

PACIFIC PILOTAGE AUTHORITY

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NOTICE TO INDUSTRY

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Subject: Early arrival of ships at pilot boarding stations

Geographic Area: Pilot boarding station off Victoria, BC and Straits of Juan de Fuca

Details: The United States Coast Guard (USCG) has jurisdiction over marine traffic in the Juan de Fuca area. Other than for safety reasons, the USCG will not permit vessels to slow down excessively, turn around in circles, loiter or stop in the traffic separation scheme in order to arrive at the pilot boarding station at the scheduled time.

Guideline:

For vessels arriving at the Brotchie pilot boarding station earlier than for when the pilot is ordered:

- 1) When inbound, if required to slowdown, the master must do so prior to passing “J” buoy;
- 2) The pilot may not be available earlier than ordered due to required rest periods; and
- 3) For earlier than scheduled arrivals at berths in Vancouver Island ports and other remote ports, the operators/agents may not be able to change the times for the docking tugs or mooring crew at short notice, especially during night time hours.

Please contact the undersigned at marineops@ppa.gc.ca or if there are any queries or concerns.

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