

PACIFIC PILOTAGE AUTHORITY
NOTES FOR YACHT WAIVERS

1. Must meet all requirements under Section 10(3) of the Pacific Pilotage Regulations (copy attached).
2. Definition of “person in charge of a deck watch” means a person who has the immediate charge of navigation, maneuvering, operation or safety of a ship, but does not include a pilot. The definition thus refers to the master and the officers, as the master will have charge of the navigation and maneuvering during the berthing and unberthing of the vessel.
3. An interim waiver can be granted without going to the Pacific Pilotage Authority Board of Directors if:
 - A private yacht under 10,000 GT has a Canadian signed on as Master with the correct Canadian issued certificate and sea-time
 - An applicant for a waiver must possess a certificate of competency appropriate to the vessel size.
 - The waiver may be limited to an 8-hour continuous bridge watch
 - A private yacht has a Canadian signed on as Master with the correct certificate and sea-time and a Canadian signed on as a deck watch officer holding at least a Watch keeping Mates Certificate, it may be granted a waiver with no time restrictions. However, the Canadian Master must do the berthing and unberthing.
 - A US flagged private yacht whose officers meet the sea time requirements in 3(b) and (c) of the Pacific Pilotage Regulations may be granted an interim waiver as if it is manned by Canadian certificated officers.
 - The attached “Request for Waiver of Compulsory Pilotage” and “Sea Time in B.C. Waters” must be duly completed and signed by the Master or owner.

In summary:

- a) Any application for a waiver, either private yacht or commercial vessel, has to come from the ship or its owners, not a third party.
- b) Any commercial vessel’s waiver application (excluding U.S. Tugs and fishing boats) requires PPA Board of Directors approval.
- c) Any commercial vessel seeking a waiver will have to prove that the

officers' names on the waiver application are regular members of the crew and not an interim crew to circumvent Canadian Pilotage Regulations.