

PACIFIC PILOTAGE AUTHORITY

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NOTICE TO INDUSTRY

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Subject: Protocol if a pilot fails to return to the bridge or experiences a medical issue

Geographic Area: Compulsory pilotage waters, BC

Details:

This Notice serves as a guide to masters for assignments with a single pilot who goes off watch for a period of time while the vessel is transiting non-compulsory waters and then returns to the bridge when the vessel re-enters compulsory pilotage waters.

In the event that the pilot fails to return to the bridge at the agreed upon time and place, the master shall follow these guidelines:

- (1) Send a crew member to knock on the door of the pilot's cabin.
- (2) If there is no response, obtain a spare key and enter the cabin to awaken the pilot.
- (3) If the pilot has had some kind of medical issue and is unable to carry out his duties, the vessel should immediately contact vessel traffic services (VTS) to inform them that:
 - a. There is a medical emergency on board the vessel that involves the pilot;
 - b. VTS is to contact the pilotage dispatch office at 604-666-6776 and request that the duty manager be called.VTS will liaise with the ship on where to proceed for the medical emergency.
- (4) Once the emergency is over the vessel will be required to either:
 - a. Proceed to the nearest pilot station to pick up a relief pilot; or
 - b. If instructed to do so by pilotage dispatch, remain in the area either at anchor or slow steaming until a relief pilot can be placed on board.

Note: Under Section 25(1) of the Pilotage Act no person shall have the conduct of a ship within the compulsory pilotage area unless the person is a licensed pilot or a regular member of the complement of the ship who is the holder of a pilotage certificate for that area.

Please contact the undersigned at oberkev@ppa.gc.ca or by telephone at 604-666-6771 if there are any queries or concerns.

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