



Local Notice to Mariners

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PILOT TRANSFER ARRANGEMENTS AND DECLARATION OF CONFORMITY

Masters, Owners, Operators and Agents are required to provide Portland Pilots with the facility to embark and disembark vessels safely whilst at sea or at alongside berths.

All Pilot Transfer Arrangements are required to comply with **SOLAS Regulation V/23** and **IMO resolution A1045(27)** 'Required Boarding Arrangements For Pilot'

The rigging of Pilot ladders must be overseen by a responsible officer who has radio contact with the bridge.

All appliances should be kept clean, correctly maintained, properly stowed and be regularly inspected to ensure they are safe to use.

Every vessel will be contacted by the Portland Pilot Vessel and asked to confirm that the transfer arrangements are safe and comply with regulations, as below

"Can you confirm your Pilot ladder is correctly rigged and maintained as required by IMO & SOLAS regulations"

In the event that the boarding arrangements are unsuitable, the Pilot may decline to board the vessel resulting in delay.

Defects in Pilot Ladders and Transfer Arrangements are notifiable to the MCA. These can be considered as a 'Port State Deficiency'

This Notice is issued under the powers invested by the Portland Harbour Revision Order 1997.

Captain M Shipley
General Manager (Marine)
30th October 2017

Owners, Agents, Yacht Clubs and Recreational Sailing Organisations should ensure that the contents of this notice are made known to the Masters or persons in charge of their vessels or craft.