

Historical Background:

The principle of ships being brought into the Humber by pilots was established during the 16th century. A charter of 1581 formalised Hull Trinity House's jurisdiction over the coast, giving them authority to examine and issue a licence to mariners of the port to take charge of a vessel sailing from Hull across the sea, or north of Flamborough Head, or south of Winterton Ness.

In 1800 The Humber Pilot Bill was passed, giving Hull Trinity House the authority to licence pilots, and 21 commissioners were created. Certificates were to be carried by pilots and shown to ship's masters on demand. A joint stock company was created to divide earnings and a tonnage tax of 1/2d per ton levied on all ships to pay for the passing of the Act. A list of all pilots was to be maintained, printed and distributed. In August, the Commissioner's Bye-Laws were passed. There were to be 30 pilots, 6 boats and 1 apprentice bound to the master of each of the boats, all to be paid for out of the joint stock - the boats did not belong to the pilots. The number of pilots fluctuated during the 19th century - by the 1890s there were 70 pilots. The new Pilot and Ballast Office on Queen Street in Hull was opened in 1821.

In 1832 the Humber Pilotage Act was passed. Amongst other things, this Act allowed for the accommodation of the trade of the Port of Goole. The Merchant Shipping Act of 1854 defined a pilot, required log books to be kept and set out issues of liability of pilots. In 1892 the first Humber Conservancy Act was passed for the more effectual conservancy of the river, and in 1868 the second Humber Conservancy Act incorporated the Conservancy Commissioners. Following legal disputes between the pilots and the commissioners, new orders, rules and bye-laws were passed by the Humber Pilotage Commissioners in 1890. In 1894 The Humber Pilot's Steam Cutter Company (HPSCCo) was incorporated on 1894. The old cutters belonging to the Commissioners needed replacing, but the Commissioners had no power to do so. A prospectus was issued to every working pilot giving the opportunity of investing £100 and becoming a shareholder in two new steam cutters.

In 1907 the sixth Humber Conservancy Act dissolved the Commissioners of Pilotage and incorporated the Humber Conservancy Board (HCB). In 1968 Pilotage Authorities for the Humber were again transferred as the nationalised British Transport Docks Board replaced the Humber Conservancy Board under the Humber Harbour Reorganisation Scheme 1966. In 1984, the Pilotage Act transferred pilotage organisation to the ports around the UK. Associated British Ports (ABP) became the Competent Harbour Authority for Hull and was given the power to authorise pilots, issue pilotage directions and raise charges for pilotage. Spurn Pilots Limited (SPL), a co-operative of self-employed pilots, was created when the Humber, Trent and Goole services amalgamated. In 1999 this was renamed Humber Pilots Ltd (HPL). In 2002 ABP terminated its agreement with HPL and employed pilots directly. This brought to an end the history of self-employed pilotage on the Humber.

There is a much more detailed history of pilotage on the Humber, compiled by John Simpson, at: http://www.humberpilots.com/Humber_Historical_Chronology.pdf

Custodial history:

Records deposited by Captain John Simpson, 2001

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Description:

A collection of 59 volumes from the Humber Pilots including cash books, collection books day books, docking order fees, journals, ledgers, and minute books. Amongst the records of the Humber Pilots collection there are volumes of the following bodies: Humber Conservancy Board, Humber Pilotage Commissioners and Humber Pilots Steam Cutter Company Ltd.

Arrangement:

- U DPI/1 Pilotage Day Books
- U DPI/2 Pilotage Day Books - inward
- U DPI/3 Pilotage Day Books - outward
- U DPI/4 Pilotage Day Books - Goole
- U DPI/5 Pilotage Day Books - Grimsby
- U DPI/6 Pilotage Day Books - Immingham
- U DPI/7 Pilotage Cash Books (Humber Conservancy Board)
- U DPI/8 Cash Books (Steam Cutter Company Ltd)
- U DPI/9 Cash Books - Grimsby
- U DPI/10 Cash Books - Immingham
- U DPI/11 Collection Books
- U DPI/12 Docking Order Fees
- U DPI/13 Pilotage Dues
- U DPI/14 Journals
- U DPI/15 Ledgers
- U DPI/16 Minutes (Humber Conservancy Board)
- U DPI/17 Victualling Committee Cash Books

Extent: 59 volumes

Related material:

- C DPD Records of the Humber Ports of the British Transport Docks Board, later Associated British Ports
- U DTR, Records of Trinity House
- U DPW/3/113-116 Correspondence of Sir Patrick Wall with the Humber Pilots Society concerning government policy towards pilotage in the 1980s forms four files, with associated background papers

Other repositories: The main archive of Trinity House, is still at Trinity House

Access conditions:

Access will be granted to any accredited reader

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| U DPI/1 | Humber Pilotage Day Books Includes Date, Voucher number, Ship, Pilot, Dock, Draught, number of ships, Tonnage (nett and gross), percentage Increase of Cargo, Ballast and the pilotage of all British vessels; number of Ships, Tonnage (nett and gross), Cargo, Ballast of all Foreign vessels; and the Sundries, Gross Tons and Amount [fees] for all vessels. Early day books include date, number of ship, whether British or foreign, ship, master, pilot, where from inwards, where cleared out for outwards, tonnage (steam and sail), draft, rate and amount [fees] 4 volumes | 1908-1957 |
| U DPI/1/1 | Humber Pilotage Day Book Includes, date , number of ship, British or foreign, ship, master, pilot, where from inwards, where cleared out for outwards, tonnage (steam and sail), draft, rate and amount [fees] 1 volume | Dec 1926- Nov 1934 |
| U DPI/1/2 | Humber Pilotage Day Book 1 volume | Nov 1934- Mar 1940 |
| U DPI/1/3 | Humber Pilotage Day Book 1 volume | Mar 1940- Aug 1948 |
| U DPI/1/4 | Humber Pilotage Day Book 1 volume | Sep1948- May 1951 |
| U DPI/2 | Pilotage Day Books, Inward Includes Date, Voucher number, Ship, Pilot, Dock, Draught, number of ships, Tonnage (nett and gross), percentage increase of Cargo, Ballast and the pilotage of all British vessels; the number of Ships, Tonnage (nett and gross), Cargo, Ballast of all Foreign vessels; and the Sundries, Gross Tons and Amount [fees] for all inward vessels 7 volumes | 1929-1951 |
| U DPI/2/1 | Humber Pilotage Day Book, Inward 1 volume | Jun 1929- Nov 1931 |
| U DPI/2/2 | Humber Pilotage Day Book, Inward 1 volume | Aug 1934- Jul 1937 |
| U DPI/2/3 | Humber Pilotage Day Book, Inward 1 volume | Aug 1937- Mar 1940 |
| U DPI/2/4 | Humber Pilotage Day Book, Inward 1 volume | Apr 1940- Jun 1944 |

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| U DPI/2/5 | Humber Pilotage Day Book, Inward 1 volume | Jul 1944- Apr 1947 |
| U DPI/2/6 | Humber Pilotage Day Book, Inward 1 volume | May 1947- Jun 1949 |
| U DPI/2/7 | Humber Pilotage Day Book, Inward 1 volume | Jul 1949- May 1951 |
| U DPI/3 | Pilotage Day Books, Outward Includes Date, Voucher number, Ship, Pilot, Dock, Draught, number of ships, Tonnage (nett and gross), percentage increase of Cargo, Ballast and the pilotage of all British vessels; the number of Ships, Tonnage (nett and gross), Cargo, Ballast of all Foreign vessels; and the Sundries, Gross Tons and Amount [fees] for outward vessels 6 volumes | 1934-1957 |
| U DPI/3/1 | Humber Pilotage Day Book, Outward 1 volume | Aug 1934- Jul 1937 |
| U DPI/3/2 | Humber Pilotage Day Book, Outward 1 volume | Aug 1937- Mar 1940 |
| U DPI/3/3 | Humber Pilotage Day Book, Outward 1 volume | Apr 1940- Jun 1944 |
| U DPI/3/4 | Humber Pilotage Day Book, Outward 1 volume | May 1944- Jun 1947 |
| U DPI/3/5 | Humber Pilotage Day Book, Outward 1 volume | Jul 1947- Dec1949 |
| U DPI/3/6 | Humber Pilotage Day Book, Outward 1 volume | Jan 1950- May 1951 |
| U DPI/4 | Pilotage Day Books, Goole Date, number of ship, British or foreign, master, pilot, where from/ where cleared out for, tonnage (steam and sail), draft, rate, total amount [fees] for inward and outward vessels 2 volumes | 1908-1926 |
| U DPI/4/1 | Pilotage Day Book, Goole (Humber Conservancy Board) 1 volume | Jan 1908- Jul 1915 |
| U DPI/4/2 | Pilotage Day Book, [Goole] (Humber Conservancy Board) 1 volume | Aug 1920- Dec 1926 |

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| U DPI/5 | Pilotage Day Books, Grimsby Includes Date, Voucher number, Ship, Pilot, Dock, Draught, number of ships, Tonnage (nett and gross), percentage increase of Cargo, Ballast and the pilotage of all British vessels; the number of Ships, Tonnage (nett and gross), Cargo, Ballast of all Foreign vessels; and the Sundries, Gross Tons and Amount [fees] for all vessels. 2 volumes | 1938-1945 |
| U DPI/5/1 | Pilotage Day Book, Grimsby 1 volume | Feb 1938- Aug 1940 |
| U DPI/5/2 | Pilotage Day Book, Grimsby (Humber Conservancy Board) 1 volume | Sep 1940- Aug 1945 |
| U DPI/6 | Pilotage Day Books, Immingham Includes Date, Voucher number, Ship, Pilot, Dock, Draught, number of ships, Tonnage (nett and gross), percentage increase of Cargo, Ballast and the pilotage of all British vessels; the number of Ships, Tonnage (nett and gross), Cargo, Ballast of all Foreign vessels; and the Sundries, Gross Tons and Amount [fees] of all vessels 3 volumes | 1924-1947 |
| U DPI/6/1 | Immingham Humber Pilotage Day Book 1 volume | Jan 1924- Jun 1933 |
| U DPI/6/2 | Immingham Humber Pilotage Day Book 1 volume | Jun 1933- Jul 1939 |
| U DPI/6/3 | Immingham Humber Pilotage Day Book 1 volume | Jul 1939- Sep 1947 |
| U DPI/7 | Pilotage Cash Books (Humber Conservancy Board) Including information on cash received and paid, under numerous subheadings 4 volumes | 1931-1951 |
| U DPI/7/1 | Pilotage Cash Book (Humber Conservancy Board) 1 volume | Sep 1931- Aug 1935 |
| U DPI/7/2 | Pilotage Cash Book (Humber Conservancy Board) 1 volume | Jun 1939- Dec 1943 |
| U DPI/7/3 | Pilotage Cash Book (Humber Conservancy Board) 1 volume | Jan 1944- Oct 1948 |

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| U DPI/7/4 | Pilotage Cash Book (Humber Conservancy Board) 1 volume | Nov 1948- May 1951 |
| U DPI/8 | Pilotage Cash Books, Steam Cutter Company Ltd Cash Book including information on cash received and paid, analysis of payments with cash amounts 4 volumes | 1928-1960 |
| U DPI/8/1 | Pilotage Cash Book No.4 (Steam Cutter Company Ltd) 1 volume | Jan 1928- Dec 1938 |
| U DPI/8/2 | Pilotage Cash Book No.5 (Steam Cutter Company Ltd) 1 volume | Jan 1939- Sep 1947 |
| U DPI/8/3 | Pilotage Cash Book [No.6] (Steam Cutter Company Ltd) 1 volume | Oct 1947- Aug 1955 |
| U DPI/8/4 | Pilotage Cash Book No.7 (Steam Cutter Company Ltd) 1 volume | Sep 1955- Dec1960 |
| U DPI/9 | Pilotage Cash Books, Grimsby Including information on cash received and paid, under numerous subheadings 3 volumes | 1936-1948 |
| U DPI/9/1 | Pilotage Cash Book, Grimsby (Humber Conservancy Board) 1 volume | Aug 1936- May 1940 |
| U DPI/9/2 | Pilotage Cash Book, Grimsby 1 volume | May 1940- Apr 1943 |
| U DPI/9/3 | Pilotage Cash Book, Grimsby 1 volume | May1943- Mar 1948 |
| U DPI/10 | Pilotage Cash Books, Immingham Including information on cash received and paid, under numerous subheadings 2 volumes | 1937-1947 |
| U DPI/10/1 | Pilotage Cash Book, Immingham (Humber Conservancy Board) 1 volume | Feb 1937- July 1941 |
| U DPI/10/2 | Pilotage Cash Book, Immingham (Humber Conservancy Board) 1 volume | Aug 1941- Dec 1947 |

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| U DPI/11 | Collection books for Hull pilotage dues 3 volumes | 1941-1950 |
| U DPI/11/1 | Hull Collection Book 1 volume | Sep 1941- Aug 1943 |
| U DPI/11/2 | Hull Collection Book 1 volume | Oct 1944- Feb 1949 |
| U DPI/11/3 | Hull Collection Book 1 volume | Feb 1949- Apr 1950 |
| U DPI/12 | Docking Order Fees 2 volumes | 1926-1976 |
| U DPI/12/1 | Docking Order Fees (Humber Conservancy Board) 1 volume | Sep 1926- Jun 1952 |
| U DPI/12/2 | Docking Order Fees (Humber Conservancy Board) 1 volume | Jun 1952- Dec 1976 |
| U DPI/13 | Pilotage Dues Including the date, number of voucher, owners or agents, inward and outward dues 1 volume | 1950-1951 |
| U DPI/13/1 | Pilotage Dues Including the date, number of voucher, owners or agents, inward and outward dues 1 volume | April 1950- May 1951 |
| U DPI/14 | Journals Including details of pilotage dues 3 volumes | 1942-1956 |
| U DPI/14/1 | Journal [Humber Conservancy Board] 1 volume | Jan 1942- Apr 1948 |
| U DPI/14/2 | Journal [Humber Conservancy Board] 1 volume | May 1948- Oct 1952 |
| U DPI/14/3 | Journal (Humber Conservancy Board) 1 volume | Jan 1950- Dec 1976 |

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| U DPI/15 | Ledgers Include information concerning some or all of the following: accumulated fund,, Humber Pilots Steam Cutter Co., mortgage account , Humber Pilots benefit fund account, National Provincial Bank Ltd, Humber Pilots Pension Fund income and expenditure account, Humber Pilots license fees, Pilots' proportion of examination fees, pilots' fines, War damage, expenses of pilot lobbies, pilotage work, performed by relieved pilots and others, salaries of pilots, apprentices and officials, Humber Conservancy Board Commission account, medical examinations, commission 8 volumes | 1898-1973 |
| U DPI/15/1 | Humber Pilotage Commissioners Ledger 1 volume | Dec 1898- Dec 1906 |
| U DPI/15/2 | Pilotage Ledger (Humber Conservancy Board) 1 volume | 1915-1924 |
| U DPI/15/3 | Pilotage Ledger [Humber Conservancy Board] 1 volume | 1917-1935 |
| U DPI/15/4 | Pilotage Ledger (Humber Conservancy Board) 1 volume | Dec 1924- Dec 1942 |
| U DPI/15/5 | Pilotage Ledger (Humber Conservancy Board) 1 volume | [Jan] 1943- [Dec] 1960 |
| U DPI/15/6 | Pilotage Ledger (Humber Conservancy Board) 1 volume | Jan 1960- Jan 1968 |
| U DPI/15/7 | Pilotage Ledger (Humber Conservancy Board) 1 volume | Dec 1968- Jan 1971 |
| U DPI/15/8 | Pilotage Ledger [Humber Conservancy Board] 1 volume | Sep 1956- May 1973 |
| U DPI/16 | Humber Conservancy Board Minutes Including Humber Pilotage account information, receipts and expenditure, copies of cash statements; information relating to accidents, collisions, groundings, loss of anchor & cable 2 volumes | 1930-1957 |
| U DPI/16/1 | Humber Conservancy Board Minute Book 10 1 volume | May 1930- Mar 1933 |
| U DPI/16/2 | Humber Conservancy Board Minute Book 17 1 volume | Feb 1949- Sep 1951 |

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| U DPI/17 | Victualling Committee Cash Books Include receipts and payments for provisions, including meat, vegetables, butter, fish, groceries and milk. 3 volumes | 1931-1976 |
| U DPI/17/1 | Victualling Committee Cash Book 1 volume | Jan 1931- Dec 1946 |
| U DPI/17/2 | Victualling Committee Cash Book 1 volume | Jan 1947- Jun 1959 |
| U DPI/17/3 | Victualling Cash Book 1 volume | Aug 1966- Sep 1976 |