River Tay

Passage Plan

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Inward and Outward Passage Plan  For the River Tay within the Port of Dundee Pilotage Area.

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For compulsory pilotage areas see Pilotage Direction No.3.

Legislation, Procedures and Guidelines are available online at: http://www.forthports.co.uk/marine/

This is a general passage plan for routeing to the port of Dundee.

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The Compulsory pilotage areas on the Firth of Tay extend from an eastern seaward limit delineated by a line extending from: 56° 29’N 2 38’W and southwards to its intersection with the line of latitude 56° 26’N. Then westwards on the north side on 56° 29’n to the line of MHWS at Buddon Ness thereof westwards on the north side of the River Tay past Dundee along the line of MHWS to the rivulet called Burnmouth of Invergowrie. Westwards on the south side of the River Tay past Dundee to the place where the Monastery of Balmerino was situated. The western limit is defined as a line drawn from the aforementioned limit on the north of the river to the southern limit.

Ships exempted from compulsory pilotage are:

a) All ships of less than 40meters in length;
b) All fishing boats and sailing yachts with a registered length of less than 47.5m
c) All ships under control of a competent person who is in possession of a valid Pilotage Exemption Certificate;
d) All ships engaged in the maintenance of navigation aids
e) All ships engaged in dredging activities or involved in civil engineering operations or anti-pollution activities <85m in length
f) H.M Naval vessels.
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FROM ABERTAY BUOY TO FAIRWAY BUOY.

- Report to Dundee Harbour at Abertay Buoy. (VHF 12)
- Report to Dundee Harbour at Fairway Buoy. (VHF 12)
- Report to Dundee Harbour at Lady Buoy. (VHF 12)

- Outer channel from Fairway to Abertay buoys will run into the river 250' (T) on the flood tide and 030' (T) on the ebb tide.

- Speed limit of 8 knots over the ground when passing west of Newcome Buoy.

- In Buddon Bay a northerly set will be experienced on the flood tide setting 290' (T), ebb tide will set 090' (T) out of the river.

- At the Horseshoe Buoy, the tide runs 270' (T) on the flood and 090 (T) on the ebb, but a south-easterly set may be experienced on strong ebb tides.

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Flood tide across the road bridge to the North, Ebb tide flows across the road bridge to the south. Report to Dundee Harbour at Bridge. (VHF 12)

Inbound only

Report to Dundee Harbour at Bridge. (VHF 12)

Outbound only.

Both Flood and Ebb Tides flow straight through the rail bridge. Report to Dundee Harbour at Bridge. (VHF 12)

Outbound only.

Maximum Air Draft for the bridges is 22m. (At time of review the air draft is 21m as per NtM 06/2015. Check Notice to Mariners in force for confirmation).

Pilot Disembarks at Balmerino.