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Los Angeles Pilot Service

COVID-19 Safety Precautions:

In order to mitigate the threat of transmission of COVID-19 (Corona Virus) to the Los Angeles Harbor maritime community the Los Angeles Pilot Service respectfully request vessel operators take the following measures during their vessel’s transit to Los Angeles, prior to the Pilot boarding, and also during the vessel’s transit within Los Angeles Harbor with a Port Pilot onboard:

- Cool and dry conditions should be maintained on the bridge. Avoid hot and humid conditions which may enable a virus to stay alive on surfaces.
- In the hour prior to the pilot boarding, wipe down the entire bridge with a 5% solution of bleach water (including the chart table, instruments, chairs, helm, entire console, handrails, windows, etc.)
- Please only allow essential personnel in the wheelhouse while a Pilot is onboard.
- Any crew member entering the bridge should thoroughly wash their hands and face prior to entering the bridge, and wash their hands again immediately upon entering.
- Please maintain a supply of hand sanitizer on the bridge. Any member of the bridge team, including the Pilot, should use hand sanitizer on their hands immediately after touching their face.
- All coffee cups and utensils on bridge should be washed thoroughly.
- Pilots have been advised to bring their own coffee cups and not use the ship’s.
- Pilots may make awareness of the above conditions a part of the Master/Pilot Exchange.
- If the helmsman or ship’s officers see the Pilot fail to comply with any of the above conditions, they should speak up and remind the Pilot to do so.

Thank you for taking the precautions we have requested.

Respectfully,

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