

SHETLAND ISLANDS COUNCIL

**SCALLOWAY
HARBOUR AREA**

**GENERAL DIRECTIONS
AND
PILOTAGE DIRECTION**

MADE UNDER SECTION 38 OF THE
ZETLAND COUNTY COUNCIL ACT, 1974
AND
SECTION 7 OF THE PILOTAGE ACT, 1987

2007

Shetland Islands Council

General Directions for Navigation 2006

Shetland Islands Council in exercise of their powers as Harbour Authority under Section 38 of the Zetland County Council Act 1974 and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, and having carried out the consultations required by said Section, give the following General Directions to vessels in the Scalloway Harbour Area.

1. Interpretation

(1) The definitions in the “Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1979” as amended shall apply for the Interpretation of these Directions.

(2) In these Directions unless the context otherwise requires:

“The Harbour Area” means the Scalloway Harbour Area as defined under the description “BLACKNESS PIER AREA” in Schedule 1 to the Zetland County Council Act 1974, as amended.

“The Harbour Master” means the Harbour Master appointed for the time being by the Shetland Islands Council and includes his deputies and assistants and any person having authority to so act.

“The Owner” when used in relation to any vessel includes any owner, part owner, charterer to whom the vessel is demised or mortgagee in possession of a vessel and any agent acting for or on behalf of any such owner, part owner, charterer or mortgagee in possession of a vessel.

“The Master” when used in relation to any vessel means any person having or taking the command, charge or management of the vessel for the time being.

(3) The Interpretation Act 1978 shall apply for the interpretation of these Directions as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(4) These Directions shall come into operation when accepted by and signed on behalf of the Shetland Islands Council.

2. Use of VHF / RT Equipment

- (1) All Vessels shall maintain a listening watch on the bridge when under way within the Harbour Area. The listening watch required by this Direction shall be maintained on the frequency of 156.6 MHz (Channel 12) whilst underway, or on such other channel as may be specified by the Harbour Master.
- (2) All vessels having a gross tonnage of more than 50 tonnes, and all fishing vessels and pleasure craft not carrying VHF / RT equipment in accordance with paragraph (1) of this Direction shall not navigate in the Harbour Area except in accordance with a Special Direction given by the Harbour Master.

3. In Bound Vessels

- (1) This Direction applies at all times to every vessel, excluding fishing vessels and vessels serving the aquaculture industry, having a gross tonnage of more than 50 tonnes which proposes to enter and navigate in the Harbour Area.
- (2) The Master of every vessel to which this Direction applies shall ensure that at least 24 hours prior to arrival at the Harbour Area or on leaving the last port, whichever is later, there is given either directly or through an Agent notice to the Harbour Master of the vessel's estimated time of arrival at the seaward limit of the Harbour Area, draught and of any circumstances which may affect the seaworthiness or manoeuvrability of the vessel; and the Master of every vessel to which this Direction applies shall
 - (a) confirm the vessel's estimated time of arrival 6 hours before arrival at the seaward limit of the Harbour Area, and thereafter notify the Harbour Master of any significant change of estimated time of arrival in excess of 30 minutes.
 - (b) on coming within the VHF range of the 'Scalloway Harbour Radio' establish VHF communications for the purpose of updating the estimated time of arrival.
 - (c) provide the EEC checklist for "Vessels Carrying Dangerous or Polluting Goods".
 - (d) pressurize the fire main if loading or discharging oil.
 - (e) test main engines/ propulsion systems to come astern prior to arrival.
- (3) If the Master is unable to give the notice required by paragraph (2) of this Direction, he shall give the required information to the Harbour Master as soon it is practicable to do so.

4. Time of Departure of Outward or Shifting Vessels

- (1) This Direction applies at all times to every vessel, which has a gross tonnage of more than 50 tonnes, excluding fishing vessels, and is berthed in the Harbour Area, and proposes to navigate in the Harbour Area for the purpose of leaving, or shifting within, the Harbour Area.
- (2) The Master of every vessel to which this Direction applies shall:
 - (a) give to the Harbour Master not less than one hour's notice of the time at which he purposes to commence navigating in the Harbour Area, and again advise the Harbour Master of the foregoing details immediately prior to the commencement of such navigation;
 - (b) advise the Harbour Master of the vessel's draught and of any circumstances which may affect the seaworthiness or manoeuvrability of the vessel.

5. Pilotage

- (1) All vessels, inbound or outward, required to have or requesting a pilot shall:
 - (a) provide a pilot ladder or a combination pilot ladder and accommodation ladder meeting the requirements of the IMO and the recommendations of the International Maritime Pilots Association.
 - (b) Provide the Pilot with vessel manoeuvring characteristics and any other information which may affect the navigation, handling or securing of the vessel.

6. Navigation of Vessels

- (1) This Direction applies at all times to every vessel having a gross tonnage of more than 50 tonnes.
- (2) The Master of every vessel to which this Direction applies shall not navigate the vessel so as to pass or overtake another vessel underway to which this Direction applies.
- (3) The Master of every vessel to which this Direction applies shall not navigate the vessel so as to impede the safe navigation of another vessel underway in the Harbour Area to which this Direction applies.
- (4) The Master of every vessel to which this Direction applies shall obtain the sanction of the Harbour Master before navigating or mooring or un-mooring or shifting anywhere within the Harbour Area.

7. Anchoring

- (1) It should be noted that in general, anchoring is not permitted within the Harbour Area.
- (2) If in an emergency a vessel is obliged to anchor, the Master shall advise the Harbour Master as soon as possible.

8. Communications

- (1) Any notice, advice and reporting required to be given to the Harbour Master by these Directions should normally be given by VHF/RT to "Scalloway Harbour Radio" or land line/ Imarsat telephone (01595 880 574) or email scalloway.harbour@shetland.gov.uk

The foregoing General Directions were made under the Common Seal of the Shetland Islands Council on the Twenty-second day of August, 2007.

Signed: Brian C Hill
Acting Divisional Manager - Legal
Proper Officer for Shetland Islands Council

The Scalloway Harbour Pilotage Direction 2006

PREAMBLE

This Pilotage Direction is made pursuant to Section 7 of the Pilotage Act 1987 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) and it will come into operation on the date approved by and signed on behalf of the Shetland Islands Council as the competent Harbour Authority.

In terms of the Act, Shetland Islands Council, constituted under the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994 and having their principal offices at the Town Hall, Lerwick (hereinafter referred to as “the Council”) are the competent harbour authority for the Scalloway Harbour Area as described in section 2 of this Direction.

(1) DIRECTION

The Council directs that pilotage shall be compulsory for all ships navigating within the Scalloway Harbour Area which carry passengers or have on board dangerous substances to which the provisions of the Dangerous Substances in Harbour Areas Regulations 1987, as amended, apply.

(2) HARBOUR AREA

The Scalloway Harbour Area is defined under the description “BLACKSNESS PIER AREA” in the Zetland County Council Act 1974 as amended by the Shetland Islands Council Order Confirmation Act 1979 as: “The area adjacent to Blacksness Pier, bounded on the north and east by the line of low water of Mainland, on the south partly by the bridge of Clift Sound between Trondra and Mainland and partly by the line of low water on Trondra, and on the west by an imaginary straight line between the northern extremity of Trondra Ness and the southern extremity of Maa Ness.”

(3) PILOT BOARDING AND LANDING AREAS

Ships arriving from or proceeding to sea which are compelled to take a pilot in compliance with this Direction, or otherwise require a pilot, shall board or land the pilot in the following areas:

- (a) Ships approaching the port of Scalloway by the South Channel should rendezvous with the pilot in position Latitude 60 deg 06'.3 N Longitude 001 deg 21'.7 W.
- (b) Ships approaching the port of Scalloway by the North Channel should rendezvous with the pilot in position Latitude 60 deg 09'.2 N Longitude 001 deg 22'.7 W.
- (c) Ships may take a pilot on board in other areas only if expressly directed to do so by an authorised pilot or the Harbour Master.

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