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NOTICE TO MARINERS 033/2025

SOLAS V/23- Pilot Transfer Arrangements: Amendments and Guidance

Mariners are advised that the IMO has adopted amendments to SOLAS regulation V/23 concerning Pilot Transfer Arrangements (PTAs). These amendments strengthen existing safety requirements.

Vessels calling at the Port of Boston are reminded that Pilot Transfer Arrangements **must comply with SOLAS V/23 and associated IMO guidance at all times.**

Masters and operators should ensure their arrangements and procedures are compliant prior to arrival. Where pilot transfer arrangements are unsafe or non-compliant, boarding may be **declined** in accordance with SOLAS V/23.

IMPA “Required Boarding Arrangements for Pilot” poster (latest PDF):
International Maritime Pilots’ Association. impahq.org

UKMPA Interactive PTA Poster & summary of changes: United Kingdom Maritime Pilots’ Association. ukmpa.org

Standing Notice to Mariners 6 remains in force.

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