

**IN THE MATTER OF THE  
APPLICATION FOR PILOTS  
RATES ADJUSTMENT FILED ON  
DECEMBER 22, 2023**

**§ BEFORE THE BOARD OF PILOT  
§ COMMISSIONERS FOR  
§ GALVESTON COUNTY PORTS  
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**ORDER APPROVING APPLICATION FOR  
PILOT RATES ADJUSTMENT**

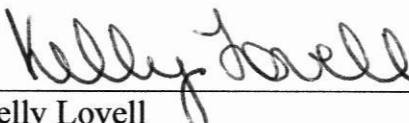
At its open meeting on January 25, 2024, the Board of Pilot Commissioners for Galveston County Ports (Board) considered the Application for Pilot Rates Adjustment, which was filed by the Pilots for the Ports of Galveston County (Pilots) on December 22, 2023 (Application). The Pilots were present through their representatives and counsel. Having considered the Application and other relevant material, the Board finds as follows:

1. The Application was duly served on all persons who appear to have a legitimate interest therein.
2. The Board received no objections to the Application.
3. The Application has merit and should be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Application for Pilot Rates Adjustment filed by the Pilots for the Port of Galveston County on December 22, 2023, is APPROVED.

IS IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the pilotage rates attached hereto shall become effective as of February 1, 2024.

Date: January 29, 2024.

  
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Kelly Lovell  
Chair, Board of Pilot Commissioners for Galveston  
County Ports

**GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY PILOTS**

**PILOTAGE RATES  
PORTS OF GALVESTON COUNTY  
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All movements shall be charged Draft and Units

**DRAFT CHARGE** .....\$64.15/ft

Minimum draft charge is 24 ft.

**UNIT CHARGE**

Units are computed by multiplying the vessel's length overall in feet by her extreme breadth and dividing by 100.

Units	Cost/Unit	Units	Cost/Unit	Units	Cost/Unit
000-200	\$0.378	901-950	\$1.521	1651-1700	\$2.577
201-250	\$0.447	951-1000	\$1.578	1701-1750	\$2.657
251-300	\$0.497	1001-1050	\$1.669	1751-1800	\$2.738
301-350	\$0.566	1051-1100	\$1.723	1801-1850	\$2.818
351-400	\$0.615	1101-1150	\$1.803	1851-1900	\$2.899
401-450	\$0.683	1151-1200	\$1.860	1901-1950	\$2.979
451-500	\$0.733	1201-1250	\$1.943	1951-2000	\$3.060
501-550	\$0.802	1251-1300	\$2.004	2001-2050	\$3.139
551-600	\$0.850	1301-1350	\$2.083	2051-2100	\$3.220
601-650	\$1.101	1351-1400	\$2.144	2101-2150	\$3.301
651-700	\$1.160	1401-1450	\$2.229	2151-2200	\$3.379
701-750	\$1.241	1451-1500	\$2.282	2201-2250	\$3.461
751-800	\$1.297	1501-1550	\$2.367	2251-2300	\$3.540
801-850	\$1.383	1551-1600	\$2.417	2301-2350	\$3.621
851-900	\$1.439	1601-1650	\$2.498	2351-2400	\$3.702
				2401-OVER*	\$3.781

\*Additional service charges may be applied including, but not limited to, additional pilot(s).

**OUTSIDE BOARDING/DEBARKATION CHARGE (Draft over 40')**.....\$781.03

**ADDITIONAL PILOT(S)**

When necessary for the safety of the vessel in confined areas, or due to occluded sight lines, poor visibility, ungainly structure or tows, or other exacerbating navigational conditions, additional pilots may be necessary. Additional pilots will be charged at the same rate as the first, except a fuel charge will be associated with only the first pilot.

For vessels over 80,000 DWT or vessels 860 ft LOA or greater, the number of Pilots required to ensure the safety of the ship is at the discretion of the Pilots.

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**DETENTION OR HOLDING** .....\$536.06/hr  
Detention is charged after the first half-hour (30 minutes free time), and not prorated. If after 30 minutes, the vessel does not sail, or has not arrived at the appointed boarding position, detention shall be charged from the original time of the order. Detention shall be charged if the pilot is unable to debark within 30 minutes of first line, except for vessels over 80,000 DWT, in which case detention shall be charged if the pilot is unable to debark within 45 minutes of first line.

Holding is charged when a vessel requires a Pilot to hold the vessel alongside a dock or bank, or hold in the stream, or to stand by while the compass is calibrated. Holding time will also be charged when a vessel is under reduced speed in order to await a clear berth, or while awaiting the arrival of adequate harbor tugs.

**CANCELLATION**

Sailings, shifts, or other movements originating on inside waters .....\$595.63  
Arrivals .....\$893.44

**NOTICE**

Cancellation and Detention charges can be avoided by giving the pilot office notice of changes to orders.

Sailings, shifts, or other movements originating on inside waters ..... 1.5 hrs  
Arrivals ..... 2.0 hrs

**FUEL CHARGE** (per movement or cancellation)..... varies  
Fuel charge will be adjusted each month to a rate equal to the prior months cost for fuel and oil divided by the prior month's actual jobs with fuel charges. There will be no fuel charge for inner-harbor shifts and for vessels no crossing the bar. This provision would include shifts between Houston, Texas City, Galveston and Bolivar Roads.

**BOAT CHARGE** (per pilot per movement or cancellation) .....\$189.41

**PORT SAFETY & COMMUNICATIONS CHARGE** (per pilot per movement or cancellation) ..... \$248.10

**BOLIVAR ROADS ANCHORING**..... \$877.06  
This charge is applicable in addition to any other applicable charge, and is only applicable to any movement involving the Bolivar Roads anchorage

**BOARD ADMINISTRATION FEE** ..... \$ 3.00

This charge is applicable in addition to any other applicable charge, and is per movement to fund the administrative activity of the Board of Pilot Commissioners for the Ports of Galveston County

**DEPUTY PILOT TRAINING CHARGE** .....\$50.48

This charge is applicable in addition to any other applicable charge, and only applicable during times when Deputy Pilots are in an active training program. This charge is per deputy pilot and per vessel movement.

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**OIL RIGS AND SIMILAR STRUCTURES**

This section applies to all movements of any type, involving all oil rigs or similar structures, whether underway, alongside a berth, or sitting upon a barge or drydock.

*Helicopter:*

Pilots will embark or debark by helicopter unless the rig is stationary alongside a dock within Galveston Harbor. Helicopter service fees will be contracted and paid by the service user or ordering agent. The pilots will board by pilot ladder via pilot boat if it is safe and suitable to do so. The Pilots will make the final determination on how to board the rig.

*Number of Pilots:*

Semi-submersibles and similar sized vessels, while underway, will require two pilots on the rig, and one pilot on the towing vessel, for a total of three pilots. Shifting from berth to berth within the harbor, under the assistance of adequate local harbor assist tugs, will require only two pilots on the rig.

Jack-ups and similarly sized vessels, while underway, will require one pilot on the rig, and one pilot on the towing vessel, for a total of two pilots. Shifting from berth to berth within the harbor, under the assistance of adequate local harbor assist tugs, will require only one pilot on the rig.

For rigs which due to their size, purpose, or construction, it is unclear how many pilots might be required to safely move the rig, the Galveston-Texas City Pilots will make the final determination as to number of pilots required.

*Charges per Pilot:*.....\$1,104.26/hr\*

Movements within Galveston Harbor are charged for the duration of the shift, rounded to the next whole hour. Movements to or from sea, as well as to or from Bolivar Roads, are charged for the duration of the shift, rounded to the next whole hour, with a five (5) hour minimum charge applicable.

All hourly charges to commence upon time for order, and hours of service are not prorated.

In addition, the per-pilot Boat Charge, per-pilot Port Safety & Communication Charge and the per-movement Fuel Charge will be applied.

*Ordering/Movements:*

Notice for pilot services for rig movements will require at least 3 business days advance notice. Rigs will be moved at slack water on on following tidal currents, and only during daylight hours. Depending on draft, large rigs may require approval of a U.S.C.G. safety zone or channel obstruction request approval. All movements will be predicated on sea, weather, traffic and visibility conditions, as well as adequate assist tugs, as determined by the Galveston-Texas City Pilots.

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**SPECIAL SERVICES**..... \$1,104.26/hr

The rates for any Special or Extra service not covered herein, including but not limited to dead ships, trial runs, movements of unusual types of floating equipment such as special purpose barges, and place vessels on or off a drydock or barge, shall be by specific agreement made in advance of movement.

**PILOT CARRIED TO SEA**..... \$1,066.70/day

If a Pilot is carried to sea for any reason, including weather, the pilot shall be paid the daily rate plus all expenses for flight and taxi back to Galveston.

**PAYMENT FOR SERVICES**..... due upon receipt of invoice

Any invoice not paid within thirty (30) days shall be considered in arrears. A 1.5% late fee per month may be applied until the account is brought into good standing. By placing an order for pilotage services, the vessel agent or representative who places said order agrees to be directly responsible for payment of the corresponding pilotage fees and agrees to guarantee payment of same unless prior alternate arrangements have been made in writing.

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*Dwight D. Sullivan*

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**Dwight D. Sullivan**, County Clerk  
Galveston County, Texas

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