

CLASS C PILOTAGE EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE

RIVERCRAFT OVER 20M LENGTH CARRYING DANGEROUS CARGO IN BULK

SYLLABUS

All candidates must be familiar with the contents of Pilotage Directions.

In particular, section 3.3 lays down the requirement for an applicant to satisfy ABP as to his knowledge, experience and skill and section 8 lays out the application procedure.

The Schedule Part III briefly sets out the criteria for the issuing of a Class C PEC. For the sake of clarity this can be elaborated on as follows:

An interview lasting approximately 30 minutes will be held with all bunker barge skippers.

The interview will be conducted by the Pilotage Operations Manager or Deputy Pilotage Operations Manager who will satisfy himself that the skipper is able to navigate his craft safely throughout the estuary by demonstrating a good working knowledge of the following aspects:

- 1 The respective areas of responsibility of the Harbour Master, Humber and the various Dockmasters.
- 2 The role of VTS Humber.
- 3 Communication procedures with VTS Humber, dock/jetty installations and other river users on the appropriate VHF Channels.
- 4 Situational awareness with regard to own vessel and other vessels navigating in the vicinity.
- 5 Familiarity with:-
 - a) Humber Byelaws 1990
 - b) HSMEP
 - c) Humber Clean
 - d) SH and H Notices to Mariners (especially with regard to navigation in reduced visibility).
- 6 A general knowledge of the charted depths of water both inside and outside the navigational channels and the set, rate and range of spring and neap tides.
- 7 An appreciation of the effects of fatigue on personal performance and ability to carry out duties.

- 8 The responsibility of PEC holders to report incidents and significant occurrences to VTS Humber and to submit written incident reports (yellow forms).

The Class 3 PEC application should clearly show the areas for which the certificate is sought, ie Humber, Ouse, Trent or any combination of these areas.

The PEC candidate must produce satisfactory evidence of medical fitness.

The PEC is renewable annually in July providing the owner or operator of the craft certifies in writing that the PEC holder continues to serve, retain the requisite knowledge and remains medically fit. (Section 3.9 of the Pilotage Directions).

Any new recruit must be put through a suitable period of training and undergo the PEC interview before taking sole charge of a navigational watch as master or first mate.