



NOTICE TO MARINERS

No. 09 – 25th March 2020

Sub: Pilot Embarkation Procedure

All ship Masters, agents and vessel owners and managers are alerted to the following information regarding pilotage in Ras Al Khaimah.

Pilot Embarkation additional procedures:

- All vessels must have submitted the required Health Declaration to RAK Ports as per NtM's No.06 of 2020 (further protocols in this regard may supersede NtM's 6 of 2020, therefore later NtM's to be monitored).
- Where possible, one hour before the pilot embarkation time, non-essential crew should remain clear of the designated route from the pilot embarkation point (either pilot ladder, accommodation ladder etc.) to the wheelhouse, especially where the route is within enclosed spaces.
- Immediately prior to pilot embarkation, all surfaces and equipment in the wheelhouse, or on the bridge wings, that the pilot may touch must be cleaned with a suitable cleaning solution.
- The wheelhouse, where possible, should remain well ventilated via the opening of external doors or windows.
- All crew at the embarkation point must wear suitable PPE, including face mask.
- The crew member assigned to escort the pilot from the embarkation point to the wheelhouse must wear suitable PPE, including face mask.
- Where possible, the route from the embarkation point to the wheelhouse should be via the open deck, as opposed to within enclosed spaces.
- The wheelhouse should be cleared of all crew not essential to the navigation of the vessel, and all crew member's present must wear appropriate PPE, including face mask. Hand sanitising solution should be available to the pilot when on the bridge.
- Unless necessary for the safety of the pilot (i.e. during the embarkation process), crew or vessel, the pilot and crew should remain at least 2m apart.
- Similar precautions must be taken during disembarkation of the pilot either ashore or to the pilot launch.

Vessels must confirm compliance with this notice to the Control Tower before pilot is dispatched.

If any vessel is not able to comply with the requirements of this notice they are required to notify the relevant Control Tower, this information can then be relayed to the pilot prior to their arrival at the vessel.

Failure to comply with this notice may result in your Pilot being cancelled or your vessel delayed.

Please note:

- Hand sanitiser will be available at the bottom of every gangway.
- Health officials will undertake crew checks soon after arrival.
- The pilot will be equipped with face mask and disposable gloves.

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