

Local Notice to Mariners

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PORT OF SOUTHAMPTON – 2026 PILOTAGE TARIFF CONSULTATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Port of Southampton 2026 Pilotage Tariff is out for consultation.

A draft copy of the 2026 Pilotage Tariff is now available on the Southampton VTS website. At the following link [Pilotage Tariff – Southampton VTS – ABP Southampton](#)

The 2026 tariff includes a major change to the Port of Southampton's pilotage system, with the removal of the current 'Specialist' pilotage system operated for BP, Esso and DPW. The current Specialist system will be replaced from the 1st Jan 2026 by a new 'Very Large Ship' (VLS) system of pilotage. The amended charges for this new system are outlined within the 2026 tariff.

Consultation responses on the 2026 Pilotage Tariff are sought, and any responses should be sent via email to the below address, ref "2026 Pilotage Tariff Consultation" and should be received no later than 31st December 2025 in order to be considered.

HMSouthampton Mailbox HMSouthampton@abports.co.uk

This Notice will be self-cancelling on 1st January 2026, the consultation period being closed. The proposed changes are planned to enter in to effect on 1st January 2026.

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