



### 3 - POLICY ON DOUBLE PILOTAGE REQUIREMENTS IN DISTRICT NO. 1 DURING THE PRE- AND POST-WINTER NAVIGATION PERIODS

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#### 1. Objectives of the Policy

Establishing double pilotage rules for a ship navigating within District No. 1 during pre- and post-winter periods as defined by this Policy.

#### 2. Background

Ship transits on the St. Lawrence River during the pre-and post-winter period as defined in this Policy may require certain adjustments in District No. 1 given additional factors such as a reduction of navigation aids, shorter daylight hours, ice conditions and the presence of batture ice.

In order to better manage these elements and ensure the safe conduct of operations, rules governing the pilotage of a ship during the pre- and post-winter periods are set out in this Policy.

#### 3. Policy statements and requirements

##### 3.1 Rules in this Policy apply to voyages:

- a) As of the removal of the first priority lighted buoy between Grondines and Montreal in the fall, until they are all back in position in the spring; or
- b) In the presence of four-season priority lighted buoys, when the majority of non-priority buoys are removed or non-functioning in the fall until they are back in position or functional in the spring, when a four-season priority lighted buoy is non-functional or out of position between Grondines and Montreal, until it is operational again or is repositioned.

##### 3.2 Rules set out herein are based on the presence or removal of priority lighted buoys, in sectors identified in section 3.3 of this Policy. For the purposes of this article, priority lighted buoys are identified on the Canadian Coast Guard's web site: [https://www.marinfo.gc.ca/en/Balisage/index\\_com.asp](https://www.marinfo.gc.ca/en/Balisage/index_com.asp).

##### 3.3 The relevant sectors relative to the presence or removal of priority lighted buoys are: Montreal to Sorel, Sorel to Trois-Rivières, Trois-Rivières to Bécancour and Bécancour to Grondines.



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3.4 During the periods described in section 3.1 above, two (2) pilots are assigned to all ships that are not otherwise subject to compulsory double pilotage including those subject to the dispositions contained in the *Policy on the Number of Pilots Required Aboard a Ship at All Times for District No. 1 and 1-1*, except in the following cases:

- a) When the ice cover is less than three tenths (3/10) throughout the same sector, a single pilot is assigned during daylight hours in accordance with the time slots indicated in section 3.5 of this Policy on condition that the ship's draft is ten point three (10.3) metres or less;
- b) When the ice cover is three tenths (3/10) or more anywhere within the same sector, a single pilot is assigned to compliant ships during daylight hours in accordance with the time slots indicated in section 3.5 of this Policy on condition that the ship's draft is ten (10) metres or less.

3.5 In accordance with the schedule set out below, a single pilot will be assigned on board vessels for voyages pertaining to the period indicated in sections 3.1 and 3.2 and which meet the requirements contained in section 3.4 a) and b).

PRE-WINTER Assignment between Quebec City and Trois-Rivières (EST)	Beginning of pre-winter period to November 30	December 1 to end of pre-winter period
<b>Boarding at Quebec City</b>		
Destination Trois-Rivières/Trois-Rivières pilot station	04:30 to 11:00	05:00 to 11:00
Destination Bécancour	04:30 to 12:00	05:00 to 12:00
<b>Boarding at Bécancour</b>		
Downbound	05:30 to 15:00	06:30 to 15:00
Upbound	05:30 to 16:00	06:30 to 16:00
<b>Boarding at Trois-Rivières</b>		
Destination Quebec City/Quebec City Pilot Station	05:30 to 14:00	06:30 to 14:00
Destination Bécancour	05:30 to 16:00	06:30 to 16:00

PRE-WINTER Assignment between Trois-Rivières and Montreal (EST)	Beginning of pre-winter period to November 30	December 1 to end of pre-winter period
<b>Boarding at Trois-Rivières</b>		
Destination Montreal/Seaway	05:30 to 11:00	06:15 to 11:00
Destination Contrecoeur	05:30 to 13:00	06:15 to 13:00
Destination Sorel/Lanoraie	05:30 to 14:00	06:15 to 14:00
<b>Boarding at Sorel/Tracy</b>	05:30 to 13:30	06:15 to 13:30
<b>Boarding at Contrecoeur</b>		
Upbound	05:30 to 15:00	06:15 to 15:00
Downbound	05:30 to 12:30	06:15 to 12:30
<b>Boarding at Montreal</b>		
Destination Trois-Rivières/Trois-Rivières pilot station	05:30 to 12:30	06:15 to 12:30
Destination Contrecoeur	05:30 to 15:00	06:15 to 15:00
Destination Sorel	05:30 to 14:00	06:15 to 14:00

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<b>Boarding Seaway</b>		
Destination Trois-Rivières/Trois-Rivières pilot station	05:00 to 11:30	05:45 to 11:30
Destination Contreccœur	05:00 to 14:00	05:45 to 14:00
Destination Sorel	05:00 to 13:00	05:45 to 13:00
<b>POST-WINTER Assignment between Quebec City and Trois-Rivières (EDT)</b>	<b>Beginning of post-winter period to March 31</b>	<b>April 1 to end of post- winter period</b>
<b>Boarding at Quebec City</b>		
Destination Trois-Rivières/Trois-Rivières pilot station	05:00 to 13:00	04:00 to 14:00
Destination Bécancour	05:00 to 14:00	04:00 to 15:00
<b>Boarding at Bécancour</b>		
Downbound	06:00 to 17:30	05:30 to 18:00
Upbound	06:00 to 18:30	05:30 to 19:00
<b>Boarding at Trois-Rivières</b>		
Destination Quebec City/Quebec City Pilot Station	06:15 to 16:30	05:30 to 17:00
Destination Bécancour	06:15 to 17:30	05:30 to 18:30
<b>POST-WINTER Assignment between Trois-Rivières and Montreal (EDT)</b>	<b>Beginning of post-winter period to March 31</b>	<b>April 1 to end of post- winter period</b>
<b>Boarding at Trois-Rivières</b>		
Destination Montreal/Seaway	06:15 to 13:30	05:30 to 14:00
Destination Contreccœur	06:15 to 15:30	05:30 to 16:00
Destination Sorel/Lanoraie	06:15 to 16:30	05:30 to 17:00
<b>Boarding at Sorel/Tracy</b>	06:15 to 16:00	05:30 to 16:30
<b>Boarding at Contreccœur</b>		
Upbound	06:15 to 17:30	05:30 to 18:00
Downbound	06:15 to 15:00	05:30 to 15:30
<b>Boarding at Montreal</b>		
Destination Trois-Rivières/Trois-Rivières pilot station	05:45 to 15:00	05:00 to 15:30
Destination Contreccœur	05:45 to 17:30	05:00 to 18:00
Destination Sorel	05:45 to 16:30	05:00 to 17:00
<b>Boarding Seaway</b>		
Destination TR/TR Pilot Station	05:45 to 14:00	05:00 to 14:30
Destination Contreccœur	05:45 to 16:30	05:00 to 17:00
Destination Sorel	05:45 to 15:30	05:00 to 16:00

#### 3.6 Ships are deemed “compliant” if equipped with:

- a) A 3 cm stabilized radar in good operating order;
- b) A 10 cm stabilized radar in good operating order;
- c) A functioning pilot plug at the time of departure or passage at the station, with GPS and gyrocompass interface;
- d) Adequate bridge heating and visibility;



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3.7 In addition, no ship may be declared compliant if it is the subject of a valid report from the Alerting and Warning Network (AWN) regarding the following:

- a) Mechanical problem;
- b) Detaining order;
- c) Navigation equipment defect; or
- d) Any other AWN report containing information that could threaten navigation safety.

Likewise, a ship that has been identified by Transport Canada as having a non-functioning recirculation system will be considered non-compliant as long as the information has been duly transmitted.

3.8 The ship compliance requirement set out in sections 3.6 and 3.7 of this Policy do not apply when ice cover is less than three tenths (3/10) throughout the same sector. In this context, a single pilot is assigned during daylight hours only, on condition that the ship's draft is ten point three (10.3) metres or less.

#### 4. References

#### 5. Responsibility/Additional information

- 5.1 This Policy has been approved and issued under the authority of the Chief Executive Officer.
- 5.2 The Executive Director, Marine Safety and Efficiency is in charge of the development, implementation, maintenance and ongoing improvement of the Policy.
- 5.3 Any comments or requests for information concerning this Policy and its application should be referred to the following person:

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**6. Related documents**

Policy on the Number of Pilots Required Aboard a Ship at All Times for District Nos. 1 and 1-1.

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