



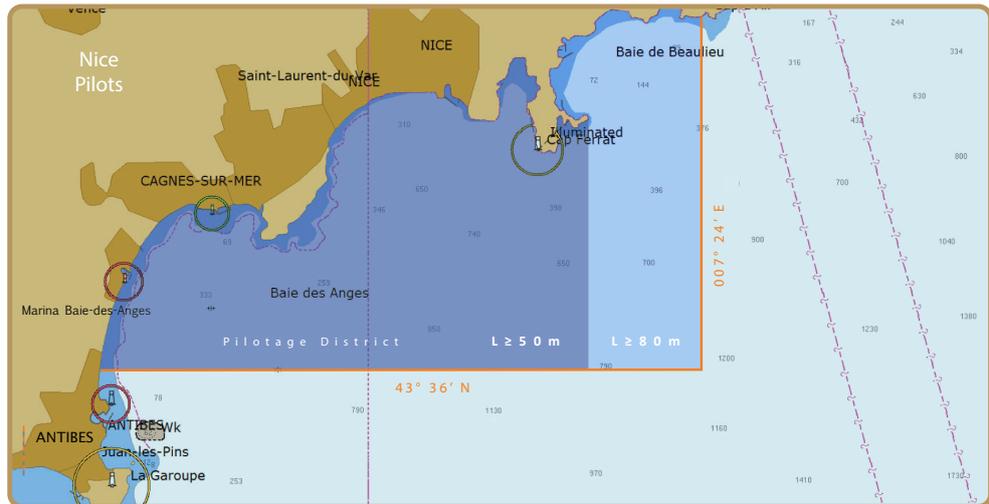
# Nice Cannes Pilot Station

## best practice 2020 for yacht captains and agents

### What is new?

- Due to Covid 19 Nice Cannes Pilot Station has put in place measures far beyond the legal provisions in order to guarantee the protection of crews and guests as well as the continuity of service.
- **For these reasons notice may eventually be increased.** You can check these informations, the traffic, and the status of your request on [www.pilotage-nice.fr](http://www.pilotage-nice.fr).
- **New régulation about Villefranche Road for navigation and anchorage, prefectoral decree 53/2020.**

### Where is pilotage compulsory and for which vessel lengths?



### When is pilotage compulsory?

- Pilotage is compulsory for berthing / unberthing and dropping anchor inside the pilotage districts. Pilotage is also compulsory when leaving anchorage, but pilotage for leaving Beaulieu-Cap Ferrat anchorage is optional. Pilotage is not compulsory when passing through a pilotage zone with a destination outside of it.
- Transferring crew or passengers when adrift in a pilotage area, like in front of the port of St Laurent du Var, is forbidden. Anchor must be dropped with the pilot on board or else, transfers can be executed outside of the pilotage zone.

### How should I advise the pilot station and when?

- A pilot service can be requested 24/7. Contact the Pilot Station as early as possible to reserve the pilot service, the time slot for the anchorage / berthing spot you desire.
- To order a pilot please contact the Pilot Station by email (if over 24 hours before arrival), or by SMS (if less than 24 hours before arrival). For questions or further information contact by cell phone. There is a minimum of one hour delay once pilot reservation is complete. For vessels that have already ordered a pilot, last minute questions or changes can be addressed by VHF 12 thirty minutes prior to arrival or departure. For departures, the pilot station can try to accommodate you in less than one hour.

#### Why is pilotage compulsory?

- Zones of compulsory pilotage are defined by the French Maritime Authority. They take into account environmental safety as well as the risk of collision or pollution in sensitive areas of heavy traffic in a region of high population density.
- Traffic density and vessel sizes are increasing every year in the French Riviera. Managing such high traffic growth presents a challenge and requires special attention. The French Maritime Authority has appointed the semi-governmental organization of the Pilotage of Nice-Cannes to assess risk, and effectively monitor compliance with local regulations and safety procedures.
- A pilot is needed within the designated compulsory pilotage zone based on the size of the vessel. In addition, pilotage may be required depending on the occupancy and size of the zone, the presence of dangers, as well as preserving reefs and posidonia beds in Natura 2000 sites.

#### Who are the pilots?

- The recruitment of pilots in France is directed by the French Navy and ensured by the Maritime Administration, independent of the Pilot Station, within a pool of accredited unlimited licensed captains with a minimum of six years of experience at sea.
- All pilots of Nice-Cannes are enlisted from the Marseille-Fos Pilot Station. Prior to their duty in Nice-Cannes, they take an additional local examination in front of the Maritime Authority. They all have a minimum of 10 years experience as full pilots in Marseille-Fos where they maneuver around 700 ships per year, from the biggest cruise ships to the oldest single-screw-propeller cargo-ships, in areas where navigation demands special caution.
- Several times a year, the pilots train on their own shiphandling simulator, establishing critical skills to deal with unusual situations when they arise, as well as attend regular B.R.M. and E.C.D.I.S. trainings. Through specific certifications and geared trainings the pilots maintain the highest standards of service and are committed to provide the highest possible security.

#### What can the pilot help with?

- Throughout their long experience, the pilots have acquired practical knowledge and developed high maneuvering skills on all types of vessels, allowing them to operate safely in the most extreme conditions. You can rely on the optimum all-round service provided by our team of highly qualified pilots for all berthing/unberthing operations as well as for anchoring in the best conditions.
- The pilot station pays for a high level weather forecast service: at any time, you can consult the pilot for real-time weather information and wind/wave evolution. The pilots know the routine of the fishermen as well as the local regulations which are evolving constantly. They also collaborate with the organizational teams during special events like sailing-boat races.

#### Where should I pick up the pilot and at which speed?

- The pilot boat will board your ship at a speed of 6-7 knots and the pilot will embark with a pilot ladder on the lee-side, unless a different option is agreed through a VHF communication.
- Depending on the weather conditions, the regular places to embark the pilot are:
  - for berthing in Nice port : 1 NM south of the port entrance
  - for Beaulieu anchorage : 1 NM from Pointe Ste Hospice, south or east
  - for Villefranche Bay anchorage : latitude of Cap Ferrat
  - for St Laurent du Var anchorage : 3'0 NM south of the port of St Laurent (new regulation 2019)
  - for Golfe-Juan anchorage : 1 NM SSW of Cap d'Antibes
  - for Cannes anchorages : latitude of St Honorat Island, in the west or in the east

#### Is there a tug available for emergency cases?

- A 11 tons bollard-pull work boat is available in the port of Nice. Please advise the pilot ASAP.

#### How do I pay the pilotage and mooring fees?

- Pilotage and mooring fees are fixed by the French Government every year. Ship's dimensions are provided by the Lloyd's Register.
- With a specific App, the pilot will directly transfer the invoice to the email address of your choice with his smartphone when on board. You will notify the pilot if you prefer to pay in cash or if you have an agent responsible for the payment. In the case of a cash payment, please note that the total invoice for berthing and unberthing is due at the time of unberthing.



## Nice Cannes Pilot Station

best practice for yachts : helicopter procedure

How do i get an helicopter authorization for my yacht ?

- The captain of the yacht (or the managing company) must submit an application addressed to the Mediterranean Maritime Prefecture. The Prefecture will issue a prefectoral order of authorization to use the helipad, within a months' receipt of demand and after clearance from administrative and military authorities. The operating permit would be valid from the issue date from January 1 to December 31 of the current year under way.
- The documents necessary for application are :
  - . The letter from the captain of the vessel signed and dated
  - . The yacht's registration certificate
  - . Valid copy of yacht's insurance
- If there is a helicopter on board :
  - . The helicopter's registration certificate
  - . Valid copy of helicopter's insurance
  - . Valid helipad certification for each pilot of the helicopter.  
This certificate is issued by the Paris Police Prefecture for foreign pilots or by the Departmental Prefecture in accordance to each French pilot's residence.
- Please submit all documents via email to : [premar.aem.rm@premar-mediterranee.gouv.fr](mailto:premar.aem.rm@premar-mediterranee.gouv.fr)

Where are heli operations authorized ?

- Helicopter operations, such as landing and takeoff, are authorized when the ship is more than 8 km from Nice Airport and 6 km from Mandelieu la Napoule Airport.
- Equally, the ship has to be more than 300 m from shore.
- Flying above a mass of people, i.e. a cruise ship, is forbidden.

