



**COLUMBIA
RIVER
PILOTS**

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COLRIP – COVID-19 UPDATE:

To ensure that the Coronavirus (COVID-19) does not constitute a threat to the Columbia River maritime community, the Columbia River Pilots respectfully request vessel operators take the following precautions during their transit to the Columbia River, prior to the pilot boarding, and while the pilot is aboard.

Boarding Preparation Precautions:

- Wipe down the entire bridge with a 5% solution of bleach water, including the chart table, instruments, radars, radios, electronics, chairs, helm, entire console, handrails, windows, door handles, etc.
- Maintain cool and dry conditions on the bridge.
- Provide a one-person escort for the pilot to and from the bridge following a path of minimum exposure to anyone onboard by using external stairs when possible. If equipped, only the pilot and the escort will be permitted in the elevator to and from the bridge.
- Please only allow essential personnel in the wheelhouse while a pilot is onboard.

Bridge Team Precautions:

- All aboard shall maintain a minimum 6 feet (2 meters) from the pilot and each other to the extent feasible, per the U.S. Centers for Disease Control's recommendations. If social distancing measures are difficult to maintain, all shall wear a face covering.
- Any crew member entering the bridge should immediately and thoroughly wash their hands for at least 20 seconds prior to entering the bridge.
- Maintain a supply of hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol on the bridge. Any member of the bridge team should wash their hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer immediately after touching their face.
- Do not smoke on the bridge. Any crew member who previously smoked should thoroughly wash their hands and face for at least 20 seconds prior to entering the bridge.
- Do not eat on the bridge. All coffee cups and utensils on bridge should be washed thoroughly. Pilots should use their own coffee cups, not the ship's.
- If the helmsman or ship's officers see the pilot fail to comply with the above conditions, then they should speak up and remind the pilot to do so.

Pilot Precautions:

- Pilot will limit close contact within 6 feet (2 meters) with others when possible.
- Pilot will limit use to one radar, workstation, etc.
- Pilots may discuss of the above conditions as part of the Master Pilot Exchange.

We appreciate you taking these precautions to safeguard the Columbia River maritime community. If you have any questions about this policy, please call our Dispatcher at (503) 289-9922.