

SHETLAND ISLANDS COUNCIL
Ports & Harbours Operations

Pilot Transfer Arrangements (Combination Arrangements)

Notice to Mariners No 04/2018

A number of non-conformities from have occurred recently with regard to vessels arriving and departing from Sullom Voe using pilot ladder and pilot ladder combination arrangements.

Recognising IMO, SOLAS and UK legislation vessels calling at Sullom Voe are required to comply with the following

A pilot ladder requires a climb of not less than 1.5m and not more that 9m

For vessels with a freeboard of more than 9m, when no side door is available, requires a combination arrangement as below

The length of the accommodation ladder should be sufficient to ensure that its angle of slope does not exceed 45°.

In ships with large draft ranges, several pilot ladder hanging positions may be provided, resulting in lesser angles of slope.

The accommodation ladder should be at least 600 mm in width.

The lower platform of the accommodation ladder should be in a horizontal position and secured to the ship's side when in use.

The lower platform should be a minimum of 5 m above sea level.

It is the responsibility of the vessel to ensure that these arrangements are fully complied with. Any subsequent delays or costs will be charged to the vessels account.

Failure to comply with these pilot transfer arrangements will result in the vessel being precluded from entry into Sullom Voe.

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