

Local Notice to Mariners

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Pilotage Boarding and Landing Fuel Surcharge

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that mariners are to be advised of a Pilotage Boarding and Landing Fuel Surcharge, which will be applied from Wednesday 15th April 2026.

Please see attached letter which gives further information.

Local Notices to Mariners may be amended or withdrawn at any time. Check Southampton VTS Website for the latest list of notices in force. Owners, Agents, Charterers, Marinas, Yacht Clubs and Recreational Sailing Organisations should ensure that the contents of this Notice are made known to the masters or persons in charge of their vessels or craft.

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2nd April 2026

Dear Customer,

PILOTAGE BOARDING AND LANDING FUEL SURCHARGE

Due to current events in the Middle East, the cost of marine fuel has increased significantly in recent days and weeks. Unfortunately, due to the ongoing volatility and increased pricing in the fuel markets, it is necessary to introduce a temporary fuel surcharge in relation to pilotage services.

Effective from 15th April 2026, the following Pilotage Fuel Surcharge will be applied to each act of pilotage where a pilot vessel is required for pilot boarding or landing.:

Pilotage Fuel Surcharge	£29.43
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The amount of Pilotage Fuel Surcharge will be reviewed on a monthly basis and adjusted at the start of each month as necessary to reflect market conditions. Any changes to the amount will be communicated in advance and no later than 5 business days before the adjusted Pilotage Fuel Surcharge comes into effect.

Please note:

- In circumstances where an assistant pilot is required in addition to the pilot, a single Pilotage Fuel Surcharge will be applied to cover the boarding or landing of both pilots.
- The Pilotage Fuel Surcharge will be clearly shown as a separate item on the invoice.
- In regard to holders of a Pilotage Exemption Certificate (i.e. who usually pay a percentage of the pilotage charges), the Pilotage Fuel Surcharge will only apply if the services of a pilot are used.
- The Pilotage Fuel Surcharge is in addition to all other existing charges.
- This surcharge is being applied as a temporary measure, until such time the fuel prices are back in line with the average fuel prices in February 2026.

Yours faithfully



Steven Masters, Harbour Master