

PILOT LADDER: HOW TO RIG IT RIGHT.

Before entering the Seine River, ship's masters are invited to provide and rig a safe and correct pilot transfer arrangement. To help you in these tasks, please find hereafter a short reminder that you may give to the person in charge.

Failure to provide compliant boarding arrangements may result in delays or the cancellation of pilotage, with associated cost implication.

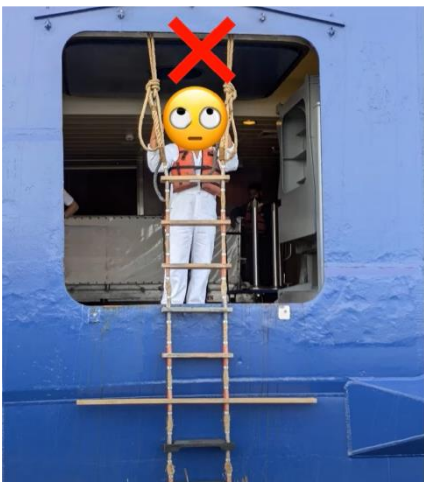
Pilot Transfer Arrangement checklist.

According to SOLAS Chap 5 Reg 23 / IMO Res A1045(27) / ISO 799:2004 / MSC1/Circ1428

For more details: [Pilotladder Safety - Do it right the first time](#)

- 1. Pilot ladder only if free board is less than 9 meters. No "man ropes" required on that place.**
 - Is safe access for pilot boat? No obstruction on 6 m.
 - Is the pilot ladder in good shape?
 - o Check for wear and tear, missing chocks, loose steps.
 - o Check for broken steps or spreaders.
 - o Are all steps and ropes clean and free of grease?
 - Has the pilot ladder rigged properly?
 - o Is the pilot ladder rigged to the correct height? (**2 meters above water level**)
 - o Are the pilot ladder steps and spreaders horizontal?
 - o Has the retrieval line been rigged correctly? (Above the spreader, leading forward)
 - o Does the pilot ladder is against the hull throughout its entire vertical length?
 - Has the pilot ladder been secured to the deck in a correct way and strongly fixed?
 - o **SWL 4,8 Tons of strong points and securing ropes each side.**
 - o The weight should not be transferred to the step, spreader nor on chocks, only on the side ropes. ("Rolling hitch knot").
 - Have stanchions and/or bulwark ladder been fitted and secured to the deck?
 - Is there a responsible officer with communication to the bridge?
 - Is there adequate lighting at the pilot access point?
 - Is all extra equipment present and ready for use?
 - o Lifebuoy and light.
 - o Heaving line (Pilot can board with additional equipment such as backpack).
- 2. If free board is more than 9 meters: Combination ladder.**
 - Is the accommodation ladder in good shape? Check for wear and tear.
 - Check if steps and siderails are free of grease.
 - Is there at least 5 meters above water level?
 - Is the accommodation ladder secured to the ships side, independent of the ladder?
 - Is the platform rigged horizontally?
 - Is the accommodation ladder slope is less than 45°?
 - Are all hand railings and hand ropes rigged correctly, both inboard and outboard?
 - Does the pilot ladder extend 2 meters above the platform?
 - Have both pilot ladder ropes been secured to the ship, at 1.5 meters above the platform?
- 3. Winch Reel:**
 - Ensure the winch reel is mechanically locked.
 - Ensure the pilot ladder is secured to the deck.

NON COMPLIANT PILOT TRANSFER ARRANGEMENT



CORRECT PILOT TRANSFER ARRANGEMENT

