



NOTICE TO MARINERS

PETERHEAD PORT AUTHORITY

PILOT TRANSFER ARRANGMENTS

NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN, that all vessels who require the services of a pilot shall ensure they have safe, convenient and compliant pilot transfer arrangements.

SOLAS Chapter V, Regulation 23, requires that all shipboard arrangements used for Pilot transfer shall efficiently fulfil their purpose of enabling Pilots to embark and disembark safely. The appliances shall be kept clean, properly maintained and stowed and shall be regularly inspected to ensure that they are safe to use.

The vessel shall have a procedure in place for the rigging of pilot transfer arrangements and a full and proper risk assessment for the transfer of a pilot.

The rigging of the ship's Pilot transfer arrangements and the embarkation of a Pilot shall be supervised by a responsible Officer having means of communication with the navigation bridge, who shall also arrange for the escort of the Pilot by a safe route to and from the navigation bridge.

Pilot ladders must also be certified and type approved in accordance with SOLAS V, Reg 23. Testing standards must also comply with ISO 799-1:2019.

If the transfer arrangements are not safe, it is PPA policy for the pilot to refuse the transfer.

NEW SOLAS V/23 Requirements

SOLAS Regulation V/23 has been updated to enhance pilot transfer safety.

The updated regulations will apply to:

- **New installations** from January 1, 2028.
- **Existing installations** on SOLAS ships during their first survey after January 1, 2029.
- **Non-SOLAS ships** starting January 1, 2030

The United Kingdom Maritime Pilots' Association has created an interactive poster to help ship's Master, Owners & Operators to understand and implement the new standards.

The interactive tool can be found by following the below link:

[Pilot Transfer Arrangements - United Kingdom Maritime Pilots Association](#)

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