This map illustrates areas along the BC coast where ships transiting to and from BC ports are required to carry a certified pilot. According to the 2011 Pacific Pilotage Regulations, compulsory pilotage areas pertain to all ships over 350 gross tons that are not pleasure boats, and all pleasure boats over 500 gross tons. The exceptions are Canadian government vessels, ferries, and US government vessels under 10,000 gross tons. The pilots embark and disembark at one of the four pilot boarding stations.