Bulletin 049 – Pilot Transfer Arrangements

Barbados Maritime Ship Registry

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Notice to: Shipowners, Operators, Officers, Flag State Inspectors and Recognised Organisations.

1. References

a) SOLAS, International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea.
b) Resolution A.1045(27) Pilot Transfer Arrangements, adopted 30 November 2011.
c) MSC.1/Circ.1375/Rev.1 – Unified Interpretation of SOLAS Regulation V/23, issued 28 May 2012.

2. Purpose

2.1 This bulletin sets out to ensure that the use and maintenance of pilot transfer arrangements onboard Barbadian ships, complies with the standards set out in IMO Assembly Resolution A.1045 (27) and SOLAS V Reg. 23.

2.2 To ensure that all pilot/personnel transfers, using pilot transfer arrangements, are carried out safely.

3. Application

3.1 This bulletin applies to all Barbadian vessels that at any time may require the services of pilots. This includes but is not limited to entering or leaving port, as required during a deep sea passage, when transiting a strait and/or river, or as required by the Coastal State.

4. Pilot Transfer Requirements

4.1 Equipment and arrangements for pilot transfer which are installed on or after 1 July 2012 shall comply with the requirements of SOLAS V/ Reg. 23, with reference to the unified interpretation as per IMO Circular MSC.1/Circ.1375/Rev.1, and as set out in IMO Assembly Resolution A.1045(27).

4.2 These minimum requirements refer to the positioning, construction, rigging and securing of pilot transfer arrangements, as well as the related equipment, lighting, and access.

4.3 Equipment and arrangements for pilot transfer which are provided on ships before 01 July 2012 shall at least comply with the requirements of SOLAS V/ Reg. 23, as was in force prior to that date.

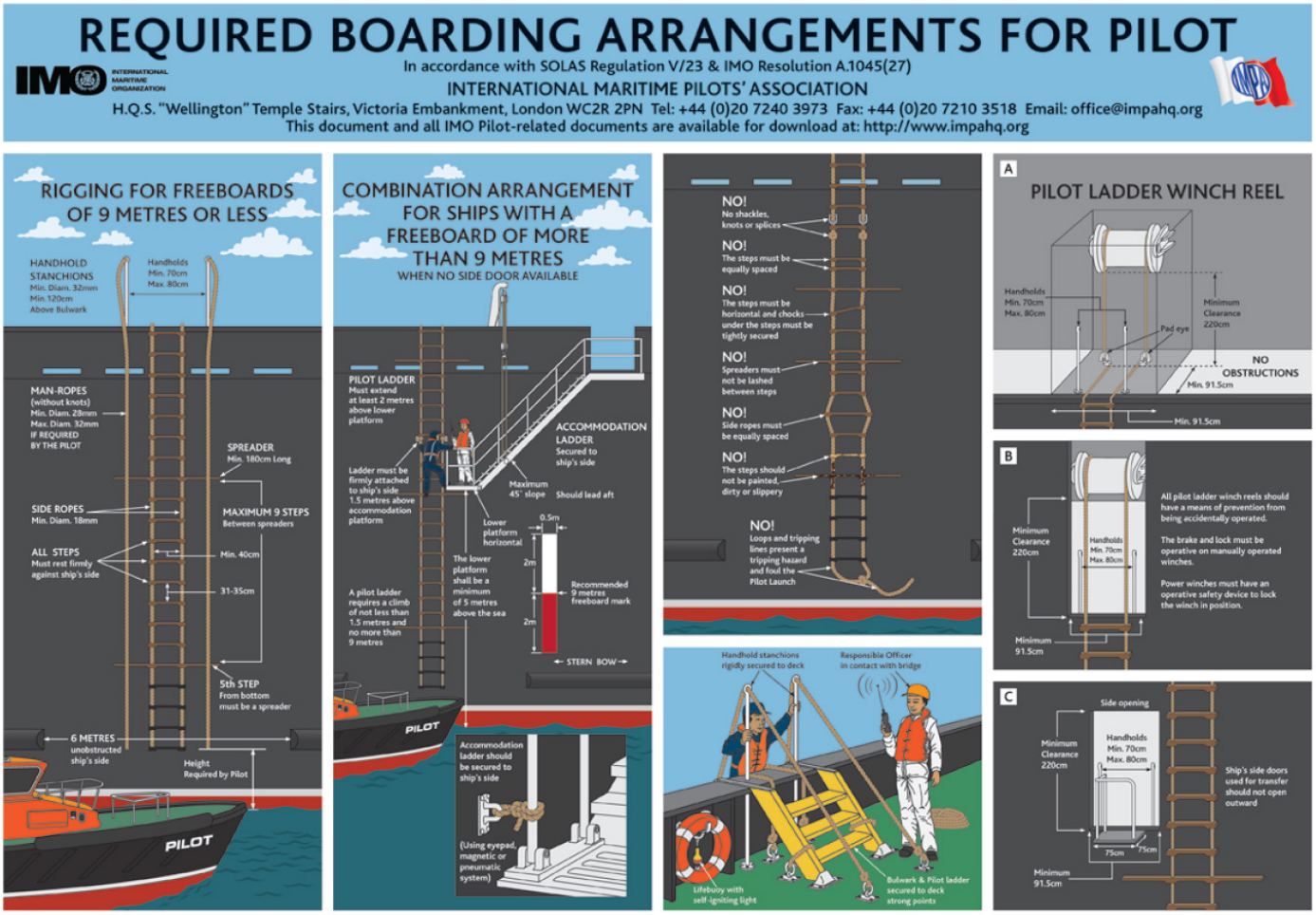
4.4 Further visual, explanatory notes are given in Annex I to this bulletin, as issued by the International Maritime Pilot's Association (IMPA).

4.5 Owners shall ensure that the vessel is provided with equipment, and has procedures in place, that complies with Resolution A.1045(27) and SOLAS V/ Reg. 23, that appropriate manuals for pilot transfer arrangements are available on board the ship, and that suitable positions are available on each side of the ship for compliant pilot transfer arrangements to be rigged.

4.6 The Master shall ensure that a responsible officer supervises the rigging, testing and use of the pilot transfer arrangements and shall ensure that the crew members engaged in rigging and use of the pilot arrangements have been properly instructed.

4.7 The Master shall also ensure that the pilot transfer equipment and arrangements are accessible, kept clean, properly maintained, properly stowed, and regularly inspected.

Annex I – Required Boarding Arrangements for Pilot



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