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## **Pilot Ladder Checklist**

Vessel Name:

Date of Pilot Transfer:

To the Master of the Vessel,

TasPorts require you and your crew to fully cooperate with our pilot launch crew to ensure the safe transfer of Pilots to and from your vessel.

You are responsible to ensure that the pilot ladder has been stored and maintained in good condition and that it is regularly inspected and certified by the manufacturer of the ladder that it complies with the requirements of SOLAS CH V- Regulation 23 - Pilot Transfer Arrangements Resolution A.1045 (27).

TasPorts supports all members of the pilot launch crew who decide not to transfer due to an unsafe ladder arrangement.

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Please note that any failure from you to provide a fully compliant pilot transfer arrangement will result in your vessel being rejected for pilot boarding, and additional charges may be levied to your vessel.

The Master of the Vessel is to ensure this Pilot Ladder Checklist has been completed and emailed to TasPorts VTS along with the Vessel Movement Advice (VMA) at least 72-hours prior to the planned pilot transfer taking place.

Item	Checks to be performed	Yes	No
1)	Have all pilot ladders been kept clean, properly maintained, stowed and inspected at least 72 hours prior to arrival at the port to ensure that they are safe to use?		
2)	Are "Certificates of Conformity" and "Inspection Certificates" for Pilot ladders maintained on-board the vessel??		
3)	Are manufacturer's plates clearly visible with matching certification for each ladder?		
4)	Are all pilot ladders only used for the embarkation and disembarkation of personnel?		
5)	Is there a copy of International Maritime Pilots Association "required boarding arrangements for pilots" poster displayed on board?		
6)	Will the supervision of the rigging of the pilot ladder and of the pilot transfer arrangements be conducted by a responsible officer who has means of communication with the navigation bridge?		



7)	Will the vessel provide a person to escort the pilot by a safe route to and from the navigation bridge?	
8)	Will the pilot ladder and any operating mechanical equipment be tested prior to use?	
9)	Are there at least two people (including one Officer) on the ship, near the pilot boarding area to assist pilot's embarkation / disembarkation?	
10)	Are the ropes, heaving lines, splices and thimbles in good condition?	
11)	Are the steps, spreaders and chocks in good condition and free of any coatings?	
12)	Is the pilot ladder properly secured to the deck of ship?	
13)	Is the deck area where the pilot disembarks clean and free of obstructions?	
14)	Are the heaving line(s) in good condition and suitable for their intended use?	
15)	Are man ropes of at least 28mm and no more than 32mm in diameter and securely rigged?	
16)	Is each pilot ladder less than 30 months old, or have they undergone the strength test as outlined in ISO 799-2019 with relevant certification?	
17)	Is the pilot ladder tied to a strongpoint on the ship, resting on the parallel body of the ship and are the steps horizontal?	
18)	Is there an additional back-up pilot ladder available on board the vessel? (this is not a current requirement but is considered best practice)	
19)	Is the vessel capable and well-rehearsed in retrieving a man overboard?	
20)	Is there a lifebuoy and self-igniting light available at the pilot boarding area?	
21)	Is the boarding area adequately lit for pilot transfers at night?	

Vessel Master's Name:

Date :

Vessel Master's Signature:



