

PACIFIC PILOTAGE AUTHORITY

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NOTICE TO INDUSTRY

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Subject: Pacific Pilotage Regulations, Eight-Hour Rule

Geographic Area: Compulsory Pilotage Waters, BC

Details:

The Pacific Pilotage Regulations require that two pilots be assigned to vessels where the duration of the voyage exceeds eight hours or the distance exceeds 105 consecutive nautical miles. The ‘excess-hour’ charges are very steep when only one pilot is assigned and the eight-hour rule is compromised.

Over the last twelve to eighteen months the PPA has noticed a slight increase in the number of instances where excess-hour charges have applied for assignments from the Brotchie pilot boarding ground to Vancouver and vice versa. In some of these instances, the pilots had requested the master for higher engine RPM so as to complete the assignment in under eight hours, but to no avail.

Provided that the safety of the vessel is not compromised, please advise the masters of the cost benefits of completing the pilotage assignments in under eight-hours.

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

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