



***Crescent River Port Pilots' Association***  
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**RIVER PORT PILOTS FOR THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS**



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To Our Valued Customers and Agents:

The Miscellaneous Section of the CRPPA tariff addresses a vessel arriving prior to its estimated time of arrival. A vessel providing an ETA but arriving more than two hours before the stated time and desiring a pilot is subject to a charge of \$1,352.30.

The Miscellaneous Section stipulates further that any change to the ETA of more than two hours must be provided at least six hours prior to the original ETA. The purpose of these requirements is not punitive, but rather to ensure the timely allocation of manpower.

The Crescent Pilots' ability to appropriately position pilots is based on the ETAs provided by the vessels you represent. When pilots are not available on the Pilottown station, they must be transported from New Orleans by car service and pilot boat. Dispatching pilots, coordinating transportation services, and moving those pilots to the station is a six-hour process.

A vessel crossing in early will be subject to the tariff-based charge outlined above. To avoid this charge the vessel may anchor at Pilottown Anchorage until a Crescent Pilot is on station and ready for assignment. A vessel that proceeds to anchor will have a pilot provided at the scheduled cross in time plus 1.5 hours and incur no penalty.

To experience an uninterrupted transit, do not permit the Associated Branch Pilots to cross your vessel in ahead of the scheduled time. Vessels crossing in early should expect and prepare to anchor at Pilottown Anchorage.

Please let this letter also serve as notice that effective January 1, 2024, the Crescent Pilots will no longer participate in the ABP Agent Reporting Portal. Please revert to sending rundowns and other pertinent information directly to [dispatch@crescentpilots.com](mailto:dispatch@crescentpilots.com).

Thank you for your attention to these matters and please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "E. Michael Bopp".

E. Michael Bopp  
President