

WICK HARBOUR PILOTAGE DIRECTIONS



Due to the topography of Wick Bay and Harbour approach channel and tight confines of the River Harbour, pilotage is deemed compulsory for vessels over 200GRT or for vessels with a L.O.A of 30 metres.

The harbour's pilot boat (Catriona) provides pilotage services to vessels utilising the port.

For vessels in port a minimum of one hour's notice is required for a pilot, for vessel arrivals a minimum notice of 24 hours applies.

Wick Harbour operates VHF Ch14

Wick Harbour can accommodate vessels up to 90m l.o.a., with a draft of 4.5m which allows the vessels to sit alongside without touching bottom at LW Springs.

Vessels must be approved as suitable for Wick Harbour prior to arrival by the Harbour Master or his Deputy.

Pilot Boarding Station is located at position 58°26'.180N, 003°03'.530W

PILOTAGE REQUIREMENTS IN TERMS OF SECTION 7 OF THE PILOTAGE ACT OF 1987

Harbour Users are reminded that in the interests of Safety, pilotage is compulsory within the limits of Wick Harbour for seagoing vessels on the following basis:

- All oil tankers
- All vessels whose gross tonnage exceeds 200 GRT
- Vessels which, in the opinion of the Harbour Master or any of his assistants, are defective, damaged, incapacitated to such an extent that they ought not to be navigated without a pilot, having due regard to the interests of safety.
- All vessels which, in the opinion of the Harbour Master or of his assistant ought not to be navigated without a pilot, having due regard to the interests of safety, where an obstruction has been caused within the harbour due to the occurrence of an accident or the presence of a wreck or other similar cause.
- All vessels carrying more than one tonne of explosives of IMO Class 1 category.
- All vessels carrying hazardous cargoes or dangerous goods in bulk in quantities of 100 tonnes or more.
- This direction (these regulations) does (do) not apply to a vessel falling within the above descriptions whose Master or Mate holds a valid Pilotage Exemption Certificate in respect of that vessel, nor to ships whose length is less than 30 metres.
- Fishing vessels are exempt from these directions.