



ELECTRONICS USE POLICY

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.