

NOTICE TO MARINERS

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Port of Southampton - Procedure for Online Oral Examinations for Pilotage Exemption Certificates

Mariners are advised that, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, oral examinations for the issue of Pilotage Exemption Certificates will be conducted online until further notice. Two-yearly VTS visits for the renewal of Pilotage Exemption Certificates remain suspended until further notice.

- 1 Oral examinations shall be conducted using Microsoft's Teams platform.
- 2 The VTS visit component of the application for the issue of a new certificate only (not renewal) shall form the first part of the examination.
- 3 Candidates will be required to:
 - a. Download MS Teams prior to the exam;
 - b. Log into the meeting at least 10min prior to the start time of the exam;
 - c. Ensure they have a suitable room with necessary amenities including access to a camera and suitable high speed internet (min 10mbps recommended);
 - d. Show identification to the camera at the commencement of the exam;
 - e. Show the room in which the exam is to be taken to the camera, thereby confirming that there are no other persons in the room;
 - f. Be able to perform the exam without headphones or other headpieces.
- 4 Application forms for the issue of a new Pilotage Exemption Certificate are to be sent to HMSouthampton@abports.co.uk

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Southampton**

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Owners, Agents, Charterers, Marinas, Yacht Clubs and Recreational Sailing Organisations should ensure that the contents of this Notice are made known to the masters or persons in charge of their vessels or craft.