



STATE OF HAWAII  
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HARBOR MASTER NOTICE 2-14

SUBJECT: PILOT STATIONS (BOARDING AREAS) FOR STATE OF HAWAII

**Purpose:** To advise shipping agents of the need for a pilot, and to update on-water coordinates and locations to embark pilots onboard large commercial vessels.

**Background:** In February 2005, the M/V CAPE FLATTERY grounded off the entrance to Kalaeloa Barber's Point Harbor (KBPH) after failing to take a pilot. Damage to the ship exceeded \$20M and ecologists reported damage to the reef, with sections that were hundreds of years old, as the most severe from a grounding in State history. An ensuing CG investigation found that the ship captain failed to wait for the pilot to come aboard the ship and guide it into port, as required by port rules. The ship arrived at about ten minutes early at the appointed meeting place, but did not stop and wait for its assigned pilot, who was enroute on a tug.

**Discussion:** A pilot has specialized knowledge of a particular port or harbor. The pilot is needed to direct large ships into a port where there are deep water channels surrounded by shallower flats. Without the services of a pilot, there is a real chance of running aground and damaging the ship and the cargo, with lasting effects to Hawaii's ecologically diverse ecosystem.

**Action:** The attached "Pilot Station Coordinates for Hawaii's Commercial Harbors," provided by the Hawaii Pilots Association, reflects the locations where pilots board vessels. The locations were selected to ensure a licensed, qualified pilot is afforded the necessary time to accustom themselves with the ship and the bridge team before entering shallow or restricted waters.

- For Honolulu Harbor, under no circumstances shall a visiting ship be north of the "Hotel" buoy without a licensed pilot on the bridge. Pilots embark/disembark south of the sea buoy.
- For Kalaeloa (KBPH) and all other commercial harbors at the Neighbor Islands, no ship shall approach closer than two (2) nautical miles from shore until so directed by a licensed pilot.

This notice supersedes Harbormaster Notice 16-90. If there are questions concerning this notice, please contact the Harbormaster's Office.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "T. Offutt".

Todd Offutt  
Honolulu Harbormaster /  
Commercial Harbors Manager

Att: Pilot Station Coordinates for Hawaii's Commercial Harbors

**PILOT STATION COORDINATES  
FOR HAWAII'S COMMERCIAL HARBORS  
REVISED 7-25-2013**

<b>HARBOR</b>	<b>PILOT STATION (BOARDING AREA)</b>
BARBERS POINT - KALAELOA	LAT. 21-17.5 N LONG. 158-09.2 W 2 MILES SOUTHWEST OF ENTRANCE BUOYS NORMALLY PORT SIDE PILOT LADDER FOR ARRIVALS
HILO	LAT. 19-45.8 N LONG. 155-04.8 W 1.2 MILES NORTH OF HARBOR ENTRANCE NORMALLY STARBOARD SIDE PILOT LADDER FOR ARRIVALS, WITH SHIP ON COURSE OF 180 DEGREES
HONOLULU	LAT. 21-15.8 N LONG. 157-52.8 W 1 MILE SOUTH OF HOTEL BUOY NORMALLY PORT SIDE PILOT LADDER FOR ARRIVALS
KAHULUI	LAT. 20-56.2 N LONG. 156-28.3 W 2.2 MILES NORTH OF HARBOR ENTRANCE NORMALLY STARBOARD SIDE PILOT LADDER FOR ARRIVALS WITH SHIP STEERING COURSE OF 180 DEGREE
KAWAIHAE	LAT. 20-03.1 N LONG. 155-51.3 W 1.5 MILE WEST NORTH WEST OF HARBOR ENTRANCE NORMALLY PORT SIDE PILOT LADDER FOR ARRIVALS
LAHAINA (ROUGH WEATHER BOARDING AREA FOR KAHULUI)	LAT. 20-51.4 N LONG. 156-41.8 W 1 MILE SOUTHWEST OF "L" BUOY CONTACT PILOT FOR INSTRUCTIONS
NAWILIWILI	LAT. 21-56.5 N LONG. 159-18.8 W 1.5 MILES EAST SOUTH EAST OF NININI PT LIGHTHOUSE NORMALLY PORT SIDE PILOT LADDER FOR ARRIVALS
PORT ALLEN	21-52.3 N 159-35.1 W 1.5 MILES WEST SOUTH WEST OF HARBOR ENTRANCE CONTACT PILOT FOR INSTRUCTIONS

ALL PORTS – CONTACT PILOT 30 MINUTES BEFORE ARRIVAL ON VHF CHANNEL 12. PILOT LADDER SHOULD BE RIGGED 1 METER ABOVE THE WATER AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH SOLAS REG. v/23 AND IMO RES. A.1045(27) <http://www.impahq.org/admin/resources/finalimpapladderposter.pdf>