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PLEASURE CRAFT OF FOREIGN REGISTRY

In the State of Alaska, a pleasure craft (yacht) of foreign registry that is 65 feet or longer must employ a state-licensed marine pilot while the pleasure craft is in mandatory pilotage waters of the state. AS 08.62.160. A "pleasure craft" is "a vessel that does not carry passengers or freight for hire." "For hire" means "for consideration contributed as a condition of carriage on a vessel, whether directly or indirectly flowing to the owner, charterer, operator, agent, or other person having an interest in the vessel". AS 08.62.180(e).

The operator of a pleasure craft of foreign registry of more than 65 feet length overall, but less than 175 feet length overall, may apply for an exemption from the state pilotage requirement. Exemptions are granted by the Alaska Board of Marine Pilots. AS 08.62.180(b)-(e).

Penalties: The owner or operator of a pleasure craft of foreign registry who fails to employ a state-licensed marine pilot as required under AS 08.62 is punishable by a fine of up to \$10,000 for each violation. Each entry into state waters in violation of AS 08.62 is a separate violation. AS 08.62.040(f).

Application: To apply for an exemption from state pilotage requirements, the operator of the pleasure craft must complete the attached application form and submit it along with the required documentation and applicable fee. The operator of a pleasure craft seeking an exemption from state pilotage requirements must employ a Vessel Agent listed on the register of agents maintained by the Board under AS 08.62.040(a)(3). The Vessel Agent must be identified on the exemption application.

If a pleasure craft of foreign registry of more than 65 feet overall length enters compulsory pilotage waters without a pilot or a pilotage exemption, the operator of the pleasure craft will not be granted a subsequent pilotage exemption until the operator provides the State Marine Pilot Coordinator satisfactory documentation detailing the pleasure craft's entry into compulsory pilotage waters and all subsequent voyages in violation of Alaska law, and pays the appropriate charges for pilotage services which should have been used. 12 AAC 56.115.

The application fee is \$250.00 plus \$50.00 for each whole foot in length of the vessel that exceeds 65 feet length overall. Overall length is measured from the most forward part of the fore end to the most after part of the after end of the hull. The application fee is non-refundable. Payment may be made by check, credit card, or money order, AS 08.62.140(b), 12 AAC 02.010.

Applications for exemption must be submitted at least 30 days before the vessel enters state waters. The application will be approved or denied within 10 working days from the date of its receipt by the AK Board of Marine Pilots. If additional information is requested from the applicant to complete or clarify the application for exemption, the 10-working-day time period is suspended while the Board is waiting for a response to its request. AS 08.62.180(b).

Conditions of Operation: An exemption granted by the Board will be confirmed in writing. A pleasure craft is not exempt from state pilotage requirements until the vessel operator has received written confirmation of the exemption. The operator of the vessel must retain the exemption certificate on board while the vessel is in state waters. An exemption from state pilotage requirements is valid for one year from the date on which the exemption was issued, unless surrendered by the applicant or revoked by the Board. AS 08.62.180(b).

A pilotage exemption does not exempt a vessel from the requirement to employ a state-licensed marine pilot while the vessel is in Wrangell Narrows or in the waters between Chatham Strait and Sitka via Peril Strait. AS 08.62.180(b).

The operator of a pleasure craft of foreign registry more than 65 feet overall length but not more than 125 feet overall length that has received a pilotage exemption shall proceed upon its initial entry into state waters to the

first port of call to receive navigational and safety information from the registered vessel agent employed by the operator of the vessel. AS 08.62.180(c).

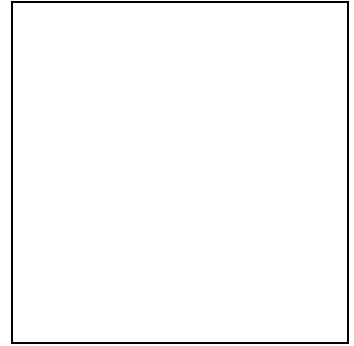
The operator of a pleasure craft of foreign registry more than 125 feet overall length but less than 175 feet overall length that has received a pilotage exemption shall employ a state-licensed marine pilot from initial entry into state compulsory pilotage waters to the first port of call. The marine pilot shall provide navigational and safety information relating to the pilotage region to the operator of the vessel. AS 08.62.180(d).

A pilotage exemption may be revoked if the vessel is not operated in a manner that is appropriate to protect human life, property, and the marine environment, if the vessel violates the terms of the exemption, or if the vessel does not comply with all applicable local, state, and federal laws. AS 08.62.180(b).

Assistance: Contact the Alaska Marine Pilot Coordinator at (907) 465-2548 phone, fax (907) 465-2974 or email: Renda.Heimbigner@alaska.gov.



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Application for Exemption from Pilotage
Requirements for Pleasure Craft of Foreign Registry
of More Than 65 Feet Overall Length
but Less than 175 Feet Overall Length



1. Operator of Vessel:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

2. Owner of Vessel (applicant):

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

3. Vessel Agent Information:

The following Vessel Agent has been employed:

Vessel Agent Name: _____

Registration Number: _____ Phone: _____

4. Vessel Particulars (attach a copy of the vessel's certificate of registry and the vessel's insurance coverage):

Name: _____

Registry: _____

Official Number: _____

Call Sign: _____

Length Overall (LOA): _____

NOTE: Vessel must be less than 175 feet overall to qualify for an exemption; AS 08.62.180(b).

International Gross Tonnage: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____

Email: _____

5. Please indicate the dates and areas of Alaska pilotage waters you intend to visit:

_____	Southeast Alaska
_____	Yakutat/Disenchantment Bay
_____	Icy Bay
_____	Prince William Sound
_____	Seward/Resurrection Bay
_____	Cook Inlet
_____	Kodiak Island Group
_____	Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Islands
_____	Other _____

Will the vessel be operating for hire during any of the dates listed above? Where and when?

A vessel with passengers 'for hire' is disqualified from an exemption and the certificate must be surrendered to the Marine Pilot Coordinator prior to boarding such passengers. This does not prohibit a re-application for exemption from pilotage as a pleasure craft without passengers 'for hire.'

Applicants are reminded that Alaska Law requires vessels wishing to transit Wrangell Narrows, or from Chatham Strait to Sitka (via Peril Strait, Sergious Narrows, Kakul Narrows, Neva Strait, Olga Strait) to employ a state-licensed marine pilot regardless of any pilotage exemption received. AS 08.62.180(b).

6. Names, positions, and addresses of vessel's captain and officers (attach a copy of the current licenses for each):

7. List experience of vessel's captain and officers in Alaskan waters to be visited.

8. List the names of those among the vessel's officers and crew who speak English:

9. List the type and quantity of fuel(s) carried on board:

10. Indicate operational onboard navigation tools available for proposed itinerary:

AIS Radar Depth Sounder VHF GPS
 Electronic Chart Gyro Compass Other _____

11. Do you have available on board the vessel the most recent versions of the following?

Coast Pilot # _____ Year _____ Current Tables _____ Year _____
Tide Tables _____ Year _____

Provide a list of charts you are carrying for the area to be transited (include electronic versions):

12. Vessel contact information (list all electronic methods available for contacting the vessel including VHF frequencies, telephone numbers, fax numbers, satellite phone numbers, e-mail addresses, etc.):

I understand that only pleasure craft may obtain an exemption from mandatory state pilotage requirements. A "pleasure craft" is "a vessel that does not carry passengers or freight for hire." "For hire" means "for consideration contributed as a condition of carriage on a vessel, whether directly or indirectly flowing to the owner, charterer, operator, agent, or other person having an interest in the vessel". AS 08.62.180(e).

I hereby certify that the vessel _____ will not be carrying passengers or freight for hire during the time periods for which an exemption had been sought in this application. I further certify that all of the information provided above is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

False statements on this application constitute unsworn falsification under AS 11.56.210, punishable by a fine of up to \$10,000 and up to one year in jail. AS 12.55.035(b)(5), 12.55.135(a).

Signature

Position

Date: _____ Representing: _____

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CREDIT CARD PAYMENT
For Foreign Pleasure Craft

Owner of vessel (applicant): _____

Name on credit card (payor): _____

Vessel Name: _____

I wish to make payment by credit card for the following:
(check any that apply)

Amount

- Exemption Application Fee _____
- Fine _____
- Other (specify): _____ _____

Signature of
Credit Card holder: _____

Print Name on Credit Card: _____

Complete Mailing Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Credit Card Type *(check one)*: VISA MASTER CARD

Card Number: _____

Please provide the 3-digit security code from the back of the card: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Completion of this form is not proof of payment until the division processes the information contained herein.

If any information on this form is illegible, the form will be rejected.