



STANDING NOTICE TO MARINERS No 18 PILOT LADDER SAFETY

There are well documented reports worldwide of issues with the rigging and standard of pilot ladders offered to Pilots when boarding and/or disembarking ships entering and leaving ports.

The aim of this SNTM is to highlight the correct requirements for Pilot Ladders and how they are attached to the ship's structure.

A local Pilot Ladder Guidance document has also been produced and details what is required by the SOLAS Regulation V/23 and IMO Resolution A.1045(27). It also includes best practice in ways to attach the pilot ladder to the ship's superstructure (noting the securing point must be rated to hold at least 24KN breaking strain). The Guidance also shows examples of ladders and securings which will not be accepted or tolerated in Clydeport. The Guidance document can be obtained by downloading from the Peel Ports website:

<https://www.peelports.com/marine/our-ports/clydeport>

(Navigation and Pilot Folder)