



GENERAL NOTICE TO MASTERS AND PILOTS

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STEERING & BRIDGE TEAM MANAGEMENT

Masters and Pilots are asked to ensure that their 'Situational Awareness' is not compromised when steering or operating controls at critical points of the passage.

Despite the limited manpower of vessels that typically frequent the port, it is essential that the function of the bridge team is maintained and the pilot does not become overburdened with tasks.

A helmsman should be provided upon the pilot's request. On occasions where manning levels dictate that a crewmember cannot be tasked solely with taking the helm, it should be considered standard practice that the vessels Master takes the controls with the pilot advising as appropriate.

Capt E.H.Deeley

Harbour Master – Port of Silloth

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