

KING'S LYNN CONSERVANCY BOARD.

Notice to Mariners No. 04/2020.

East Coast of England - The Wash

Declaration of Defects.

Section 18 of the Pilotage Act 1987.

18 Declaration as to draught etc. of ship.

(1) A pilot may require the master of any ship which he is piloting to declare its draught of water, length and beam and to provide him with such other information relating to the ship or its cargo as the pilot specifies and is necessary to enable him to carry out his duties as the pilot of the ship.

(2) The master of a ship shall bring to the notice of any person who pilots the ship any defects in, and any matter peculiar to, the ship and its machinery and equipment of which the master knows and which might materially affect the navigation of the ship.

(3) Any master of a ship who —

(a) Refuses to comply with a request made to him in pursuance of subsection (1) above; or

(b) makes a statement which is false in a material particular in answer to such a request, knowing it to be false or being reckless as to whether it is false, or fails without reasonable excuse to correct such a statement made by another person in answer to such a request, although himself knowing it to be false; or

(c) Without reasonable excuse contravenes subsection (2) above, shall be guilty of an offence.

(4) Any person who is guilty of an offence under this section shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding—

(a) In the case of an offence under subsection (3)(b) above, level 5 on the standard scale, and

(b) In any other case, level 4 on the standard scale.

Whilst we appreciate this is a very rare event the consequences of the action of the Master could have been very serious.

Cancel Notice to Mariners 4/2019

7th January 2020.

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