

PD TEESPORT LIMITED

NOTICE TO MARINERS NO.20 OF 2022

Issued by the Harbour Master on 07 January

NORTH-EAST COAST OF ENGLAND

TEES AND HARTLEPOOL BAYS

**PILOT TRANSFER ARRANGEMENTS
NON-COMPLIANT TRAPDOOR**

PD Teesport hereby draws attention to ships that have a pilot transfer arrangement, consisting of an accommodation ladder/pilot ladder combination with a trapdoor, which does not meet current IMO standards.

Tees Bay Pilots have been reminded that they should refuse to use a pilot transfer arrangement that they reasonably believe is unsafe, including the offending trapdoor.

All vessels using a trapdoor arrangement are urged to re-assess their configuration and, if necessary, bring them into compliance with the current IMO standards as soon as possible to avoid potential disruption to ship schedules and port operations.

Further information is available from Tees VTS on VHF Channel 14 or telephone 01642 277205.

NOTE: Owners, Agents and Charterers should ensure that the contents of this Notice are made known to Masters or persons in charge of their vessels or craft.

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