

Extract from ADRS Vol. 6:

UNITED KINGDOM (NORTHERN IRELAND) [General Notes](#)

LARNE [54° 51.00'N 5° 48.00'W](#)

UNCTAD LOCODE: GB LAR

PILOTS [Scroll Chart](#)

AREA:

The pilotage district comprises all waters within the port limits and the waters of Larne Lough.

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HOURS: H24

PROCEDURE:

- (1) **Pilotage is compulsory** for all vessels with LOA of 60m and over without a bow thruster and vessels with LOA of 75m and over with an operational bow thruster, navigating within the pilotage district.
- (2) **Pilotage is not compulsory** for the following:
 - (a) HM vessels
 - (b) Fishing vessels
 - (c) Lighthouse authority tenders
 - (d) Recreational craft not being used for commercial purposes
- (3) **Pilot ordering:** Pilots should be ordered through Larne VTS at least 12h prior to arrival.
- (4) **Pilot boards** in position [54° 52' -15N 5° 47' -68W](#) (0.5 n miles N of No 1 Lt buoy).

NOTE:

Belfast Lough Pilotage Services provide pilotage for BELFAST, CLOGHAN JETTY, KILROOT COAL JETTY, KILROOT SALT JETTY and LARNE.

VESSEL TRAFFIC SERVICE [Scroll Chart](#)

SERVICE:

This is a UK designated port VTS and provides the following types of service:

- (1) Information Service
- (2) Traffic Organisation Service

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HOURS: H24

PROCEDURE:

- (1) **Participation is mandatory** and all vessels shall comply with Larne VTS procedures. Failure to do so may incur statutory prosecution.
- (2) **Inward-bound vessels** should report as follows:
 - (a) All vessels (except fishing vessels and recreational craft), should send their ETA to Larne VTS 24h prior to arrival (or give as much advanced notice as possible), stating the following:
 - (i) Vessel's name
 - (ii) IMO Number
 - (iii) LOA
 - (iv) Maximum Draught
 - (v) Last port/ worksite
 - (vi) ETA
 - (vii) Pilot requirements
 - (viii) gt
 - (ix) nt
 - (x) Defects
 - (xi) Agent
 - (xii) Cargo
 - (b) All vessels must report their ETA at S Hunter Rock Lt buoy to Larne VTS on VHF Ch 11 as follows:
 - (i) All vessels, other than scheduled ferries, to give 1h notice of ETA
 - (ii) Scheduled ferries to give 15 mins notice of ETA
 - (c) All vessels to provide the following information when making the first call:
 - (i) ETA at S Hunter Rock Lt buoy
 - (ii) Master's name
 - (iii) Maximum draught
 - (iv) Any equipment defects/deficiencies
 - (v) Any hazardous or polluting cargo on board
 - (vi) Any other relevant information
 - (d) Larne VTS will provide the following information at the first call from the vessel:
 - (i) Wind speed and direction
 - (ii) Weather trend, if appropriate
 - (iii) Anticipated traffic movements

- (iv) Berthing information
 - (v) Tidal information
 - (vi) Pilot boarding time and requirements
 - (e) Reporting Points abeam S Hunter Rock Lt buoy:
 - (i) [54° 52' .70N 5° 47' .40W](#) (southbound)
 - (ii) [54° 52' .30N 5° 45' .30W](#) (westbound)
 - (f) At these Reporting Points, all vessels to call Larne VTS for traffic update and clearance to enter. Weather will only be given if requested.
 - (g) When passing No 1 Lt buoy, all vessels to call Larne VTS for traffic update. Weather will only be given if requested.
 - (h) On arrival, when alongside and secure, all vessels to call Larne VTS to confirm 'all fast' time and if possible, ETD.
- (2) **Outward-bound vessels** should report as follows:
- (a) All vessels must advise Larne VTS on VHF Ch 11, 15 mins prior to departure stating:
 - (i) Time of departure
 - (ii) Master's name
 - (iii) Maximum draught
 - (iv) Destination
 - (v) Any equipment defects/deficiencies
 - (vi) Hazardous or polluting cargo on board
 - (vii) Any other relevant information
 - (b) When 'singled up' and ready to let go, call Larne VTS for traffic update and clearance to depart. On each occasion, Larne VTS will provide the vessel with traffic movements and if requested, weather data.
 - (c) On passing No 1 Lt buoy, call and advise Larne VTS
- (3) **Vessels shifting berth or anchoring** should report as follows:
- (a) All vessels to report as for departure, but also report and confirm once the shift is completed and when the vessel is all secure alongside. ETD to be advised if possible
 - (b) All vessels to advise Larne VTS when anchored and if possible the vessel's future schedule
 - (c) All vessels to advise Larne VTS when raising anchor and again when anchor is aweigh. The approach to Larne Port will follow the above procedure for normal arrivals.

RADAR SURVEILLANCE:

The Port of Larne and the approaches to Larne Lough are under radar surveillance from Larne VTS.

INCIDENT REPORTS:

Vessels should report to Larne VTS on VHF Ch 11 the occurrence of all incidents, and in particular any of the following:

- (1) Collision, stranding, breaking adrift or other accident.
- (2) Machinery or steering breakdown.
- (3) Damage to aids to navigation, quay, berth, or any other installation.
- (4) Oil pollution - whether from own or other vessel or installation.
- (5) Sightings of large floating debris that may be a danger to vessels.

PORT

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Tugs

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