



Administration de pilotage
des Laurentides

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Notice to pilot boat captains

Subject: Reminder about pilot transfer arrangements

All equipment and arrangements used for pilot transfer shall efficiently fulfill their purpose of enabling pilots to embark and disembark safely. If the equipment does not meet regulatory requirements, the captain of the pilot boat has the power and duty to refuse or delay transfer of the pilot.

Even if the pilot boat captain deems the equipment to be in compliance, a pilot may refuse to climb a ladder if he fears for his safety. This personal decision on the part of the pilot is legitimate and may not be contested.

In such a case, you or the pilot refusing to climb must immediately notify Marine Communications and Traffic Services (MCTS) by radiotelephone or through the Alert and Warning Network (AWN) at 1-800-363-4735.

We remind you that, under certain conditions, Transport Canada, Marine Safety and Security, has determined and recognized that it is safe to lower the accommodation ladder to allow the pilot to move directly onto or off the deck of the pilot boat if the ship has the required equipment and provided that the correct procedure is followed and certain conditions are met.

Please find attached a copy of the pilot ladder notice taken from the Annual Edition of Notices to Mariners, Part B, notices 24, 25 and 26, as well as an explanatory leaflet summarizing the regulations.

Thank you for your usual cooperation.

Sylvia Masson
Senior Director of Operations

Enclosed: Notices 24, 25 and 26 of the Annual Edition of Notices to Mariners
Explanatory leaflet summarizing the regulations