

PORT OF AYR LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS

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RE ISSUE **BOARDING AND LANDING OF PILOTS**

MARINERS ARE ADVISED that following a recent accident when both side ropes of a pilot ladder parted simultaneously with the pilot on the ladder an additional safety control measure is being introduced with immediate effect.

Masters of all vessels taking a pilot will be **REQUIRED** to participate in this additional control. The master must ensure that the pilot ladder, or combination arrangement when the climb is greater than 9 metres, is properly constructed, recently inspected, in good condition and rigged as per SOLAS Regulation V/23 and IMO Resolution A.1045(27) "Required boarding arrangements for pilot".

The master will be asked to give verbal confirmation of this to harbour control over the vhf in advance of the pilot transfer taking place, both inbound and outbound.

In the event that this control measure is not complied with or the pilot detects that the ladder is not fit for purpose, the transfer will not take place and the vessel may be directed to a safe anchorage.



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