



## Local Notice to Mariners

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### Pilot transfer arrangements

SOLAS Chapter V, Regulation 23, requires that all shipboard arrangements used for Pilot transfer shall efficiently fulfil their purpose of enabling Pilots to embark and disembark safely. The appliances shall be kept clean, properly maintained and stowed and shall be regularly inspected to ensure that they are safe to use.

The rigging of pilot ladders and pilot transfer shall be overseen by a responsible officer who has radio contact with bridge throughout the transfer. Pilots will not be boarded onto any vessel unless there is a responsible person in attendance.

Aberdeen pilots will ask each vessel to confirm that their pilot ladder is properly rigged and safe for boarding.

Vessels must confirm that the arrangement is suitable or detail any defects.

If the pilots deem any boarding arrangement unsuitable, they will abort, and the vessel will wait until the pilots deem it safe to board. Defects and deficiencies will be reported to the MCA under the harbours duty to report to port state

The UK Marine Pilots association has produced a safe code of practice for embarkation and disembarkation of Pilots, which is available for download

[https://www.britishports.org.uk/system/files/documents/the\\_embarkation\\_disembarkation\\_of\\_pilots\\_code\\_of\\_safe\\_practice\\_-\\_august\\_2017\\_0.pdf](https://www.britishports.org.uk/system/files/documents/the_embarkation_disembarkation_of_pilots_code_of_safe_practice_-_august_2017_0.pdf)

Reference to the relevant legislation is at the end of the document.

The most up to date IMPA advice poster is available on the IMPA website

<http://www.impahq.org/admin/resources/finalimpapladderposter.pdf>

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<http://www.aberdeen-harbour.co.uk/operations/information-for-port-users/navigation-notice/>

Owners, Agents, Berth Operators etc should ensure that the contents of this Navigation Notice are made known to the Masters of their vessels.