

NOTICE TO MARINERS No.04 of 2014

BOARDING AND LANDING OF PILOTS

Mariners are advised that following recent Pilot ladder incidents at other UK ports, an additional safety control measure is to be introduced with immediate effect.

Masters of all vessels taking a pilot will be required to participate in this additional control.

The master must ensure that the pilot ladder is properly constructed, recently inspected, in good condition and will be rigged as per SOLAS Regulation V/23 and IMO Resolution A.1045(27) "Required boarding arrangements for pilot".

The master will be asked to give verbal confirmation of this to Barrow Port Radio prior to arrival at the pilot station and before departure to sea from a berth.

In the event that this control measure is not complied with or the pilot detects that the ladder is not fit for purpose, the transfer will not take place and the vessel may be delayed as a result.

6th January 2014

Captain G Lockwood
Harbour Master

Owners, agents, charterers, fishermen and recreational sailing organisations should ensure that the contents of this notice are made known to the masters or persons in charge of their vessels or craft.