

Marine Safety Alert



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Pilot Ladders – Non-Compliant Securing Arrangements



Please find attached a bulletin from the United Kingdom Maritime Pilots' Association (UKMPA) regarding non-complaint securing arrangements for Pilot ladders.

Please note Forth Ports Limited fully supports the UKMPA recommendations and all instances of such non-compliance should be reported to the Harbour Authority using the Marine Report Form which can be found on the Forth Ports website.

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United Kingdom Maritime Pilots' Association

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Following consultation with IACS by IMPA, it has been confirmed that the practice of “securing” pilot ladders by means of simple step hook devices such as the ubiquitous angle-iron “Deck Tongue” or “Hooks” is **non-compliant** with the requirements of SOLAS Chapter V regulation 23 as amended.

SOLAS Ch.V Regulation 23

3.3.1.4 *the single length of pilot ladder is capable of reaching the water from the point of access to, or egress from, the ship and due allowance is made for all conditions of loading and trim of the ship, and for an adverse list of 15°; the securing strong point, shackles and securing ropes shall be at least as strong as the side ropes;*



Similar fittings should be reported to the MCA via the appropriate route.

When reporting a defective ladder to the authorities, the ship's master should also be informed of the defect so that immediate repairs or modifications can be made.

UKMPA.
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