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PILOT STATIONS

The Board of Commissioners of Pilots of the State of New York directs all State licensed pilots to observe the following Board designated pilot station areas for the purpose of embarking onto and disembarking from vessels entering or departing New York State pilotage waters:

1. **The Port of New York/New Jersey:** In the vicinity of the Ambrose Light Tower. The magenta triangle on the published NOAA (See also Note C, Chart 12326) or other approved nautical chart marks the general area in which the Pilot Boat on station cruises for the purpose of dispatching pilots to and from vessels entering or leaving the port.
2. **The Hudson River:** Pilot Station Yonkers, N.Y., approximately one quarter mile north of the City Dock, and Mid-Hudson Pilot Station at Norrie Point, Hyde Park, N.Y.
3. **The New York Waters of Block Island/Long Island Sounds:**

**Pilot Station Point Judith:** The principal pilot station for vessels entering or departing from the New York waters of Block Island Sound and Long Island Sound at the eastern end of the New York Block Island and Long Island Sounds.



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**Pilot Station Montauk Point:** An alternate pilot station for vessels entering or departing the New York waters of Block Island or Long Island Sounds, subject to the following weather, sea condition, pilot safety, and draft restrictions currently in force as per previous Board directive, dated 2/8/96, which is re-stated below for the sake of clarity:

“The Board has decided to revise its policy to allow pilotage of vessels through the Montauk-Block Island Channel, on a case by case basis at the option of the State pilot, but under the following general guidelines:

The Montauk-Block Island Channel (as defined by the R”2” Southwest Ledge and Green “BIS” Block Island Sound buoys) shall be closed for navigation during the periods of heavy weather when seas, swells, and wind or tidal current conditions make the channel unsafe for pilot embarkation or disembarkation, or pose a threat to the safety of any pilot boat, vessel, person, prudent navigation, or safety of the environment. In such adverse weather conditions, vessels requiring a State pilot shall use the Block Island Sound East Channel and the Port Judith Pilot Station, conditions permitting. In no event will a vessel with a draft greater than 38 feet be piloted through the Montauk Channel.”

**Pilot Station City Island:** The principal pilot station for vessels entering or departing the western end of the New York waters of Long Island Sound, in the area of Sands Point-Execution Rocks to Stepping Stones Light-City Island. Note: Pilots on vessels bound to/from the East River/Port of New York/New Jersey are required to hold a New York State pilot license.

Any State pilot reported to be in violation of the foregoing policy and procedure shall be subject to investigation, and if found to be in error, shall be subject to sanctions, including license revocation under the NYNAVLAW/NYCRR.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

30 April 2002

Robert H. Pouch  
Executive Director