

Mostyn Docks Limited
Pilotage Directions

These Pilotage Directions are given by Mostyn Docks Limited as Competent Harbour Authority (CHA) for the River Dee Estuary and the main navigable approach channel, in pursuance of section 7 of the Pilotage Act 1987.

- 1) For the purposes of these directions the following definitions apply:
 - a) The Dee Estuary Pilotage Area means the limits within which Mostyn Docks Ltd. has jurisdiction for the purposes of pilotage by virtue of the Mostyn Docks Harbour Revision Order 1989, which includes in addition to the harbour, the waters of the River Dee from immediately below the Old Dee Bridge at Chester to the following imaginary straight lines:
 - i) a line from a point at 53°21.37'N 3°19.28'W to a point at 53°22.02'N 3°18.28'W; and
 - ii) a line from that point to a point at 53°23.17'N 3°11.91'W
 - b) The Outer Pilotage Area means the added area within which Mostyn Docks Ltd. has jurisdiction for the purposes of pilotage by virtue of the Mostyn Docks Harbour Revision Order 2016, as defined in section 4(c) of that order.
- 2) Pilotage is compulsory within the Outer Pilotage Area for the following:
 - a) Vessels over 95 metres length overall, except where the Master has experience of these approaches to the Dee Estuary within the previous 12 months.
 - b) Vessels that do not have on board an up to date chart of the approaches to the River Dee.
- 3) Pilotage is compulsory within the Dee Estuary Pilotage Area for the following:
 - a) All vessels carrying explosives, or a bulk cargo of dangerous substances as defined and categorised in the 'Dangerous Substances in Harbour Areas Regulations 2016'.
 - b) Vessels engaged in towing where the combined length of the towing vessel and the tow is 50 metres or more in length.
 - c) Fishing vessels of 47.5 metres or more in length overall.
 - d) All other vessels of 20 metres or more in length overall.
- 4) Except that pilotage is not compulsory in either area (as applicable) for:
 - a) General Lighthouse Authority tenders.
 - b) Vessels shifting along a berth to which a mooring line is always attached.
 - c) HM vessels and vessels owned or controlled by the Government.
- 5) Any vessel which is not subject to compulsory pilotage as specified above may if they so wish request the services of a pilot.
- 6) All vessels subject to compulsory pilotage as specified above shall comply with the directions of the pilot, but in the event of a pilot not being on board, these vessels shall comply with the directions of Mostyn Docks Limited given by its port control.

- 7) Pilot Boarding Areas
 - a) Outer Pilot Boarding Area - Approximately 1 mile north west of the Middle Patch Spit light buoy 53°22.50'N 3°33.30'W.
 - b) Inner Pilot Boarding Area – In the vicinity of the Dee light buoy 53°21.84'N 3°18.60'W.
- 8) Nothing contained in these directions relieves the Master of the overriding obligation to ensure the safe conduct of their vessel.

All geographical positions given in these Pilotage Directions are referenced to WGS84 datum.