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Dear Captain,

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Welcome to Bar Harbor, Maine. We are sending this information to assist you in your voyage planning to the anchorage areas in Bar Harbor.

Recommended routes to the designated anchorage areas are shown on all electronic charts. For vessels arriving from the south the route starts in position 43º-52.813' N 68º-17.096' W and for vessels arriving from the east in position 44º-13.401' N 67º-52.651' W. The recommended routes are two cables wide until past the pilot boarding area and then it becomes a single track line that will be followed to the anchorage areas. All ETA's should be given to the pilot boarding area symbol. **Please plan your voyage to follow the middle of the recommended route until the pilot boarding area and then the track line to your designated anchorage. ***There will be no shortcuts to this route***.** Please have this route input to your ECDIS and radar displays for use by the pilot.

These routes have been established in cooperation with the local fishermen and are there to help provide a safe route in and out of the harbor. While you may see fishing gear along the route, there is far less in the middle of the route than anyplace else. If you meet small vessels along the route and are unable to establish meeting arrangements by VHF, please follow the rules of the road and return to the center of the route as quickly as possible.

The pilot vessel is a 48' boat named PENOBSCOT PILOT. The pilot boat stands by on VHF channels 16 and 13 and will answer as Bar Harbor Pilots. Due to the nature of the terrain surrounding the Bay the pilots may be unable to talk to the arriving vessel until approximately 45 minutes prior to scheduled arrival. **Any change in ETA within 12 hours of arrival must be communicated to the pilots directly on their line (207)-548-1077 in order to ensure timely boarding. Under no circumstances will a late change in ETA be accepted by e-mail.**

There are three anchorage positions for vessels visiting Bar Harbor. These may shift slightly depending upon weather They are:

"A" 44º-23.58' N 68º-11.50' W "B1" 44º-24.41' N 68º-12.07' W "B2" 44º-24.33' N 68º-12.76' W

If only one vessel is scheduled to visit Bar Harbor, it will anchor in position "A". If more than one vessel is scheduled, anchorage assignments are determined by the Harbor Master. These positions are subject to change depending upon weather, vessel characteristics and subject to agreement from the Master. Anchorages A and B1 are in approximately 80' of water. B2 is in 65' of water. The bottom for all the anchorages is mud/clay and offers good holding. **Any vessel staying in the port of Bar Harbor that is not anchored or moored, is underway, and a pilot is required to be aboard by state law. There is an additional charge for the pilot staying aboard.**

There is a strict no wake zone for the tenders once they enter the channel for the inner harbor, please make sure your tender operators comply with this rule. The owners of the pier where your tenders will berth have requested that all tenders moor securely to the floats and **take their engines out of gear (assuming weather conditions permit).** The prop wash from the tenders makes maneuvering in the basin difficult for other vessels.

Additional information including ship schedules, anchorage assignments and operating procedures for Bar Harbor may be found at www.penbaypilots.com under the port of Bar Harbor.

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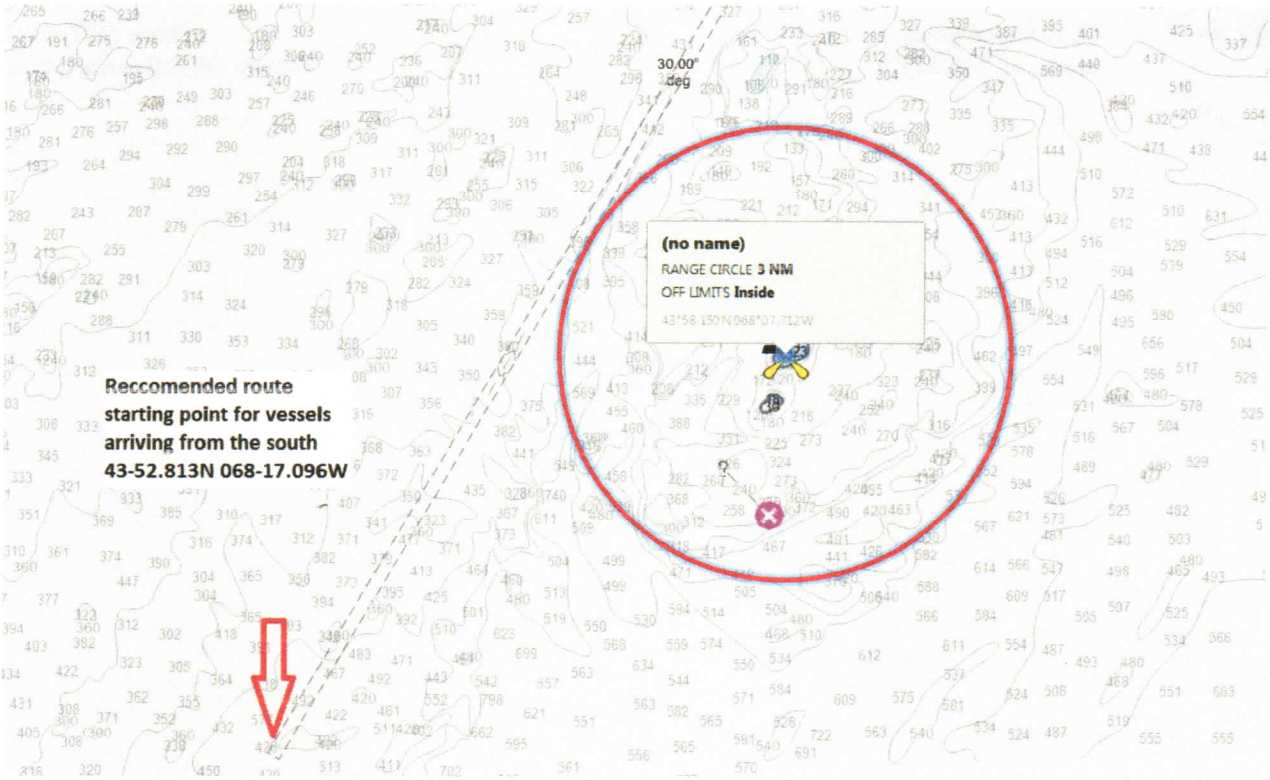
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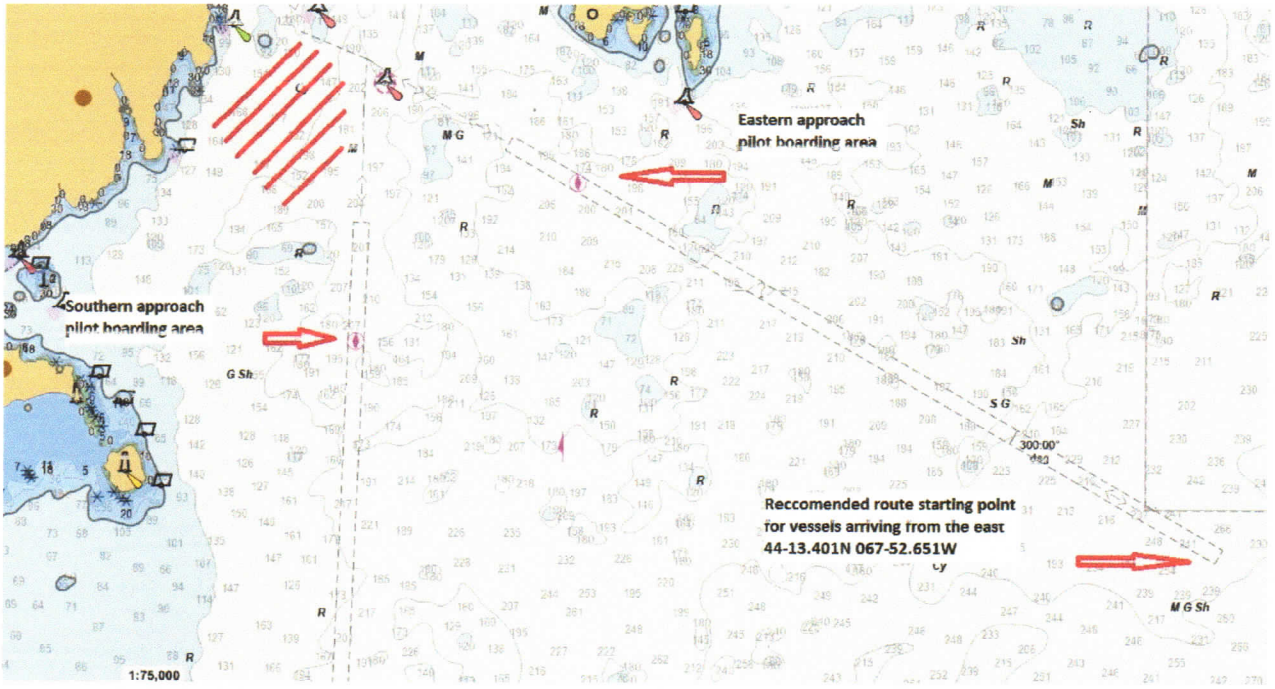
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