limits of the area described in paragraph 4.2 above. Vessels with a summer deadweight of less than 8,000 tonnes and not carrying 12 or more passengers or dangerous goods will be exempted from pilotage when shifting berths within Leith Docks. In certain circumstances the Harbour Master will require vessels with a summer deadweight of less than 8,000 tonnes to take a pilot. These circumstances include but are not restricted to the following: the close proximity of berthed vessels carrying dangerous goods or passengers and the use of tugs by the shifting vessels.
- 6.1 The vessels referred to in paragraph 3 (c) above comprise:
- (a) vessels of 45 metres overall length carrying dangerous goods and vessels of 60 metres overall length and more; and
 - (b) Dredgers and other craft of 85 metres overall length and more whilst employed in dredging, civil engineering or anti-pollution operations within the Forth. Vessels less than 85 metres overall length employed on such contracts shall, at the commencement of the contract satisfactorily undertake an appropriate assessment with a pilot on board.
- 6.2 The area referred to in paragraph 3 (c) above comprises that part of the Forth (including to avoid doubt Methil Docks) which lies to the westward of the line of $003^{\circ} 00.0' W$ and north of the line of $56^{\circ} 10.0' N$.
- 7.1 The vessels referred to in paragraph 3 (d) above comprise:
- (a) vessels of 45 metres overall length carrying dangerous goods and vessels of 60 metres overall length and more; and
 - (b) Dredgers and other craft of 85 metres overall length and more whilst employed in dredging, civil engineering or anti-pollution operations within the Forth. Vessels less than 85 metres overall length employed on such contracts shall, at the commencement of the contract satisfactorily undertake an appropriate assessment with a pilot on board.
- 7.2 The area referred to in paragraph 3 (d) above comprises that part of the Forth (including to avoid doubt Kirkcaldy Docks) which lies to the westward of the line of $003^{\circ} 08.0' W$ and north of the line of $56^{\circ} 06.0' N$. (to avoid doubt this does not include areas of the river west of Kincardine Bridge)
8. This Direction shall and shall be deemed to come into force on the 2 June 2011. With effect from that date it shall and shall be deemed to supersede and cancel Pilotage Direction No. 5 dated 8th January 2009.

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Group Company Secretary

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