

## SAILING DIRECTIONS CORRECTIONS

**PUB 172**      **9 Ed 2001**      **LAST NM 1/03**  
Page 209—Line 33/R; read:  
about 3 miles N of Mina Rashid harbor entrance, although  
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Page 211—Line 15/L; insert after:

Extensive land reclamation operations are in progress (2002) NE and SW of the approach channel. Artificial reefs and islands are under construction 7.5 miles NE and 2.5 miles SW of the channel. Construction traffic crosses the approach channel in the vicinity of Lighted Buoy 9 and Lighted Buoy 10.

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Page 231—Lines 42/L to 25/R; read:

Pilotage is compulsory for vessels over 250 grt intending to transit the entrance channel to Khawr Al Qulayah.

Vessels between 250 and 1,500 grt may be given permission to proceed without a pilot according to the circumstances pre-ailing at the time.

Bahrain Pilots provides pilotage for all vessels bound for Khawr al Qulayah, as well as the GIIC Terminal, the Alba Jetty, and the BAPCO Terminal.

ASRY Pilots provides pilotage for vessels bound the ASRY Drydock.

Both pilotage authorities coordinate their activities through Bahrain Port Control.

Pilots board 0.3 mile SE of Sitrah Lighted Buoy, except for the BAPCO Terminal; pilots for this facility board at the anchorage.

### Regulations

**GIIC Terminal.**—Vessels should send their ETA at least 72 hours in advance, via Bahrain (A9M), including the following information:

1. Last three ports of call.
2. Arrival drafts, fore and aft, and berthing displacement.
3. State of readiness to berth/unload.

When within VHF range, vessels should establish contact with Bahrain Port Control and the BAPCO Terminal to obtain the latest movement schedule from Sitrah Pilots.

**BAPCO Terminal (Bahrain Petroleum Company BSC Terminal).**—Vessels should send their ETA, draft, and bunker fuel requirements 48 hours in advance. When within VHF range and when at anchor, vessels should maintain a continuous listening watch on VHF channel 16 and 74.

**ASRY Drydock.**—Vessels should send their ETA at least 72 hours in advance, via Bahrain (A9M), including the following information:

1. Last three ports of call.
2. Arrival drafts, fore and aft, and berthing displacement.
3. State of readiness to berth/unload.
4. Whether vessel is gas free and ready to berth.
5. Whether vessel requires tank cleaning.

When within VHF range, vessels should establish contact on VHF channel 16 with the ASRY Drydock.

**Alba Jetty (Aluminum Bahrain).**—Vessels should send their ETA at least 72 hours in advance, via Bahrain (A9M), including the following information:

1. Last three ports of call.
2. Arrival drafts, fore and aft, and berthing displacement.
3. State of readiness to berth/unload.
4. Bunker requirements.

When within VHF range, vessels should establish contact with Bahrain Port Control and the BAPCO Terminal to obtain the latest movement schedule from Sitrah Pilots. When alongside, vessels communicate with the wharf staff on VHF channel 8

**Vessel Traffic Management System.**—A Vessel Traffic Management System is in operation in the approaches to the port, including the Deepwater Fairway and the Northeast Approach Channel.

Inbound vessels over 50 grt should contact Bahrain Port Control Operations, as follows:

1. Vessels should radio their ETA at Sitrah Lighted Buoy (26°11'N., 50°43'E.), with draft and details of any deficiencies in vessel handling or seaworthiness, when within VHF range.
2. Vessels using Deepwater Fairway should request permission to proceed past Lighted Buoy No. 3 (26°29'N., 50°57'E.).
3. When passing the charted Reporting Points.
4. Vessels should report their intention to anchor to Port Control in sufficient time for an alternative anchorage to be stipulated.
5. When berthed, moored, or anchored.

Outbound vessels over 50 grt should contact Bahrain Port Control Operations, as follows:

1. Vessels should contact Port Control 15 minutes before, and immediately prior to, getting underway.
2. When passing the charted Reporting Points.
3. Vessels using Deepwater Fairway should request permission to proceed past Bahrain Approach Lighted Buoy.

All vessels are required to maintain a continuous listening watch on VHF channel 74 when within the port area, including while anchored. Bahrain Port Control should be contacted if the vessel is to shift berth or anchorage and again when the vessel is situated.

Vessels berthing at Sitrah should have their outboard anchor cleared and ready to let go before approaching the dock; however, the anchor should not be let go in the vicinity of the dock, except on the advice of the Mooring Master.

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