

# **SHETLAND ISLANDS COUNCIL**

## **Ports & Harbours Operations**

### **Pilot Transfer Arrangements**

#### **Notice to Mariners No 03/2018**

A number of non-conformities from have occurred recently with regard to vessels arriving at Sullom Voe using pilot ladder winch reels.

Mariners are advised that IMO Resolution A.1045(27) on the recommendation on Pilot Transfer Arrangements, must be complied with.

With regard to pilot ladder winch reels the following from section 7.4 and 7.5 of the above resolution are of particular note:

#### **7.4 Securing of the pilot ladder**

Where the pilot ladder is stowed on a pilot ladder winch reel which is located either within the ship's side opening or on the upper deck:

- 1 the pilot ladder winch reel should not be relied upon to support the pilot ladder when the pilot ladder is in use; .
- 2 the pilot ladder should be secured to a strong point, independent of the pilot ladder winch reel; and
- 3 the pilot ladder should be secured at deck level inside the ship side opening or, when located on the ship's upper deck, at a distance of not less than 915 mm measured horizontally from the ship's side inwards.

#### **7.5 Mechanical securing of pilot ladder winch reel**

7.5.1 All pilot ladder winch reels should have means of preventing the winch reel from being accidentally operated as a result of mechanical failure or human error.

7.5.2 Pilot ladder winch reels may be manually operated or, alternatively, powered by either electrical, hydraulic or pneumatic means.

7.5.3 Manually operated pilot ladder winch reels should be provided with a brake or other suitable arrangements to control the lowering of the pilot ladder and to lock the winch reel in position once the pilot ladder is lowered into position.

7.5.4 Electrical, hydraulic or pneumatically driven pilot ladder winch reels should be fitted with safety devices which are capable of cutting off the power supply to the winch reel and thus locking the winch reel in position.

7.5.5 Powered winch reels should have clearly marked control levers or handles which may be locked in a neutral position.

7.5.6 A mechanical device or locking pin should also be utilized to lock powered winch reels.

Sullom Voe VTS will be asking for conformation from the master of all vessels that IMO Resolution A.1045(27) has been complied with. Failure to comply with these pilot transfer arrangements will result in the vessel being precluded from entry into Sullom Voe.

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