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PETITION FOR VESSEL EXEMPTION FROM PILOTAGE

Petition Instructions:

- Please submit completed petitions to the Board of Pilotage Commissioners at least thirty (30) days prior to arrival in Washington waters.** The Board will consider petitions received at least forty-eight hours prior to arrival in Washington waters on an interim basis. See [WAC 363-116-360 Exempt Vessels](#) for more information.
- Your application should include the following:
 - Certificate of Vessel Registry
 - Certificate of Financial Responsibility
 - Vessel's Insurance Coverage
 - Valid License of Vessel Operator
 - Signed Vessel Certification (Page 5 of application)
 - 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 [Board of Pilotage Commissioners Minutes/Agendas](#).
- 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

At this time, we are unable to accept cash, credit cards, or any form of electronic payment.

Effective Date: _____	New <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal <input type="checkbox"/>	Length of Exemption: 3 mos <input type="checkbox"/> 1 yr <input type="checkbox"/>
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Vessel Information:

Name:	
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)	

Vessel Operator:

Name:	
Address:	
Phone:	
Email:	

Vessel Operator Experience in Local Waters:

<p>San Juan Islands Region:</p> <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	<p>Northern Puget Sound:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Bellingham Channel <input type="checkbox"/> Deception Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Guemes Channel <input type="checkbox"/> Saddle Bags Pass	<p>Seattle Area:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Duwamish River <input type="checkbox"/> Hiram M. Chittenden Locks <input type="checkbox"/> Montlake Cut
<p>Length of Time in Area:</p>	<p>Central Puget Sound:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Agate Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Hood Canal <input type="checkbox"/> Rich Pass	<p>South Puget Sound:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> South of Point Defiance
<p>Ports and Harbors:</p>		
<p><input type="checkbox"/> No Experience</p>		

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):

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<p>Other: Please provide location if not listed:</p>		

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

Name:		Name:	
Position:		Position:	
Speaks English:	Yes ___ No ___	Speaks English:	Yes ___ No ___

Name:		Name:	
Position:		Position:	
Speaks English:	Yes ___ No ___	Speaks English:	Yes ___ No ___

Additional Information:

Brief description of communications equipment: (list accessible VHF channels)	
List any propulsion, navigation or communication equipment not currently operational:	
Navigational aids on board:	<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

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE

NAME AND PHONE NUMBER IF SIGNATURE IS OTHER THAN OPERATOR NAMED

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 item three of the Petition for Exemption meets/meet all the qualifications set by the flag state (country of vessel registry) to act as captain/master of the vessel in Washington waters; and that no other person(s) will act as captain/master of the vessel during the period of the exemption. I further certify that I understand and will ensure that any person acting as captain/master of the vessel understands the following:

1. Navigation in Washington waters in the Puget Sound 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 master will be familiar with them:

- a. The Puget Sound Vessel Traffic Service Users Manual.
Available on-line at <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 – 7: Pacific Coast that cover any area in which the vessel will be navigated.
Available on-line at <http://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/nsd/cpdownload.html>
- d. Local tide and current information.
Such as that available on-line at <http://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/index.shtml>
- e. Puget Sound Harbor Safety Plan.
Available on-line at: http://www.pshsc.org/about/harbor_safety_plan
- f. Paper or electronic charts of all areas to be navigated, updated and of appropriate scale.

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 Operator or Representative

Date