

MESSINA STRAIT PASSAGE REGULATIONS

Transit is Prohibited

1. To all vessels equal or above **50.000 of G.R.T.** having on board oil cargoes or other noxious goods in bulk, harmful for the marine environment as provided by the International Conventions (transit permitted to ballasted vessels).

Pilotage is Compulsory

1. All vessels in transit equal or above **15.000 G.R.T.**
2. All vessel in transit equal or above **6.000 G.R.T.** having on board oil cargoes or other noxious goods in bulk, harmful for the marine environment as provided by the International conventions.

Pilot Boat Stations

1. Ships proceeding Southbound, will board pilot 3 miles North Cape Peloro light and drop him 1,5 miles on the bearing 165° from Punta S. Raineri light.
2. Ships proceeding Northbound, will board pilot 2,5 miles SouthEastward Punta Raineri light and drop him 1 mile North Scilla light.

Notices to Port Authorities and Pilots

1. **Port Authorities (with copy to Agents) .:**
At least 12 hours prior arrival at pilot boat station, the following details must be transmitted either by fax to Number - **++39 0905730832** – or by email "**messina@guardiacostiera.it**" .:
SHIP'S NAME / FLAG / CALL SIGN / GRT / IMO NUMBER / QUANTITY OF OIL OR OTHER NOXIOUS GOODS ON BOARD (if any) / ETA CAPO PELORO PILOT BOARDING STATION (for ships Southbound),
ETA PUNTA SAN RAINERI PILOT BOARDING STATION (for ships Northbound)
Note .: Vessels not subject to compulsory pilotage must communicate by radio the above data directly to Messina and Reggio Calabria Port Authorities at least 2 hours prior the passage.
2. **Pilots .:**
ETA to be confirmed directly by VHF Channel 16 to Messina Pilot Station at least 1 hour in advance.

Traffic Separation Line

All ships in transit, Northbound or Southbound through the Strait of Messina must keep their starboard side as regard to a traffic separation line joining the following points .:

AA.	38° 16,5' N	15° 43,5' E
BB.	38° 14,0' N	15° 36,6' E
CC.	38° 10,8' N	15° 36,0' E

General Provisions for the Transit

All ships passing through the Strait of Messina are compelled to observe the following provisions .:

1. Keep continuous watch on VHF Channel 16;
2. Engine and personnel on Stand-by;
3. Make use of radars and / or any other electronic equipment which might be of help in navigation;
4. Constant of ship's position for ready communication, on request of the Port Authorities;
5. It is compulsory to follow the instructions provided by the International Regulations for Preventing Collision at Sea, 1972.