

MARITIME PILOTS OF THE GIRONDE

Pilotage de la Gironde

A COMPULSORY STEP

Once the call schedule has been approved by the harbour master (Voies Navigables de France, Port of Bordeaux or local authorities), the ship owner must contact the Union of Gironde Maritime Pilots (+335 56 74 25 00).

The Gironde Maritime Pilots provide ship service from the entrance of the estuary to the city of Bordeaux – Bègles (via the Garonne river) and to Libourne (via the Dordogne river).

They can also bring their local knowledge of the river run between Bègles and Langon, even though it is outside the marine pilotage area.

PROCEDURES

✓ **For sea liners**

Pilotage is compulsory for all vessels longer than 50 metres.

✓ **For river liners**

Two conditions:

- .1 For river liners shorter than 120 metres: the captain must call upon a pilot until he/she obtains his/her pilot exemption certificate.
- .2 For river liners longer than 120 metres: the services of a pilot are compulsory in the maritime waters of the Gironde estuary, the Garonne and Dordogne rivers.

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