

**FALMOUTH****50°07'N 5°02'W**

UNCTAD LOCODE: GB FAL

See diagram FALMOUTH PILOTAGE ZONES.

Pilots

AREA:

Falmouth Pilotage Area is bounded by a line from Dodman Pt (50° 13' 10N 4° 47' 80W) to Black Head (50° 00' 20N 5° 06' 10W).

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VHF Channel: Ch 16; 09

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HOURS: H24

PROCEDURE:

(1) **Pilotage is compulsory** and available H24 within the Falmouth Pilotage Area for the following:

- a) All vessels in excess of 180m LOA when navigating to the N of a line drawn between Black Head and Dodman Point (**Zone A**)
- b) All vessels in commercial use in excess of 30m LOA when navigating to the W of a line drawn between Rosemullion Head and position 50° 03' 35N 5° 01' 60W (**Zone B**)
- c) All vessels in excess of 75m LOA when navigating to the N of a line drawn between Zone Point and Rosemullion Head and to the S of a line drawn between Messack Point and Penarrow Point (**Zone C**), or elsewhere in the pilotage area if navigating within 1nm of the shore
- d) All vessels in excess of 60m LOA navigating to the N of a line drawn between Messack Point and Penarrow Point (**Zone D**) or in the Penryn River to the W of a line drawn between Prince of Wales Pier and Flushing New Quay
- e) All vessels navigating within the designated pilotage area carrying dangerous or polluting goods as defined in the MS Reporting Regulations 1995
- f) All vessels in commercial use navigating within the pilotage area not equipped with updated admiralty charts 154, 32 and 18 (or equivalent) as required to cover the entire passage
- g) All vessels in excess of 50m LOA entering or leaving a dry dock
- h) All manned vessels in excess of 50m LOA using the services of a harbour tug

- i) Vessels of any size when directed by the Hr Mr or Dock Master in the interests of safety of the vessel, other vessels, persons, the port or its infrastructure
- (2) These directions shall apply to tugs and tow as if the aggregate length of the tug and tow is the length overall of a single vessel.
- (3) These directions shall apply to vessels under way. They shall not apply to HM ships or foreign warships or to vessels of less than 20m LOA or registered fishing vessels of less than 47.5m LOA.
- (4) **Pilot ordering:** Pilotage services in Falmouth are available to any vessel requiring the services of a Pilot subject to a minimum of 1h notice being given.
- (5) **Notice of ETA:** Vessels are requested to give at least 24h notice of ETA via telephone, fax, e-mail or telex followed by confirmation of ETA 1h prior to arrival at the Pilot Station via VHF Ch 16 (working channel VHF Ch 09). The information required is as follows:
  - a) Name, call sign, IMO Number or MMSI Number
  - b) Port of destination
  - c) ETA at the Pilot Station
  - d) ETD
  - e) Total number of persons on board
- (6) **Pilot boards** vessels greater than 180m LOA in position 50° 05' 00N 5° 00' 70W. Smaller vessels should give their ETA for the Pilot Station as above but may be given a rendezvous closer to shore depending upon the weather conditions.

**NOTE:**

Falmouth Harbour Commissioners provide pilotage services for the Ports of Falmouth, Falmouth Docks, Truro, Penryn and St Mawes as well as the Helford River, the Quarries of the E side of the Lizard Peninsula and the Falmouth, Gerrans and Veryan Bays.

Local Port Service

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**Pollution Control**

VHF Channel: Ch 10

**HOURS:** Mon-Fri: 08:00-17:00 LT

Outside these times: Port information is available via Falmouth Pilot Radio.

Hr Mr may also be contacted via Falmouth Pilot Radio (See Pilots).

**PROCEDURE:**

- 1) **Notice of ETA:** Vessels should send ETA 72h, 48h and 12h in advance or on departure from last port if nearer.
- 2) All vessels over 75m LOA anchoring within port limits in Falmouth Bay without a pilot should contact Falmouth Pilot Radio on VHF Ch 09 stating the following:
- 3) All vessels over 20m LOA planning to proceed into the estuary should contact Falmouth Pilot Radio on VHF Ch 09 stating the following:
- 4) Vessels stated in sections (2) and (3) departing from an anchorage without a pilot on board should similarly report their intentions 15 mins prior to weighing anchor.
- 5) All vessels manoeuvring or at anchor within the port limits should maintain a continuous listening watch on VHF Ch 16.
- 6) All vessels over 20m LOA departing from Falmouth Docks without a Pilot on board shall report their departure to Falmouth Pilot Radio on VHF Ch 09, 15 mins before leaving berth.
- 7) **Dangerous Substances in Harbour Areas (DSHA) Regulations 1987** apply.
- 8) **Merchant Shipping (Vessel Traffic Monitoring and Reporting Requirements) Regulations 2011** (as amended) apply.

#### **INCIDENT REPORT**

Vessels should immediately report the occurrence of fire, collision, oil pollution or other emergency within the Port Limits to Falmouth Coastguard on VHF Ch 16.

#### **ACCIDENT PROCEDURES:**

##### **Maritime Emergency Plan – Fal Estuary**

- 1) Implementation of the Emergency Plan will be announced on VHF Ch 16 and all available information provided.
- 2) All vessels should maintain a listening watch on VHF Ch 12 for further instructions.
- 3) VHF Ch 11 is reserved as an emergency operational frequency and no other transmissions should be made on this frequency.