

WAC 363-116-365 Docking and undocking of certain vessels by the vessels' masters. On a passenger vessel not requiring a tug for docking or undocking, the master of the vessel may maneuver the vessel into or out of its berth under the following procedures and conditions:

(1) The master may not commence maneuvering the vessel until the express consent of the pilot has been given;

(2) Any such consent shall be on a case-by-case basis and be valid only for that specific berthing or departure;

(3) The master may not delegate maneuvering responsibility for the vessel to an officer other than the vessel's staff captain;

(4) The exact location for the exchange of maneuvering responsibilities between the pilot and the master must be part of the consent and the exchange must always occur in close proximity (approximately the vessel's length, but not to exceed twice the vessel's length) to the vessel's berth; and

(5) While the master is maneuvering the vessel pursuant to this section, the pilot shall remain available to advise and assist the master and the master shall be responsible for keeping the pilot informed as to all material aspects of the master's maneuvering of the vessel.

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