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PETITION FOR PILOTAGE EXEMPTION

Petition Instructions:

- Please submit completed petitions to the Board of Pilotage Commissioners at least thirty (30) days prior to arrival in Washington waters.**
See [WAC 363-116-360 Exempt Vessels](#) for more information.
- Your application should include the following:
 - ☐ Certificate of Vessel Registry
 - ☐ Certificate of Financial Responsibility (If applicable)
 - ☐ Vessel's Insurance Coverage
 - ☐ Valid License of Vessel Captain
 - ☐ Signed Vessel Certification (Page 5 of Petition)
 - ☐ Photo of Vessel
 - ☐ Asian Gypsy Moth (AGM) Certification (If applicable)
- Petitions will be considered at the scheduled monthly meetings of the Board of Pilotage Commissioners. The monthly meeting schedule can be found on our website at <https://pilotage.wa.gov/meetings.html>.
- Schedule of Fees:

	3 Months or Less	1 Year or Less	Annual Renewal
A. YACHTS			
Up to and including 50 feet LOA	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50
Up to and including 100 feet LOA	\$ 700	\$ 1,000	\$ 600
Up to and including 200 feet LOA and 750 gt	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,400	\$ 800
Up to and including 200 feet LOA and 751 to 1,300 gt	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
B. PASSENGER VESSELS			
Up to and including 100 feet LOA	\$ 1,125	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,000
Up to and including 200 feet LOA	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,200

Please make payments to: Washington State Treasurer
Mail to: Board of Pilotage Commissioners, 2901 Third Avenue, Suite 500; Seattle, WA 98121
Currently, we are unable to accept cash, credit cards, or any form of electronic payment.

The Washington Public Records Act, [Chapter 42.56 RCW](#), requires us to promptly make identifiable public records available for inspection and provide records upon request.

VESSEL NAME: _____

START DATE OF REQUESTED PILOTAGE EXEMPTION: _____

Vessel Information:

Length Of Exemption:	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 months <input type="checkbox"/> 1 year New Vessel <input type="checkbox"/>
Country of Registry:	
Type and Use:	Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Sailing Yacht <input type="checkbox"/> Motor Yacht <input type="checkbox"/> Passenger Vessel Use: <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
LOA:	
Gross Tonnage (International) IGT:	
Fuel Type Onboard:	
Fuel Quantity Onboard: (maximum)	

Primary Vessel Captain:

Name:	
Address:	
Phone & Email:	
Country Of Licensure:	<input type="checkbox"/> License Matches Vessel Tonnage. If not, please explain:

Primary Vessel Captain Experience in Local Waters:

San Juan Islands Region: Length of Time in the Area: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> I have no experience in Washington Waters	Northern Puget Sound: <input type="checkbox"/> Bellingham Channel <input type="checkbox"/> Deception Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Guemes Channel <input type="checkbox"/> Saddle Bags Pass Length of Time in the Area: _____ Central Puget Sound: <input type="checkbox"/> Agate Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Hood Canal <input type="checkbox"/> Rich Pass Length of Time in the Area: _____	Seattle Area: <input type="checkbox"/> Duwamish River <input type="checkbox"/> Hiram M. Chittenden Locks <input type="checkbox"/> Montlake Cut Length of Time in the Area: _____ South Puget Sound: <input type="checkbox"/> South of Point Defiance Length of Time in the Area: _____
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Secondary Vessel Captain:

Name:	
Address:	
Phone & Email:	
Country of Licensure:	<input type="checkbox"/> License Matches Vessel Tonnage. If not, please explain:

Secondary Vessel Captain Experience in Local Waters:

San Juan Islands Region: Length of Time in the Area: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> I have no experience in Washington Waters	Northern Puget Sound: <input type="checkbox"/> Bellingham Channel <input type="checkbox"/> Deception Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Guemes Channel <input type="checkbox"/> Saddle Bags Pass Length of Time in the Area: _____ Central Puget Sound: <input type="checkbox"/> Agate Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Hood Canal <input type="checkbox"/> Rich Pass Length of Time in the Area: _____	Seattle Area: <input type="checkbox"/> Duwamish River <input type="checkbox"/> Hiram M. Chittenden Locks <input type="checkbox"/> Montlake Cut Length of Time in the Area: _____ South Puget Sound: <input type="checkbox"/> South of Point Defiance Length of Time in the Area: _____
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Owner of Vessel or Vessel Management Company:

Name:	
Address:	
Phone and Email:	
Vessel Agent Info (If Applicable):	

Information Regarding Visit:

Purpose of Visit:	
Length of Stay:	

Voyage Plan (Check all regions/channels/passes you intend to visit):

San Juan Islands Region: <input type="checkbox"/> Cattle Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Harney Channel <input type="checkbox"/> Lopez Pass <input type="checkbox"/> New Channel <input type="checkbox"/> Obstruction Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Peavine Pass <input type="checkbox"/> San Juan Channel <input type="checkbox"/> Spieden Channel <input type="checkbox"/> Thatcher Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Upright Channel <input type="checkbox"/> Wasp Pass	Northern Puget Sound: <input type="checkbox"/> Bellingham Channel <input type="checkbox"/> Deception Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Guemes Channel <input type="checkbox"/> Saddle Bags Pass Central Puget Sound: <input type="checkbox"/> Agate Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Hood Canal <input type="checkbox"/> Rich Pass	Seattle Area: <input type="checkbox"/> Duwamish River <input type="checkbox"/> Hiram M. Chittenden (Ballard) Locks <input type="checkbox"/> Montlake Cut South Puget Sound: <input type="checkbox"/> South of Point Defiance Other: Please provide location if not listed: _____
Please provide specific dates intending to be in area: _____		If voyage plan includes Deception Pass, Ballard Locks or Duwamish River (Restricted Areas) please complete page 6.

Watchstanding Crew List: (May attach a separate list but must include the information requested below)

1 Name:		2 Name:	
Position:		Position:	
Speaks English:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Speaks English:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
3 Name:		4 Name:	
Position:		Position:	
Speaks English:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Speaks English:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

Additional Information:

List any propulsion, navigation, or communication equipment not currently operational:	
Navigational aids on board:	<input type="checkbox"/> VHF Radios <input type="checkbox"/> Magnetic compass <input type="checkbox"/> Gyroscopic compass <input type="checkbox"/> Satellite compass <input type="checkbox"/> Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Automatic radar plotting aid (ARPA) <input type="checkbox"/> Global Positioning System (GPS) <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic Chart System (ECS) <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic Chart Display & Information System (ECDIS) <input type="checkbox"/> Automated Identification System (AIS) <input type="checkbox"/> Depth sounder

CERTIFICATION

Vessel Name: _____

By my signature below I certify that I am authorized to make this application on behalf of the vessel named; that the person(s) listed as captain(s) in the Petition for Exemption meets/meet all the qualifications set by the flag state (country of vessel registry) to act as captain of the vessel in Washington waters; and that no other person(s) will act as captain of the vessel during the period of the exemption. I further certify that I understand and will ensure that any person acting as captain of the vessel understands the following:

1. Navigation in Washington waters in the Puget Sound or Grays Harbor Pilotage Districts area can involve many hazards such as high traffic areas including large commercial vessels, multiple recreational vessels, etc.; use of Vessel Traffic Service routes; unique radio communication requirements and channels; relatively extreme tides and currents; etc.

2. If an exemption is granted, prior to navigating in Washington pilotage waters, appropriate navigational equipment and supporting documents including – but not limited to – the following items will be available on board the vessel and the captain will be familiar with them:

- a. The Puget Sound Vessel Traffic Service Users Manual.
Available on-line: <http://www.uscg.mil/d13/psvts/docs/userman032503.pdf>
- b. Information on local VHF radio communications.
see, e.g., http://www.byc.org/weather_radio/vhfchannels.html
- c. Those portions of the United States Coast Pilot – 10: Pacific Coast that cover any area in which the vessel will be navigated.
Available on-line: <http://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/nsd/cpdownload.html>
- d. Local tide and current information.
Such as that available on-line: <http://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/index.shtml>
- e. Puget Sound Harbor Safety Plan.
Available on-line: http://www.pshsc.org/about/harbor_safety_plan
- f. Pilot Familiarization Packet. Available on-line: <https://pilotage.wa.gov/pilotage-exemptions.html>
- g. Paper or electronic charts of all areas to be navigated, updated and of appropriate scale.

USCG Local Notice to Mariners. Available on-line: <https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/?pageName=InmDistrict®ion=13>

3. As provided in RCW 88.16.070, if an exemption is granted, it shall not be detrimental to the public interest in regard to safe operation preventing loss of human lives, loss of property and protecting the marine environment. The Board may, at any time, review the exemption and revoke it should it find the vessel is not in compliance with the requirements for exemption (including operation of the vessel in a manner that is not considered safe).

4. I understand that in 2019 new regulations regarding Southern Resident Killer Whales (SRKW) went into effect and I am required to stay at least 300 yards away of either side of a SRKW path and 400 yards out of the path, in front and behind Orcas. If an Orca approaches your vessel within 300 yards, you must disengage your vessels transmission and allow the whale to safely pass. See RCW 77.15.740 for more information.

Signature of Vessel Owner or Representative

Date

**Vessel Captain Experience in
GEOGRAPHICALLY RESTRICTED AREAS:
Deception Pass/Ballard Locks/Duwamish River**

*Orientation with a Washington State Licensed Pilot is required for these areas.
Requirement may be waived if applicants meet certain criteria. A Captain who has
previously received a Pilot Orientation for an area will have satisfied the requirement.*

Vessel LOA: 0-65' 66-125' 126-199'

Vessel captain has read Familiarization Package

Deception Pass

Date_____ Vessel_____ Position_____

Date_____ Vessel_____ Position_____

Understands tidal and daylight restrictions

List 2 most recent trips above. Total trips taken in Deception Pass_____

Ballard Locks

Date_____ Vessel_____ Position_____

Date_____ Vessel_____ Position_____

List 2 most recent trips above. Total trips taken in Ballard Locks_____

Duwamish River

Date_____ Vessel_____ Position_____

Date_____ Vessel_____ Position_____

List 2 most recent trips above. Total trips taken in Duwamish River_____

Previous Pilot Orientation

Date_____ Vessel_____ Area(s)_____

Explanation of local experience: