

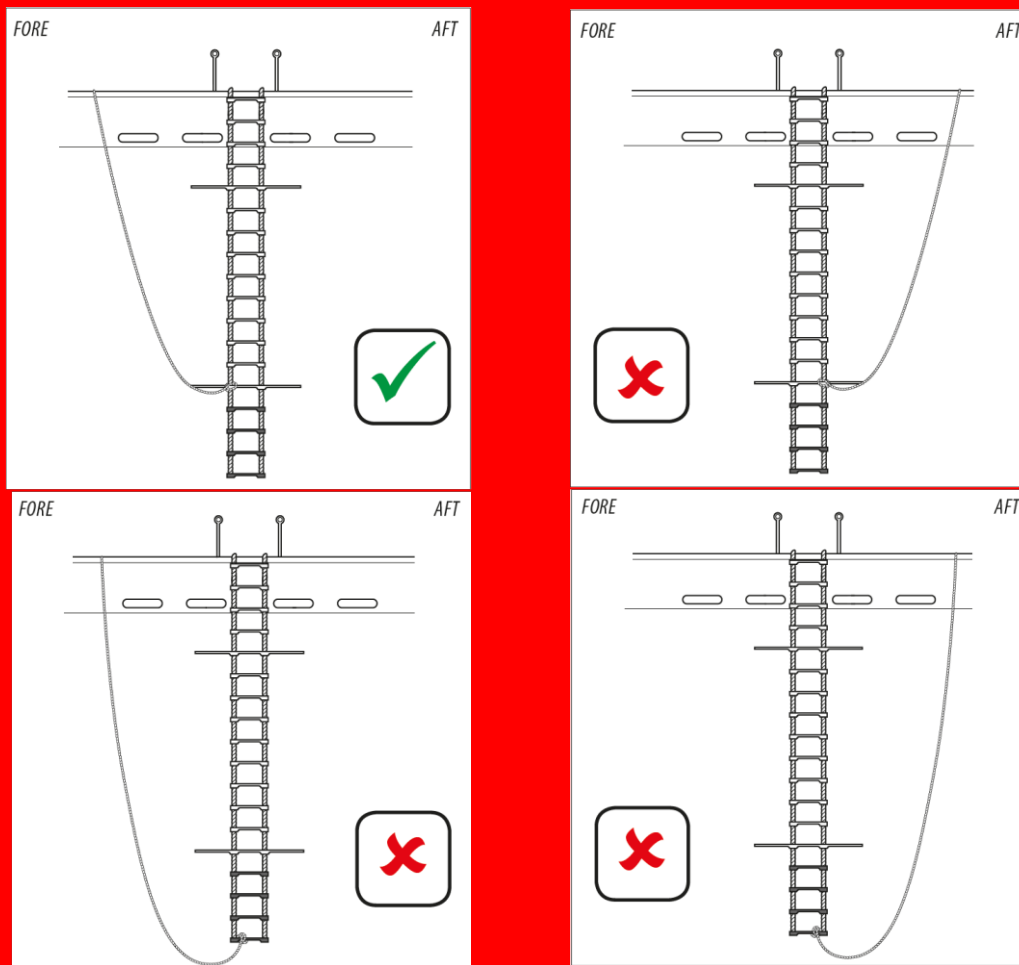
# Marine Safety Alert



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## Pilot Ladders – Retrieval/Tripping Lines



There has been a number of incidents recently involving the incorrect rigging of retrieval lines.

Please find attached bulletin from the United Kingdom Maritime Pilots' Association (UKMPA) regarding safe rigging information for pilot ladder retrieval lines.

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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## Pilot Ladder Retrieval Lines (Safe Rigging Information)

### Summary:

Retrieval lines are often rigged to lift the pilot ladder.

Retrieval lines (sometimes referred to as 'tripping lines') can be potentially dangerous and may foul a pilot boat (launch) or be hazardous to the pilot, due to entanglement.

Retrieval lines are **not** to be rigged to the bottom of the pilot ladder.

The following information outlines the correct rigging requirements.

### IMO Resolution A.1045(27) 2.1.5:

*"When a retrieval line is considered necessary to ensure the safe rigging of a pilot ladder, the line should be fastened above the last spreader step and should lead forward. The retrieval line should not hinder the pilot or obstruct the safe approach of the pilot boat."*

All vessels calling to UK ports are requested to ensure a retrieval line, when rigged, is rigged in compliance with the requirements of IMO Resolution A.1045(27) 2.1.5.

The following image (overleaf) depicts the correct rigging arrangement.

Please contact the United Kingdom Maritime Pilots' Association (UKMPA) on 020 7611 2568, or the UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) on 020 3817 2000, for any clarification if required.