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FROM: Board of Commissioners of Pilots of the State of New York

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Re: Pilotage Requirements for Recreational Vessels in New York Waters

New York Navigation Law 55 88, 89-a and 89-b provides the Board of Commissioners of Pilots of the State of New York discretion in determining when certain recreational vessels, as defined in 46 U.S. C. 5 2101 (34) of the United States Code, are required to take a New York State licensed pilot while transiting in New York State waters.

The Board, in consultation with the State Pilots, has established the following pilotage requirements for recreational vessels in New York State waters for each of the following pilotage districts under the New York Navigation Law:

Entering or Departing Port of New York/New Jersey and Hudson River to Yonkers, NY: 200 FEET LENGTH OVERALL OR GREATER;

Intra-port movements in Port of New York/New Jersey when a State Pilot ordered: 200 FEET LENGTH OVERALL OR GREATER;

Entering or Departing the Hudson River: From Yonkers, NY to Kingston, NY: 150 FEET IN LENGTH OVERALL OR GREATER;

Hudson River North of Kingston, NY to the Dam at Troy, NY: 100 FEET IN LENGTH OVERALL OR GREATER; and

Entering or Departing Long Island Sound/Block Island Sound: 200 FEET IN LENGTH OVERALL OR GREATER.

By Order of the Board of Commissioners of Pilots of the State of New York

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