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PETITION FOR VESSEL EXEMPTION FROM PILOTAGE REQUIREMENTS

_____ Date _____ New _____ Renewal

1. Name of vessel and country of registry (attach copy of registry document):

Vessel _____ Country _____

2. Type and use of vessel:

Type: Sailing Yacht Motor Yacht Passenger Vessel

Use: Pleasure Other _____

LOA _____ Gross tonnage (international) _____

3. Applicant (Captain, who will be operating the vessel):

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail _____

4. Owner of vessel, if different from applicant:

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail _____

5. Length of time sought for exemption when vessel will be operating in Washington State waters:

3 months beginning _____

1 year beginning _____

6. Purpose of visit: _____

7. Passenger list, indicating if crew, or passenger: (use add'l sheets if needed)

8. Experience of master and crew in Washington State waters (attach any government licenses held by the captain: _____

9. Identities of the captain and/or crew who speak English: _____

10. Type and quantity of fuel and any other potentially environmentally damaging substances on board: _____

11. Quantity of navigational aids on board:

_____ Magnetic compass	_____ Global Positioning System (GPS)
_____ Gyroscopic compass	_____ Electronic Chart System (ECS)
_____ Satellite compass	_____ Electronic Chart Display and Information System (ECDIS)
_____ Radar,	_____ Automated Identification System (AIS)
_____ w/Automatic Radar Plotting Aid (ARPA)	_____ Depth sounder

Other: _____

12. Brief description of communications equipment: (list accessible VHF channels)

13. List any propulsion, navigation or communication equipment not currently operational:

14. Attach photo of vessel:

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE

NAME AND PHONE NUMBER IF SIGNATURE IS OTHER THAN CAPTAIN NAMED IN QUESTION #3

WAC 363-116-360 Exempt vessels

(1) Under the authority of RCW [88.16.070](#), application may be made to the board of pilotage commissioners to seek exemption from the pilotage requirements for the operation of a limited class of small passenger vessels or yachts, which are not more than five hundred gross tons (international), do not exceed two hundred feet in length, and are operated exclusively in the waters of the Puget Sound pilotage district and lower British Columbia. For purposes of this section, any vessel carrying passengers for a fee, including yachts under charter where both the vessel and crew are provided for a fee, shall be considered a passenger vessel.

The owners or operators of the vessel for which exemption is sought must:

(a) Complete and file with the board a petition requesting an exemption at least sixty days prior to planned vessel operations in the Puget Sound pilotage district where possible. Petitions filed with less than sixty days notice may be considered by the chair at the chair's discretion.

(b) The petition requesting exemption shall be on a board-approved form which shall include a description of the vessel, the contemplated use of vessel, the proposed area of operation, the names and addresses of the vessel's owner and operator, the dates of planned operations, and such other information as the board shall require on its petition form.

(c) Pay the appropriate initial application or renewal fee with the submittal of the petition, which is listed in subsection (5) of this section.

(2) All petitions for exemption filed with the board shall be reviewed by the chair, who shall make a recommendation to the board to be considered at its next regularly or specially scheduled meeting. Consistent with the public interest, the chair may grant an interim exemption to a petitioner subject to final approval at the next board meeting, where special time or other conditions exist. Any grant of an interim exemption may contain such conditions as the chair deems necessary to protect the public interest in order to prevent the loss of human life and property and to protect the marine environment of the state of Washington.

Such conditions may include a requirement that the vessel employ the services of a pilot on its initial voyage into Puget Sound waters or that the master of the vessel at all times hold as a minimum, a United States government license as a master of ocean or near coastal steam or motor vessels of not more than sixteen hundred gross tons or as a master of inland steam or motor vessels of not more than five hundred gross tons, such license to include a current radar endorsement.

(3) The recommendation of the chair shall be considered at the next regular or specially scheduled meeting of the board. Interested parties shall receive notice and opportunity for hearing at that time, provided that the party notifies the board at least five days in advance of the meeting of its desire for hearing.

(4) The board shall annually, or at any other time when in the public interest, review any exemptions granted to the specified class of small vessels to ensure that each exempted vessel remains in compliance with the original exemption and any conditions to the exemption. The board shall have the authority to revoke such exemption when there is not continued compliance with the requirements for exemption.

(5) Fee Schedule for Petitioners for Exemption

	3 Months or Less	1 Year or Less	Annual Renewal
A. Yachts			
Up to and including 50 feet LOA	\$ 300	\$ 500	\$ 200
Up to and including 100 feet LOA	\$ 450	\$ 750	\$ 300
Up to and including 200 feet LOA	\$ 750	\$ 1,125	\$ 450
B. Passenger Vessels			
Up to and including 100 feet LOA	\$ 1,125	\$1,500	\$ 600
Up to and including 200 feet LOA	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$ 750

Please make payments to: **Washington State Treasurer**

Mail to: Board of Pilotage Commissioners, Attn: Shawna; 2901 Third Avenue, Suite 500; Seattle, WA 98121
At this time, we are unable to accept cash, credit cards, or any form of electronic payment.

CERTIFICATION

VESSEL NAME _____

By my signature below I certify that I am authorized to make this application on behalf of the vessel named; that the person(s) listed as captain(s) in item three of the Petition for Exemption meets/meet all the qualifications set by the flag state (country of vessel registry) to act as captain/master of the vessel in Washington waters; and that no other person(s) will act as captain/master of the vessel during the period of the exemption. I further certify that I understand and will ensure that any person acting as captain/master of the vessel understands the following:

1. Navigation in Washington waters in the Puget Sound area can involve many hazards such as high traffic areas including large commercial vessels, multiple recreational vessels, etc.; use of Vessel Traffic Service routes; unique radio communication requirements and channels; relatively extreme tides and currents; etc.
2. If an exemption is granted, prior to navigating in Washington pilotage waters, appropriate navigational equipment and supporting documents including – but not limited to - the following items will be available on board the vessel and the master will be familiar with them:
 - a. The Puget Sound Vessel Traffic Service Users Manual.
(available on-line at <http://www.uscg.mil/d13/psvts/docs/userman032503.pdf>)
 - b. Information on local VHF radio communications.
(see, e.g., http://www.byc.org/weather_radio/vhfchannels.htm)
 - c. Those portions of the United States Coast Pilot – 7: Pacific Coast that cover any area in which the vessel will be navigated.
(available on-line at <http://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/nsd/cpdownload.htm>)
 - d. Local tide and current information.
(such as that available on-line at <http://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/index.shtml>)
 - e. Puget Sound Harbor Safety Plan.
(available on-line at:
www.pshsc.org/sitebuildercontent/sitebuilderfiles/HarborSafetyPlanfinal12308bw.pdf)
 - f. Paper or electronic charts of all areas to be navigated (updated and of appropriate scale)
3. As provided in RCW 88.16.070, if an exemption is granted, it shall not be detrimental to the public interest in regard to safe operation preventing loss of human lives, loss of property and protecting the marine environment. The Board may, at any time, review the exemption and revoke it should it find the vessel is not in compliance with the requirements for exemption (including operation of the vessel in a manner that is not considered safe).

Signature of Vessel Master or Representative

Date