

# PORT NOTICE

## Safe Pilot Transfer Arrangements

### PN/009

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#### General Manager Operations

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**PREFACE**

This Port Notice is issued pursuant to Section 57 of the *Ports Management Act 2015 (NT)*.

**SCOPE**

This Port Notice applies to pilot embarkation and disembarkation within the gazetted Port of Darwin limits as detailed in Figure 1.



**Figure 1 – Darwin Port Limits**

**DEFINITIONS**

| Term  | Definition                              |
|-------|---|
| AMSA  | Australian Maritime Safety Authority    |
| IMO   | International Maritime Organisation     |
| IMPA  | International Marine Pilots Association |
| SOLAS | Safety of Life at Sea                   |

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## DIRECTION

### **Pilot Transfer Arrangement (All Vessels Required to Take a Pilot within the Compulsory Pilotage Area)**

Safe pilot transfer arrangements must be carried out in accordance with SOLAS Regulation V/23 and IMO Resolution A.1045(27) *Minimum Standards for Equipment Installed & Arrangements for Pilot Transfers on Ships* set out in Annexure A, ISO 799-1:2019 and supplementary standards ISO 799-2:2021 and ISO 799-3:2022.

From 01 June 2023, Darwin Port will align our enhanced pilot ladder assurance requirements with the national framework developed by the Ports Australia Operations Working Group.

Owners, masters and occupiers of vessels must submit to the appointed vessel's agent and to Darwin Port Harbour Control the "Certificate of Manufacture", completed *Safe Pilot Ladder Securing and Boarding Arrangement Master's Declaration for the Port of Darwin*, set out in Annexure B and photographs of the stanchions and deck securing arrangements no later than twenty-four (24) hours prior to arrival at the Port of Darwin.

Darwin Port will not accept pilot ladders that are older than thirty months (30) months from the date of manufacture and man ropes that are older than twelve (12) months from the date of manufacture from a ship's chandlery.

Vessel operators are to assess and provide ship specific instructions to vessel's crews regarding storage and care of pilot ladders and man ropes. Industry guidance regarding care of manila ropes/manufacturer's instructions must be referred to when preparing the above instructions. Dedicated and protected spaces on board must be identified.

### **Vessels that Adopt the Use of Manropes**

Maximum permitted age of manropes used with pilot ladders is twelve (12) months. The period of 12 months is to commence from the date the manrope was manufactured. A new manrope must not be cut out from an existing coil onboard that is more than 12 months old.

### **Vessels with a Freeboard Greater than Nine (>9) Metres During Pilot Disembarkation (Supplemental)**

Vessels that arrive or depart with their freeboard in excess of nine (9) metres and that are required to assemble safe pilot boarding arrangements in the combination ladder format for disembarkation and must have the manropes tucked through the ladder steps 1.5 metres above the lower platform horizontal in accordance with Annexure C of this Port Notice.

## REVIEW STATEMENT

This Port Notice will be reviewed biennially by the Port Management Officer.

## REFERENCES

- SOLAS Regulation V/23 Minimum Standards for Equipment Installed & Arrangements for Pilot Transfers on Ships"
- IMO Resolution A.1045(27) "Pilot Transfer Arrangements"
- AMSA Marine Notice 2023/04, "Pilot Transfer Arrangements"
- ISO 799:2019 "Ships and Marine Technology – Pilot Ladders"
- ISO 799-2:2021 "Ships and Marine Technology — Pilot Ladders — Part 2: Maintenance, Use, Survey, and Inspection"

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- ISO 799-3:2022 “Ships and Marine Technology — Pilot Ladders — Part 3: Attachments and Associated Equipment”
- IMO/IMPA “Pilot Ladder Poster”
- Port Management Act 2015 (NT)
- Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Act 2011 (NT)



# REQUIRED BOARDING ARRANGEMENTS FOR PILOT



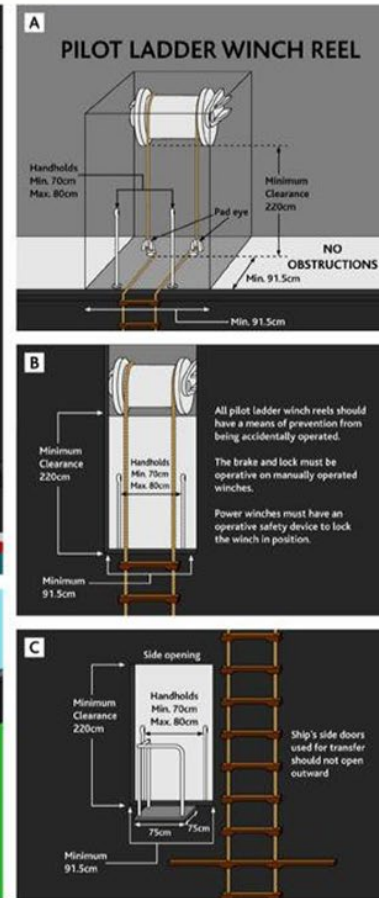
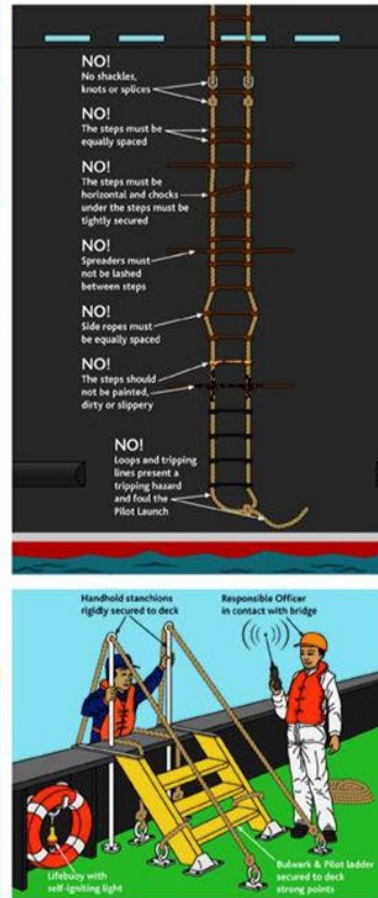
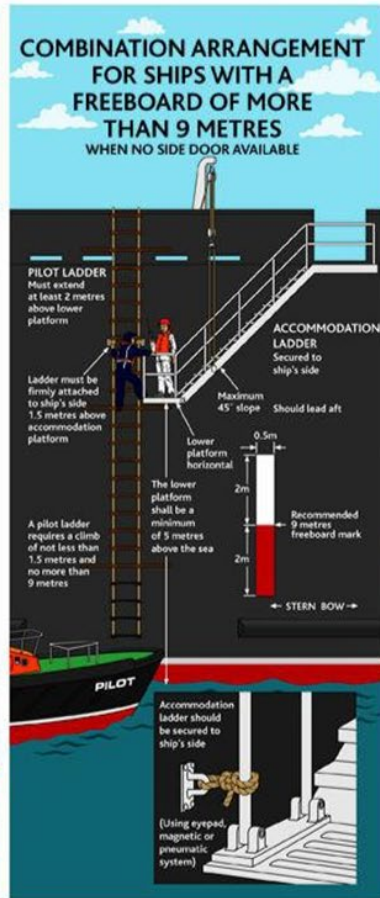
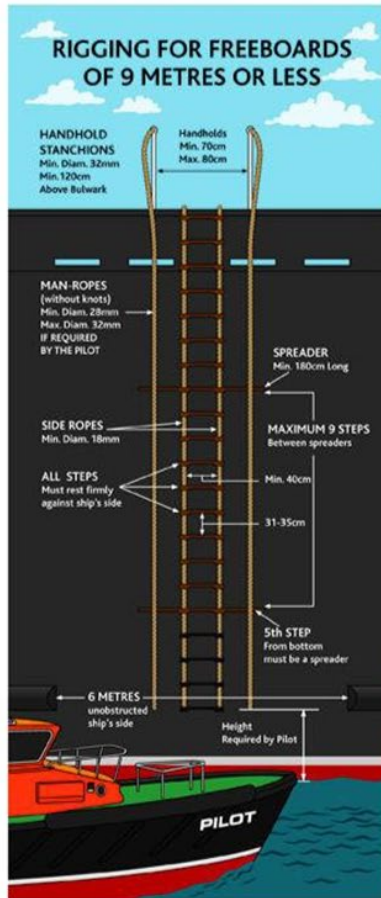
INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION

In accordance with SOLAS Regulation V/23 & IMO Resolution A.1045(27)

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**ANNEXURE B****Safe Pilot Ladder Securing and Boarding Arrangement Master's Declaration for the Port of Darwin****Compliance:**

Port Notice PN/009 (Safe Pilot Transfer Arrangements), Darwin Port requires the owner, master or occupier of a vessel to comply with the safe pilot boarding access arrangements in accordance with the following rules and regulations:

- SOLAS Regulation V/23 "Minimum Standards for Equipment Installed & Arrangements for Pilot Transfers on Ships"
- IMO Resolution A.1045(27) "Pilot Transfer Arrangements"
- AMSA Marine Notice 2023/04, "Pilot Transfer Arrangements"
- ISO 799:2019 "Ships and Marine Technology – Pilot Ladders"
- ISO 799-2:2021 "Ships and Marine Technology – Pilot Ladders – Part 2: Maintenance, Use, Survey, and Inspection"
- ISO 799-3:2022 "Ships and Marine Technology – Pilot Ladders – Part 3: Attachments and Associated Equipment"
- IMO/IMPA "Pilot Ladder Poster"

Darwin Port requires the master of any vessel arriving at the Port of Darwin to declare that the design, procurement, installation and ongoing maintenance of the pilot ladder is in accordance with the above rules and regulations. Pilot ladders must not be older than thirty (30) months from the fabrication date and manropes must be no older than twelve (12) months.

Separately, Darwin Port requires the owner, master or occupier of a vessel to provide the following supplemental information:

- "Certificate of Manufacturer" or photograph of the manufacturer's plate for the pilot ladder
- Photographs of the condition of the stanchions and foundation brackets
- Confirmation that the manropes are less than twelve (12) months old from the date of manufacture.

Finally, vessels that arrive or depart the Port of Darwin with their freeboard more than nine (9) metres and that are required to assemble safe Pilot boarding arrangements in the combination ladder format for disembarkation, must have the manropes tucked through the ladder steps 1.5 metres above the lower horizontal platform of the accommodation ladder in accordance with Annexure C of Port Notice [PN/009](#).

**Declaration:**

I, the Master of the LNGC/MT/MV/SS/FV/SV \_\_\_\_\_, declare that the pilot ladder has been erected in accordance with the above rules and regulations and that the pilot ladder in use for this port call is not older than 30 months from the fabrication date of the pilot ladder. Pilot ladder manropes are less than 12 months old.

Pilot Ladder Manufactured Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Pilot Ladder Supplier: \_\_\_\_\_

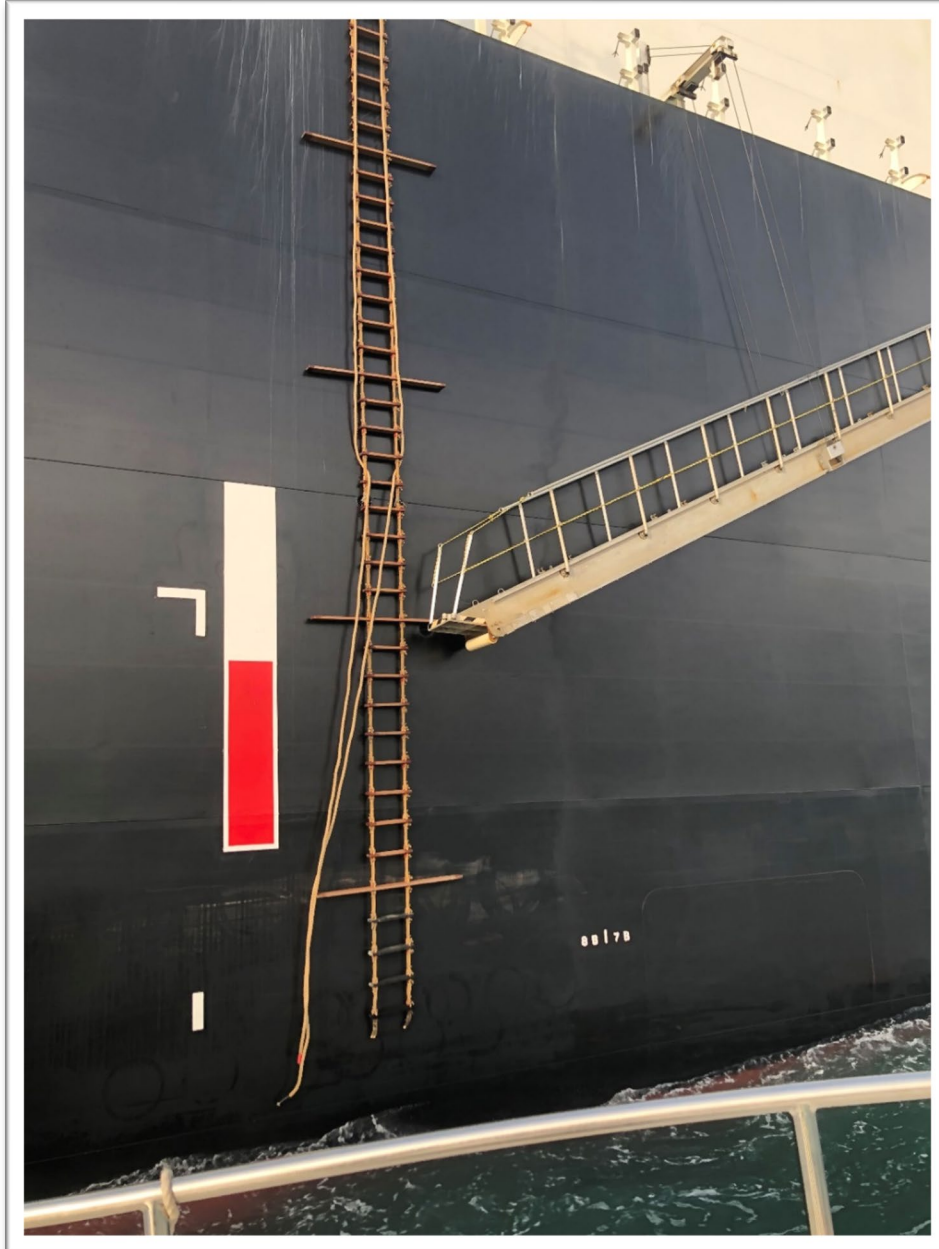
Master's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** Please complete this form and email this page and the copy of the Pilot Ladder Certificate to: [HarbourControl@darwinport.com.au](mailto:HarbourControl@darwinport.com.au) and Ship's Agent **24 hours prior to Arrival or Departure from Darwin Port**

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**ANNEXURE C**

Photograph Illustrating the Combination Ladder with the Manropes tucked through the side ropes ~1.5 metres above the horizontal platform of the accommodation ladder



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