

CONNECTICUT PORT AUTHORITY
Notice of Intent to Adopt an Electronics Use Policy

In accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. §1-121, the Connecticut Port Authority (the “Port Authority”) hereby gives notice that it intends to adopt an Electronics Use Policy.

Statement of the substance and purpose of the proposed amendments: The Port Authority intends to adopt an Electronics Use Policy as recommended by the Connecticut Pilot Commission for adoption of written procedures regarding use of mobile telephones, texting and email while engaged in piloting.

A description of the policy is included below.

PROPOSED ELECTRONICS USE POLICY
(December 4, 2023)

When used appropriately, mobile telephones, cellular devices or personal handheld devices can be a useful tool. However, when used inappropriately they can be a dangerous distraction that can lead to marine occurrences.

It is the policy of the Connecticut Port Authority that while providing piloting services, all licensed pilots and registered apprentices shall:

Only communicate by cellular telephone, text or email for navigational, operational, maritime safety, national security, or other professional purposes.

Keep all cellular communications - whether verbal, by text, or by email - to a minimum, both in quantity and duration.

Avoid all other possible distractions while having the conn of a vessel.

The use of mobile telephones, cellular devices, or personal handheld devices for purposes other than noted above is strictly prohibited. Any pilot found to be in violation of this policy will be subject to a review. Any apprentice found to be in violation of this policy will be subject to dismissal from the apprentice training program.

This advisory supersedes any previous advisories regarding the use of mobile telephones, cellular devices, or personal handheld devices.

A copy of the above proposed policy will also be made available on the Port Authority’s website (<https://ctportauthority.com/rfqs-rfps-3/>) under “Public Notices.”

Manner of presenting views: All interested persons are invited to present their views in writing no later than **January 11, 2024**. Comments are to be submitted to the Connecticut Port Authority, Jill Dowling-Moreno either by e-mail to jill@ctportauthority.com (please put “Public Comment re: Electronics Use Policy” in the subject line) or by postal mail addressed to her at:

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