

PD TEESPORT LIMITED

NOTICE TO MARINERS NO.7 OF 2023

Issued by the Harbour Master on 04 January

NORTH-EAST COAST OF ENGLAND TEES AND HARTLEPOOL BAYS

PILOT TRANSFER ARRANGEMENTS AND CONFIRMATION OF COMPLIANCE

1. Masters are reminded of their obligations to facilitate the safe transfer of Pilots as required by:
 - (a) IMO Resolution A.1045(27) adopted on 30 November 2011, in particular paragraphs 2 and 3, which cover the position and construction of such ladders, including trapdoor arrangements;
 - (b) The International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS 1974), Chapter V, Regulation 23 (as amended) "Pilot Transfer Arrangements" and, in particular:
 - a pilot ladder requiring a climb of not less than 1.5m and not more than 9.0m above the surface of the water;
 - an accommodation ladder leading aft, in conjunction with the pilot ladder, whenever the distance from the surface of the water to the point of access to the ship is more than 9.0m.
2. Masters should note that Mechanical Pilot Hoists will not be used.
3. The Master of any ship boarding or landing an authorised Pilot will be asked by either "Tees VTS" or the Pilot to confirm that their pilot boarding arrangements comply with SOLAS and IMO requirements.

If there is any doubt as to compliance of the boarding arrangements, the boarding will be deferred until satisfactory confirmation has been received and, if considered necessary, the movement will be cancelled.

4. Pilots and Cutter Skippers have been instructed not to embark or disembark vessels which fail to comply with the Regulations or that present unacceptable risks to either Pilots or Cutters.

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.