

ANNEX II of Bass 083-2020

Fairway: GNB area - Scheldt Harbours and Belgian Coastal Ports
Subject: ANNEX II Guidelines to prevent spreading of the COVID-19 Coronavirus –
Guidelines for pilot boarding and pilotage

Following the outbreak of the coronavirus COVID-19, The Common Nautical Authority, in consultation with the Public Health of Belgium and the Netherlands, has issued some guidelines in order to prevent the spread of the virus. Further useful information for ship operators can be found at https://www.healthygateways.eu/Portals/0/plcdocs/EU_HEALTHY_GATEWAYS_COVID-19_MARITIME_20_2_2020_FINAL.pdf?ver=2020-02-21-123842-480

Guidelines for pilot and quartermaster boarding and pilotage:

- Where possible, one hour before the pilot embarkation time, non-essential crew should remain clear of the designated route from the pilot embarkation point (either pilot ladder, accommodation ladder etc.) to the wheelhouse, especially where the route is within enclosed spaces.
- As a general rule we request that all crew that is not involved in the navigation is clear from the workspace. During duration of the voyage the distance between persons should be a minimum of one and a half meter.
- Immediately prior to pilot and quartermaster embarkation, all surfaces and equipment in the wheelhouse, or on the bridge wings, that the pilot or quartermaster may touch must be cleaned with a suitable cleaning solution.
- The wheelhouse, where possible, should remain well ventilated via the opening of external doors or windows.
- Where possible, the route from the embarkation point to the wheelhouse should be via the open deck, as opposed to within enclosed spaces.
- The wheelhouse should be cleared of all crew not essential to the navigation of the vessel.
- Crew entering the bridge should thoroughly clean hands with an alcohol-based hand rub or wash them with soap and water, hand sanitation is key in preventing transmission of the virus!
- On board the pilot will use his own equipment and will not touch the bridge equipment. If he needs to adjust the settings on the bridge equipment he will leave this to the ship's crew. A suitable cleaning solution has to be provided to disinfect the equipment if before mentioned is not practicable.
- *The use of face masks by all persons present on the bridge is highly recommended by medical doctors. Masks and gloves offered to visitors will not be accepted, nor can they be exchanged.*

Guidelines in case a possible infected person is on board (Ref. Bass 083-2020):

- Follow-up closely the instructions of the Public Health Organisation of Belgium (Saniport) or The Netherlands (GGD)