

PILOTAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Proposed Amendment to the Pilotage (Dues) Order, Cap. 84D
(Proposed Additional Pilotage Dues
for Boarding at South Cheung Chau Pilot Boarding Station)**

Purpose

The purpose of this paper is to seek members' advice and endorsement, on the proposed amendment to Part 2 of the Schedule to the Pilotage (Dues) Order, Cap. 84D.

Background

2. The Pilotage (Dues) Order, Cap. 84D provides for the amounts of standard pilotage dues, additional pilotage dues and other pilotage dues payable for pilotage services performed by licensed pilots.

3. Paragraph 5 to 5E of Part 2 of the Schedule to Cap. 84D ("the Schedule"), provides differed additional pilotage dues for any pilotage service performed, where a pilot is required to board a ship or disembark from a ship at locations specified in these paragraphs¹; or at the pilot boarding station (PBS) described in item 6, 7 and 8 of Schedule 2 to the Pilotage Ordinance (Cap. 84).

4. Item 9 of the Schedule 2 to Cap. 84 specified position of the PBS "South of Cheung Chau Island" which was established in May 2023. It was considered unnecessary to levy an additional pilotage dues for boarding at this location in 2023.

¹ Locations included off Ngan Chau, west of Lamma, west of the straight line drawn from Pearl Island to East Brother Island, north of the straight line drawn from Black Point to Lung Kwu Chau Light, and Tolo Harbour.

5. After two years of the above PBS in operation, the Hong Kong Pilots Association (HKPA) proposed that an additional pilotage dues should be collected for pilotage service performed if a pilot is required to board, or disembark from, a ship at the PBS South of Cheung Chau Island. HKPA suggested an amount of \$4,500 should be levied.

Consultation

6. HKPA's proposal were discussed² in the PAC Working Group (WG) meeting held on 5 September 2025 to determine:

- (i) the appropriateness of levying an additional pilotage dues if a pilot is required to board, or disembark from, a ship at the pilot boarding station south of Cheung Chau Island; and
- (ii) if applicable, the amount of additional pilotage dues to be levied.

7. After deliberation, The WG considered that:

- (i) it would be appropriate to levy an additional pilotage dues if a pilot is required to board, or disembark from, a ship at the pilot boarding station south of Cheung Chau Island;
- (ii) the level of additional dues should be comparable with those levied in the nearby locations; and
- (iii) taking other marine services outside harbour limit as reference, an additional percentage may be added for the boarding or disembarkation in the exposed water.

8. The WG agreed that the additional pilotage dues should be \$4,200³.

Proposal

9. It is therefore proposed to added the following paragraph to the Schedule:

² PACWG Paper No.7/2025

³ Pro-rata on the additional pilotage dues provided under para.5 with an additional 20% and rounding down to tenths.

“5F. An additional pilotage due of \$4,200 is payable for any pilotage service performed if a pilot is required to board, or disembark from, a ship at the pilot boarding station (South of Cheung Chau Island) described in item 9 of Schedule 2 to the Ordinance.”

Presentation

10. This paper will be presented by Marine Manager, Pilotage.

Advice Sought

11. Members’ advice and endorsement are sought on the proposal at paragraph 9 above.

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