

## **PPGY NOTICE TO AGENTS, SHIP AND BERTH OPERATORS 04. 29/12/2023**

### **Pilot Ladder Compliance**

Following a recent incident involving the failure of a Pilot Ladder onboard a vessel entering Great Yarmouth, the Maritime Coastguard Agency, issued a recommendation to Ships Agent and Owners, reminding them that the duty of the Master is to raise the incident as per the company SMS, and take necessary action to evaluate findings and prevent a re-occurrence.

On this occasion, the Pilot suffered minor injuries but had the situation been different, the outcome may have been far worse.

Please can I remind you, to ensure that all Masters onboard vessels entering Great Yarmouth, are fully aware of the need for correctly rigged Pilot Ladders, and they are without defects.

NASBO Provision of Compliant Pilot Transfer Arrangements issued 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023 gives further guidance.

Further information and guidance can also be sourced by the following link; <https://www.ics-shipping.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Shipping-Industry-Guidance-on-Pilot-Transfer-Arrangements-v3.pdf>

Harbour Master may access a vessel for the purpose of ensuring compliance as requested.

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