

PACIFIC PILOTAGE AUTHORITY

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NOTICE TO INDUSTRY

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Subject: Change to the VHF channel monitored by the Vancouver dispatch office

Details:

As of Monday, February 20th, 2012 at 12:00 hours, the Pacific Pilotage Authority Vancouver dispatch office will be changing the VHF channel that it monitors. The Vancouver office will no longer be monitoring VHF 17. Instead the office will monitor VHF 77.

- Agents should please inform all vessel masters that if they wish to reach the PPA Vancouver dispatch office to do so on VHF 77.
- This change to the Vancouver office does not affect any of the other PPA operations. The PPA boarding stations will continue to monitor Channel 17. The PPA Victoria dispatch office will continue to monitor both 17 and 77.
- Persons who have used VHF 77 as a communications channel should please find an alternate channel. For your guidance, VTS will now be using VHF 17 to help position vessels at PMV anchorages. Other than this usage, VHF 17 will now see less traffic.

This change in procedure is so the PPA dispatch department can take full advantage of the PPA's VHF repeater located on Saltspring Island. This should provide coverage of a larger geographical area for radio communications.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

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Manager, Operations and Labour Relations

If there are any questions or concerns regarding this notice please contact the Manager, Operations at (604) 666-6771 or via email at marineops@ppa.gc.ca.