



REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF COMPULSORY PILOTAGE

VESSEL PARTICULARS

Name and Type of Vessel:

Port of Registry:

Owners:

Local Agent:

Draft:

Length:

Breadth:

Vessel GRT

Tug & Tow combined tonnage:

DETAILED ROUTING OF VESSEL

Plan of Passage

Date of Travel

Distances & Times to be travelled per day

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DECKWATCH OFFICERS

Name:

Certificate No:
Certificate Type:
Country of Issue:

Expiry Date:

Fluent in English:
Yes No

Describe experience in Belizean waters:

Routes covered:

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The following is also required:

1. Confirmation that the vessel is insured with hull and P. & I. Insurance.
2. A letter from the vessel's underwriters specifically acknowledging that the vessel is at liberty to sail in the region without a pilot and specifically acknowledging and agreeing that should the Belize Port Authority waive compulsory pilotage requirements for the vessel (name of vessel) _____ the underwriter agrees to waive subrogation against the Belize Port Authority and its directors and officers.

It shall be expressly understood that a waiver of pilotage may be granted only when **all** of the following conditions are met.

- The vessel has no defects or deficiencies in crew, safety equipment, propulsion, or navigational apparatus.
- The vessel is safe and seaworthy.
- The vessel has onboard up-to-date and accurate charts of Belize.
- The vessel is not carrying hazardous or dangerous cargo.
- The vessel is neither a tanker nor does the bulk of its cargo consist of petroleum products.
- The master and crew are fully STCW-95 certified and qualified.
- The master and no less than 1/2 of his crew have transited Belizean waters (intended route) no less than once on the vessel during the previous 12 months.

Upon signature of this document, we also acknowledge that any marine incident while operating in compulsory pilotage waters will require a written report to the Belize Port Authority. Failure to report could result in a fine of \$15,000 as per the *Harbours and Merchant Shipping Act 234 Substantive 2011 Section 41 (4)*.

MASTER'S/SHIP'S AGENT SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

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Request: approved _____ denied _____ **PORTS COMMISSIONER** _____

Other select conditions for Pilotage Waiver

1. The Master of all vessels for which the compulsory pilotage has been waived, must be aware of the duty of care to protect the marine environment and ensure the safety of life at sea.
2. All vessels applying for pilotage waiver must be manned in accordance with its manning requirement and employ a lookout at all times.
3. The masters and mates on all vessels are required to have the appropriate certificate of competency for the vessel type and tonnage.
4. All vessels operating under a waiver must be fitted with adequate and functional navigational equipment in compliance with Harbours and Merchant Shipping Act, Chapter 234.
5. The master of a vessel being operated under a pilotage waiver is required to communicate with the National Maritime Communication Centre via VHF channel 16 or via email (vto@portauthority.bz) of any intention to dock alongside a pier or moor in any waters of Belize.
6. The master of any vessel that has been granted a waiver of compulsory pilotage is to request from their agent, the location of mooring buoys and designated anchorages.
7. Masters are to ensure that all navigation officers are informed and aware of the marine environment in Belize, especially in areas of high sensitivity and vulnerable marine life.
8. When in a marine reserve or national monument, vessels are to be moored in accordance with the park policy, to a mooring buoy where such buoys are present and nearby, or be anchored in a designated anchorage, approved by the Belize Port Authority.
9. The Vessel's AIS system transponder shall remain on for the entire duration of its stay in Belize.