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POLICY AND PROCEDURE 02-15

Every foreign vessel and every American vessel under register, except vessels proceeding otherwise than by sea and of less than three hundred gross registered tons and having a fully loaded draft of seven feet or less, entering or departing from the Hudson River north of a line running from the foot of Main Street, Yonkers, New York, west to Alpine, New Jersey or navigating any of the waters of the Hudson River north of said line and south of the dam at Troy, New York shall take a Hudson River Pilot licensed under the authority of the laws of the State of New York (Navigation Law, Article 6, Section 89-a as amended).

The Hudson River Pilot is the Compulsory State Pilot for the waters of the Hudson River and has control of the vessel's navigation. It shall be unlawful for any person other than a licensed Hudson River Pilot to pilot, or offer to pilot such vessels entering or departing the Hudson River.

The Master has the right to intervene or to displace the State Pilot only in circumstances where the State Pilot is manifestly incompetent, incapacitated, intoxicated or the vessel is in immediate danger ("in extremis") due to the State Pilot's actions.

In the event vessel personnel refuse to comply with the above, the State Pilot is to:

- 1) Remind the Master that the State Pilot is the Compulsory Pilot. The Master can only intervene or displace the State Pilot for manifest incompetence, intoxication, incapacitation or placing the vessel in immediate danger.
- 2) Advise the Master that, should the Master choose to relieve the State Pilot of the conn, or countermand the State Pilot's orders for reasons other than those stated in this Policy and Procedure, the Master may be subject to penal and/or civil sanctions in accordance with the Navigation Law of the State of New York.

- 3) Advise the Master that violation of this Policy and Procedure may constitute illegal pilotage. The Master may be subject to penal and/or civil sanctions in accordance with the Navigation Law of the State of New York.
- 4) If relieved of the conn in violation of this Policy and Procedure, the State Pilot shall remain on the bridge and render assistance as needed.
- 5) Request that an appropriate entry be made in the logbook.
- 6) Obtain, if possible, the names of any persons who were present at the time of the violation of this Policy and Procedure.
- 7) Contact the United States Coast Guard's Captain of the Port Office and the respective pilot office to advise that you have been relieved of the conn by the vessel's Master.
- 8) Promptly submit a written report on the incident to the Board of Commissioners of Pilots of the State of New York.

**BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF PILOTS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK**



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cc: United States Coast Guard (Sector New York)

