

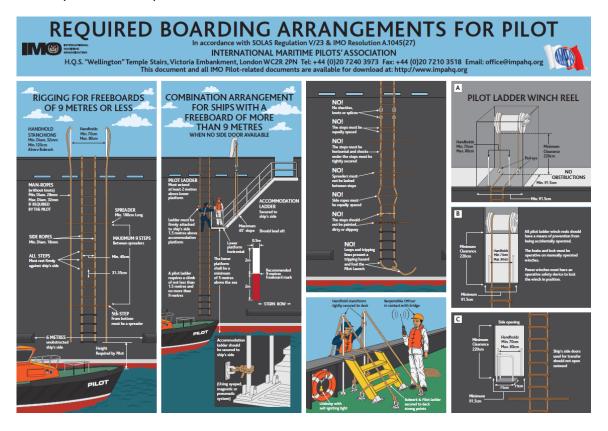
Pilot Boarding Requirements and Guidance for Ship Owners, Operators, Masters and Crews

Introduction

Peel Ports Group considers the safety of its personnel and those who work within the Harbour Authority, as their number one priority. Every organisation, company and individual has a collective responsibility to ensure that risks are identified and mitigated, with robust procedures and practices properly supervised when operating within our Harbour Area.

Required Boarding Arrangements

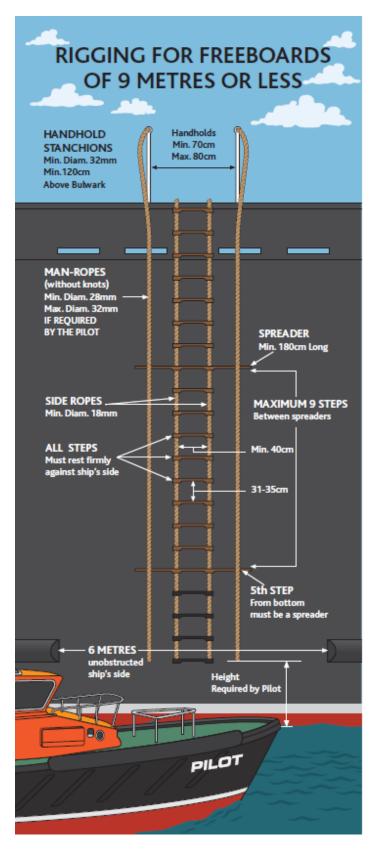
The International Maritime Pilots Association have produced the well-recognised posters following SOLAS regulation V/23 and IMO resolution A.1045(27) agreements for Ship Owners, Operators, Masters and crews to follow.



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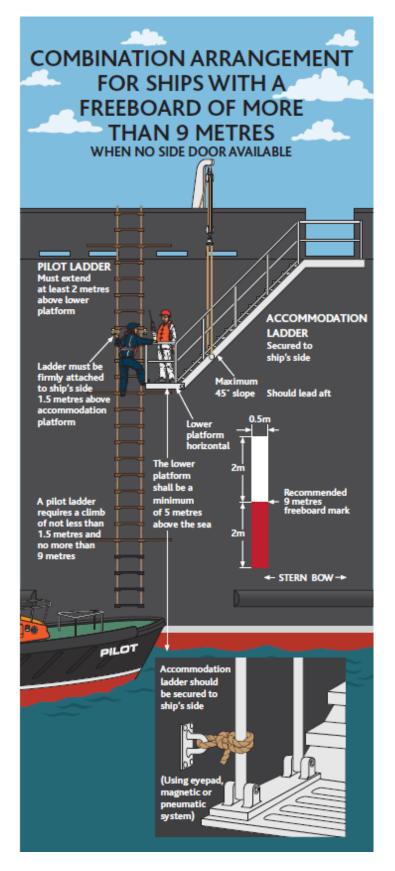


Rigging for Freeboard of 9 meters or less





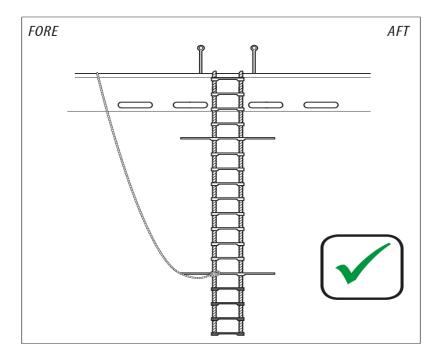
Rigging for Freeboards over 9 meters – Combination Arrangement (when no side door available)





Securing arrangements on the deck

Safe Rigging of a Retrieval Line (tripping line)



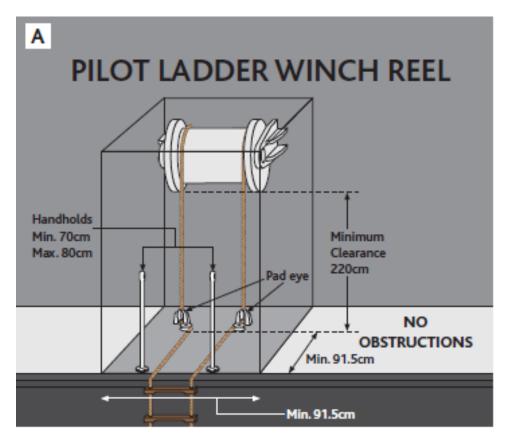
IMO Resolution A.1045(27) 2.1.5

When a retrieval line is considered necessary to ensure the safe rigging of a pilot ladder, the line should be fastened at or above the last spreader step and should lead forward. The retrieval line should not hinder the pilot or obstruct the safe approach of the pilot boat.

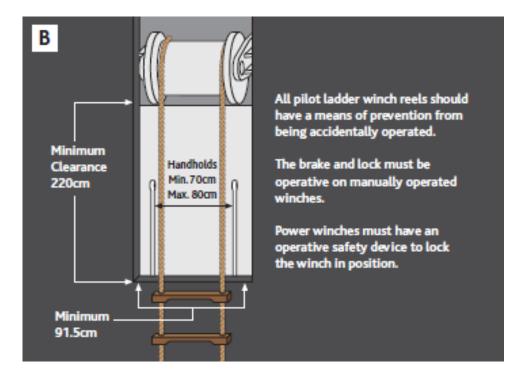


Pilot Ladder Winch Reel

Upper Deck

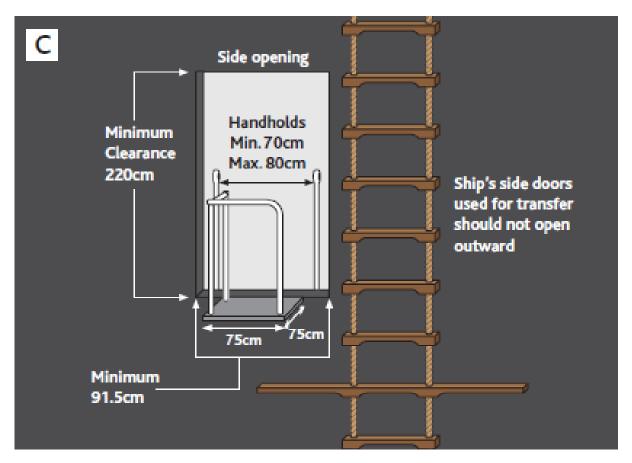


Side Door or Between Deck





Ship Side Doors



Non-compliant boarding arrangements

Under MSN 1832 (M), and the 1987 Pilotage Act, section 18(2) pilots are legally obligated to report dangerous situations they encounter in carrying out their duties. Therefore, any Pilots within Peel Ports CHA who encounter non-compliant boarding arrangements are required to notify the Competent Harbour Authority, or the MCA. This may result in a Port State Control or Flag State inspection.

Declaration - Verbal

A verbal declaration MUST be made from the Ship to the Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) or Local Port Service (LPS) that the Pilot boarding arrangements are within certification and rigged as per SOLAS regulation 23 and IMO resolution a1045(27) requirements. Ship operators have been made aware by a Notice to Mariners that Pilots operating within Peel Ports CHAs will refuse to embark / disembark via non-compliant boarding arrangements resulting in the ship being directed to safe anchorage or holding position until a suitable pilot ladder can be provided. All additional Pilot cancellation, boarding and landing fees will be applied in all cases.