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To All Agents/Customers

Dear Agents and Customers,

Fuel Surcharge

The cost of Marine Gas Oil has risen sharply in recent months following the escalation of conflict in the Middle East. The price we now pay stands at 115 pence per litre, an increase of 50 pence per litre compared with the average price paid in 2025. This represents a 75% increase and adds more than £100 to the cost of a typical Pilotage Act.

Until now, the Port has absorbed these increases. We have reviewed operational efficiencies and delayed passing costs on wherever possible. That position is no longer sustainable. To maintain the safe and reliable delivery of pilotage services, the Port is reintroducing a fuel surcharge. This mechanism was last used in 2022 following the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that with effect from **1st May 2026**, a **Fuel Surcharge of £105** will be applied to each embarkation and disembarkation of a pilot to a vessel executed during an Act of Pilotage.

Please note the following:

- Where two pilots are required for a Pilotage Act, a single Pilotage Fuel Surcharge will be applied to cover the boarding or landing of both pilots.
- The Fuel Surcharge will be shown as a separate line on each invoice.
- The Fuel Surcharge will not be applied where a vessel arrives or departs using a valid Pilotage Exemption Certificate; it will only be charged where pilotage services are required.
- The Fuel Surcharge is applied in addition to existing published charges.

We consider this to be a temporary measure. Fuel costs will be monitored regularly, and the surcharge will be adjusted or withdrawn when conditions allow.

Yours faithfully

Mike Ryan
Harbourmaster

