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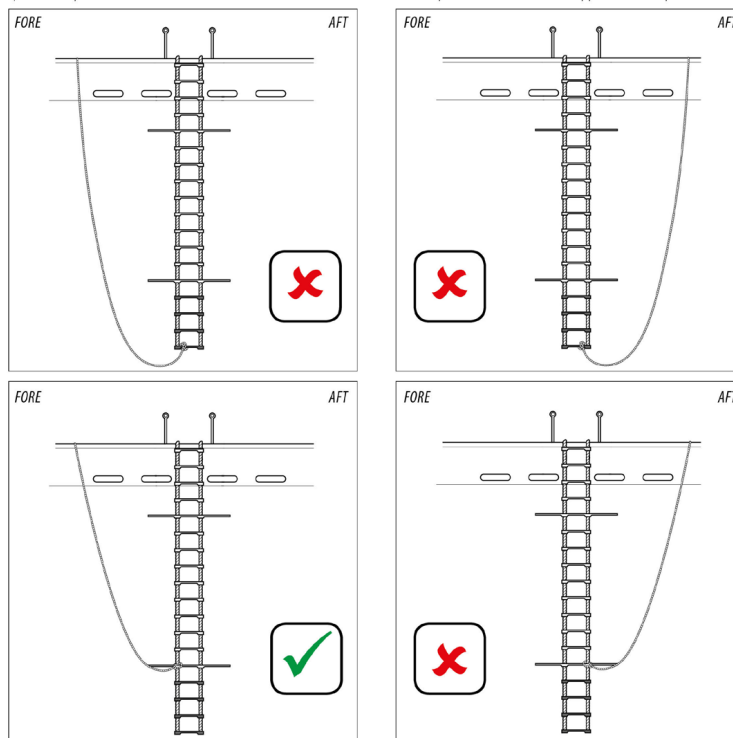
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SAFE RIGGING OF RETRIEVAL LINES

Retrieval lines (sometimes called tripping lines) are often used to lift the pilot ladder. These lines are potentially dangerous, they may foul the pilot vessel or be a hazard to the pilot's feet.

IMO Resolution A.1045(27) 2.1.5

When a retrieval line is considered necessary to ensure the safe rigging of a pilot ladder, the line should be fastened at or above the last spreader step and should lead forward. The retrieval line should not hinder the pilot or obstruct the safe approach of the pilot boat.



For further information on all aspects of Pilot Transfer Arrangements consult the Witherby Publishing Group book Pilot Ladder Manual.



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PILOT LADDER MANUAL

The Witherby Publishing Group, with the assistance of deep-sea pilot Kevin Vallance has issued a free guidance poster to assist ships with the correct rigging of retrieval lines.

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Flag State Regulation and Guidance Updates

- UK – a [marine guidance note](#) on safety rules and standards for seagoing domestic passenger ships and a [marine information note](#) about changes to MCA education and training requirements

for obtaining UK Certificates of Competency.

- **Norway** – a circular titled '[Release hook for rescue boat was non-compliant with LSA Code requirements](#)'.
- **USA** – a [safety advisory](#) about the expansion of Department of Transportation Drug Screening to include semi-synthetic opiates, and a safety alert entitled '[A Delayed Repair Can Bite You in the Derriere](#)'.
- **Panama** – three marine circulars have been updated: '[International Ship Security Certificate \(ISSC\) and Continuous Synopsis Record \(CSR\) through SEGUMAR Offices](#)', '[Authorized Private Maritime Security Companies \(PMSC\) transiting High Risk Areas \(online application\)](#)', and '[Instructions for Payments to CSR and ISSC](#)'.
- **Bahamas** – a [bulletin](#) providing guidance on electronic record keeping systems, and a safety alert called '[IMCA Safety Flash 01/18](#)'.
- **Hong Kong** – an MSIN entitled '[United Nations Security Council Sanctions against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea](#)'.

For full details of updates from flag States, log in to [Shipping Regulations & Guidance](#).

Recent Class Society Guidance

- **Bureau Veritas** – has released amendments for: '[Requirements for Survey of Materials and Equipment for the Classification of Ships and Offshore Units](#)'.
- **DNV GL** – has released the [January 2018 edition](#) of their rules for classification and offshore standards.

To view all recent Class Society Guidance, log in to [Shipping Regulations & Guidance](#).

Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **The American Club** – has released three new circulars ([1](#), [2](#), [3](#)).
- **GARD** – has issued a [circular](#) regarding the revised guidelines for the carriage of calcium hypochlorite in containers and an [alert](#) about the lifting of speed restrictions in the Gulf of St Lawrence, Canada.
- **SKULD** – has also released a [circular](#) on the carriage of calcium hypochlorite in containers.
- **Japan P&I Club** – has issued an [announcement](#) about the ice campaign at the Ukrainian ports.
- **North of England P&I Association** – has released an [update](#) on the Honduran oil spill response regulations.
- **The Standard Club** – has issued a [web alert](#) on USCG on ballast water management, along with [four other recent alerts](#).
- **UK P&I** – has published a [press release](#) on biofouling.

Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **UK** – the Maritime and Coastguard Agency has released [several updated forms](#) for applying for various certificates of competency, as well as an [updated list](#) of overseas-based approved doctors for UK seafarers.
 - **USCG** – has published a blog post entitled '[Coast Guard to start issuing COIs under Subchapter M TSMS option](#)' and has announced the release of the new [2018 Light List](#).
 - **EMSA** – has published the January edition of their [newsletter](#) which includes pieces on: a study into two hazardous substances for safer ship recycling; cyber attack risks in the maritime domain; and an update on EMSA's remotely piloted aircraft systems service.
 - **IMCA** – has released a [summary](#) of the safety flash incidents reported during 2017, 'highlighting some trends worthy of note and one or two matters of interest.'
 - **ITOPF** – has published a [report](#) analysing the oil tanker spills in 2017.
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Recent Accident Reports

- **Isle of Man** – recently published a [casualty investigation report](#) on the death of a deck rating from the commercial motor yacht *Meamina*. It was determined that the probable cause of death was drowning.
- **USA** – recently released a [marine accident brief](#) on the sinking of the motor vessel *Exito* in the Bering Sea. The probable cause was found to be progressive flooding from an undetermined location.

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Recent IMO Circulars

- **BWM.1/CIRC.49 - 15/01/18** - INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF SHIPS' BALLAST WATER AND SEDIMENTS, 2004 [View Circular](#).
- **AFS.1/CIRC.68 - 15/01/18** - INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE CONTROL OF HARMFUL ANTI-FOULING SYSTEMS ON SHIPS, 2001 [View Circular](#).
- **NWRC.1/Circ.37 - 15/01/18** - NAIROBI INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE REMOVAL OF WRECKS, 2007 [View Circular](#).
- **COLREG.1/Circ.159 - 15/01/18** - CONVENTION ON THE INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS FOR PREVENTING COLLISIONS AT SEA, 1972 [View Circular](#).
- **BWM.2/Circ.65 - 11/01/18** - INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF SHIPS' BALLAST WATER AND SEDIMENTS, 2004 [View Circular](#).
- **CLC.6/Circ.71 - 10/01/18** - PROTOCOL OF 1992 TO AMEND THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON CIVIL LIABILITY FOR OIL POLLUTION DAMAGE, 1969 [View Circular](#).
- **PSLS.6/Circ.77 - 09/01/18** - PROTOCOL OF 1988 RELATING TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA, 1974, AS AMENDED [View Circular](#).
- **MSC.4/Circ.256 - 05/01/18** - REPORTS ON ACTS OF PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS [View Circular](#).
- **MSC-MEPC.6/Circ.16 - 04/01/18** - NATIONAL CONTACT POINTS FOR SAFETY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION AND RESPONSE [View Circular](#).
- **MSC.4/Circ.255 - 04/01/18** - REPORTS ON ACTS OF PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS [View Circular](#).

For all recent IMO public circulars, log in to [Shipping Regulations & Guidance](#).

Regulations Recently Entered into Force

IMO and ILO regulations that have entered into force or been amended this year include:

- The EU MRV First Reporting Period (EU Regulation 2015/757) – effective 01/01/18
- SOLAS Chapter V, regulation 19 BNWAS – effective 01/01/18
- Amendments to the Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic, 1965 (FAL) – effective 01/01/18
- Amendments to the IMDG Code (MSC.406(96)) – effective 01/01/18
- Amendments to the ESP Code (MSC/405(96)) – effective 01/01/18
- The Ballast Water Management Convention 2004 – effective 08/09/17.

For a full and detailed list of recent IMO regulations, log in to [Shipping Regulations & Guidance](#).

A Guide to What's Happening at the IMO

- Sub-Committee on Ship Design and Construction (SDC) 5 – 22nd to 26th January 2018
- Sub-Committee on Pollution Prevention and Response (PPR) 5 – 5th to 9th February 2018
- Sub-Committee on Navigation, Communications and Search and Rescue (NCSR) 5 – 19th to 23rd February 2018
- Sub-Committee on Ship Systems and Equipment (SSE) 5 – 12th to 16th March 2018
- Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) 72 – 9th to 13th April 2018
- Legal Committee (LEG) 105 – 23rd to 27th April 2018
- Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) 99 – 16th to 25th May 2018.

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