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MERCHANT SHIPPING

SAFETY

The Merchant Shipping (Pilot Ladders) Rules 1965

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The Board of Trade in exercise of their powers under Section 427 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1894(a) as substituted by Section 2 of the Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) Act 1949(b) and as having effect by virtue of the Transfer of Functions (Shipping and Construction of Ships) Order 1965(c) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf hereby make the following Rules:—

Interpretation and Repeal

1.—(1) These Rules shall come into operation on the 26th May 1965 and may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Pilot Ladders) Rules 1965.

(2) In these Rules, the expression “Board” means the Board of Trade.

(3) These Rules apply to—

(a) British ships, except ships registered in a Dominion within the meaning of the Statute of Westminster 1931 or in India, Pakistan, Ceylon, Ghana, Malaysia, the Republic of Cyprus, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, Kenya, Malawi, Malta, Zambia, The Gambia, the Republic of Ireland or in any territory administered by Her Majesty's Government in any such Dominion;

(b) other ships while they are within any port in the United Kingdom.

Provided that these Rules shall not apply to a ship by reason of her being within a port in the United Kingdom if she would not have been in any such port but for stress of weather or any other circumstance that neither the master nor the owner nor the charterer (if any) of the ship could have prevented or forestalled.

(4) The Interpretation Act 1889(d) shall apply to the interpretation of these Rules as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament and as if these Rules and the Rules hereby revoked were Acts of Parliament.

(5) The Merchant Shipping (Pilot Ladders) Rules 1952(e) are hereby revoked.

Classification of Ships

2.—(1) For the purposes of these Rules the ships to which these Rules apply shall be arranged in the following classes:—

(a) 57 & 58 Vict. c. 60.

(e) S.I. 1965/145 (1965 I, p. 438).

(e) S.I. 1952/1952 (1952 II, p. 1930).

(b) 12, 13 & 14 Geo. 6. c. 43.

(d) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

Passenger Steamers

Class I. Passenger steamers engaged on voyages (not being short international voyages) any of which are long international voyages.

Class II. Passenger steamers engaged on voyages (not being long international voyages) any of which are short international voyages.

Class II(A). Passenger steamers in respect of which there is or should be in force a certificate entitled "Passenger Certificate Class II(A)" being a certificate for ships engaged on voyages of any kind other than international voyages.

Class III. Passenger steamers in respect of which there is or should be in force a certificate entitled "Passenger Certificate Class III" being a certificate for ships engaged only on voyages in the course of which they are at no time more than 70 miles by sea from their point of departure and not more than 18 miles from the coast of the United Kingdom, and which are at sea only in fine weather and during restricted periods.

Class IV. Passenger steamers in respect of which there is or should be in force a certificate entitled "Passenger Certificate Class IV" being a certificate for ships engaged only on voyages in partially smooth waters, or in smooth and partially smooth waters.

Class V. Passenger steamers in respect of which there is or should be in force a certificate entitled "Passenger Certificate Class V" being a certificate for ships engaged only on voyages in smooth waters.

Class VI. Passenger steamers in respect of which there is or should be in force a certificate entitled "Passenger Certificate Class VI" being a certificate for ships engaged only on voyages with not more than 250 passengers on board, to sea, in smooth or in partially smooth waters, in all cases in fine weather and during restricted periods, in the course of which the ships are at no time more than 15 miles, exclusive of any smooth waters, from their point of departure nor more than 3 miles from land.

Class VI(A). Passenger steamers in respect of which there is or should be in force a certificate entitled "Passenger Certificate Class VI(A)" being a certificate for ships carrying not more than 50 passengers for a distance of not more than 6 miles on voyages to or from isolated communities on the islands or coast of Scotland, and which do not proceed for a distance of more than 3 miles from land.

Ships other than Passenger Steamers

Class VII. Steamers (other than ships of Classes I, VII(A), X, XI and XII) and other ships engaged on voyages any of which are long international voyages.

Class VII(A). Steamers engaged in the whaling industry or employed as fish processing or canning factory ships, and steamers engaged in the carriage of persons employed in the whaling, fish processing or canning industries.

Class VIII. Steamers (other than ships of Classes II, IX, X, XI and XII) and other ships engaged on voyages (not being long international voyages) any of which are short international voyages.

Class VIII(A). Steamers (other than ships of Classes II(A) to VI(A) inclusive, IX, IX(A), X, XI and XII) and other ships engaged only on voyages which are not international voyages.

Class IX. Tugs and tenders (other than ships of Classes II, II(A), III, VI and VI(A)) which proceed to sea but are not engaged on long international voyages.

Class IX(A). Steamers (other than ships of Classes IV to VI inclusive) and other ships which do not proceed to sea.

Class X. Fishing boats other than ships of Classes I to VI(A) inclusive.

Class XI. Sailing ships (other than fishing boats and ships of Class XII) which proceed to sea.

Class XII. Pleasure yachts (other than ships of Classes I to VI(A) inclusive) of 45 feet in length or over.

(2) For the purposes of this Rule the following expressions have the following meanings respectively—

“Long international voyage” means an international voyage which is not a short international voyage within the meaning of the Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) Act 1949;

“Partially smooth waters” means, as respects any period specified in the Schedule to these Rules, the waters of any of the areas specified in the third column of that Schedule in relation to that period;

“Restricted period” means a period falling wholly within the following limits:—

(a) from 1st April to 31st October, both dates inclusive; and

(b) between one hour before sunrise and one hour after sunset in the case of ships fitted with navigation lights conforming to the collision regulations, and between sunrise and sunset in the case of any other ships;

“Sea” does not include any partially smooth waters;

“Smooth waters” means any waters not being the sea or partially smooth waters, and in particular means waters of any of the areas specified in the second column of the Schedule to these Rules;

“Voyage” includes an excursion.

Provision of pilot ladders

3.—(1) Every ship of Classes I, II, II(A), VII, VII(A), VIII and VIII(A) shall be provided with a pilot ladder which shall comply with the requirements of Rule 4 of these Rules.

(2) Ships of Classes III to VI(A) inclusive and IX to XII inclusive, shall not be required to be provided with pilot ladders.

4.—(1) Each pilot ladder shall be efficient for the purpose of enabling a pilot to embark and disembark safely and such ladder shall be used only by officials and other persons while a ship is arriving at or leaving a port and for the embarkation and disembarkation of pilots.

(2) Every such pilot ladder shall be secured in a position clear of any possible discharges from the ship and so that each step rests firmly against the ship's side and so that the pilot can gain convenient access to the ship after climbing not less than five feet and not more than thirty feet.

(3) A single length of ladder shall be used capable of reaching the water from the point of access to the ship when the ship is in an unloaded condition and in normal trim with no list.

(4) Whenever the distance from the water to the point of access to the ship exceeds thirty feet, access from the pilot ladder to the ship shall be by means of an accommodation ladder or other equally safe and convenient means.

(5) The treads of the pilot ladder shall be of hard wood not less than nineteen inches long, four and a half inches wide and one inch in depth, spaced not less than twelve inches nor more than fifteen inches apart and secured in such a manner that they will remain horizontal.

(6) The side ropes of the pilot ladder shall consist of two manilla ropes two and a quarter inches in circumference on each side.

(7) Two man-ropes of not less than two and a half inches in circumference, properly secured to the ship, and a safety line shall be kept ready for use if required.

(8) Hard wood battens about six feet long shall be provided at such intervals as will prevent the pilot ladder from twisting.

(9) Means shall be provided to enable the pilot ladder to be used on either side of the ship and to enable the pilot to pass safely and conveniently from the head of the pilot ladder into the ship or on to the ship's deck.

(10) A light shall be provided at night so that the pilot ladder overside and also the position where the pilot boards the ship shall be adequately lit.

5. The rigging of pilot ladders and the embarkation and disembarkation of pilots thereby shall be supervised by a responsible officer of the ship.

Equivalents and Exemptions

6. Where these Rules require that a particular fitting, material, appliance or apparatus or type thereof, shall be fitted or carried in a ship, or that any particular provision shall be made, the Board may allow any other fitting, material, appliance or apparatus, or type thereof to be fitted or carried, or any other provision to be made in that ship if they are satisfied by trial thereof that such other fitting, material, appliance or apparatus, or type thereof, or provision, is at least as effective as that required by these Rules.

7. The Board may exempt any ship of Classes II(A) and VIII(A) from the requirements of these Rules.

Roy Mason,
Minister of State,
Board of Trade.

28th April 1965.

SCHEDULE

LIMITS OF SMOOTH WATER AND PARTIALLY SMOOTH WATER AREAS

DISTRICT	Smooth Water Areas	Partially Smooth Water Areas *†
Shetland Isles:—		
Blue Mull Sound	—	Between Gutcher and Belmont.
Yell Sound	—	Between Tofts Voe and Ulsa.
Lerwick	—	<p>In Winter in the area bounded by a line from Point of Scotland to Heogan to the northward, and from Holm of Mel to the lighthouse situated some 3 cables to the eastward of the Nabb to the southward.</p> <p>In summer in the area bounded by a line from Easter Rova Head to Score Head to the northward, and from the south end of Ness of Sound to Kirkabisterness to the southward.</p>
Orkney Isles:—		
Kirkwall	—	<p>Between Kirkwall and Rousay not east of a line between Point of the Grand (Egilsay) and Galt Ness (Shapinsay) or between Work Head (Mainland) through Helliar Holm light to the shore of Shapinsay; not north west of the south east tip of Eynhallow Island, or north of the southern tip of Holm of Scockness.</p>
Stromness	—	To Scapa but not outside Scapa Flow.
Scotland E. Coast		
Cromarty	In Cromarty Firth within a line between North Sutor and South Sutor.	Within a line from North Sutor to Nairn Breakwater.
Inverness	Within a line from Fort George to Chanonry Point to Fort William.	Within a line from North Sutor to Nairn Breakwater.
Aberdeen	Within a line from South Jetty to Abercromby Jetty.	No partially smooth waters.

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DISTRICT	Smooth Water Areas	Partially Smooth Water Areas *†
Dundee	Within a line from Fish Dock, Dundee to Craig Head, East Newport.	Within a line from Broughty Castle to Tayport.
Queensferry	Within the Firth of Forth but not east of the Forth railway bridge.	Within a line from Kirkcaldy to Portobello.
Leith	Within the Breakwaters.	Within a line from Kirkcaldy to Portobello.
England E. Coast		
Berwick-on-Tweed	Within a line from Spittal Point to the inner end of Breakwaters.	No partially smooth waters.
Amble	Within the Breakwaters.	No partially smooth waters.
Blyth	Within the Pier Heads.	No partially smooth waters.
Newcastle, North and South Shields	Within the Tyne Pier Heads.	No partially smooth waters.
Sunderland	Within the Sunderland Pier Heads.	No partially smooth waters.
Hartlepool, East	Within the Breakwaters.	No partially smooth waters.
Stockton, Middlesbrough	Not eastward of No. 8 Beacon.	No partially smooth waters.
Whitby.	Within Whitby Pier Heads.	No partially smooth waters.
Hull	—	In winter, within a line from New Holland to Paull. In summer, within a line from Cleethorpes Pier to Patrington Church.
Goole	Within a line from North Ferriby to South Ferriby.	In winter within a line from New Holland to Paull. In summer, within a line from Cleethorpes to Patrington Church.
Grimsby	—	In winter, no partially smooth waters.

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DISTRICT	Smooth Water Areas	Partially Smooth Water Areas *†
Grimsby—<i>continued</i>		In summer, within a line from Cleethorpes Pier to Patrington Church.
Boston	Inside the New Cut.	No partially smooth waters.
Wisbech	Inside Wisbech Cut.	No partially smooth waters.
King's Lynn	Inside Lynn Cut.	No partially smooth waters.
Yarmouth, and Lowestoft.	On all inland navigation within the Harbour Entrances at Yarmouth or Lowestoft.	No partially smooth waters.
Woodbridge	On the River Deben to the Mouth.	No partially smooth waters.
Harwich, Ipswich or Felixstowe Railway Pier	On the River Orwell or on the River Stour, and within a line from Dovercourt Breakwater to Landguard Point.	No partially smooth waters.
Maldon	On the River Blackwater within a line from West Mersea Point to Sales Point.	In summer, within a line from Clacton Pier to Reculvers, In winter, within a line from Colne Point to Whitstable.
Burnham-on-Crouch	On the River Crouch within a line from Holywell Point to Foulness Point.	In summer, within a line from Clacton Pier to Reculvers. In winter, within a line from Colne Point to Whitstable.
London	River Thames, Westward of a N/S line through P.H.A. Isolation Hospital, Gravesend.	In summer within a line from Clacton Pier to Reculvers. In winter within a line from Colne Point to Whitstable.
Rochester	Sheerness and Whitstable inside Sheppey.	In summer within a line from Clacton Pier to Reculvers. In winter, within a line from Colne Point to Whitstable.
England S. Coast		
Dover	Within a line drawn across the East and West entrances to the Harbour.	No partially smooth waters.

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DISTRICT	Smooth Water Areas	Partially Smooth Water Areas *†
Rye	On the River Rother above Coastguard Cottages.	No partially smooth waters.
Littlehampton	On the River Arun above Littlehampton Pier.	No partially smooth waters.
Chichester	Within a line drawn between Eastoke Point and West Wittering (Tower).	No partially smooth waters.
Langston Harbour	Within a line drawn between Eastney Point and Gunner Point.	Inside the Isle of Wight within an area bounded by lines drawn between Gunner Point and Trinity Church, Bembridge, to the eastward, and the Needles and Hurst Point to the westward.
Portsmouth	Within Portsmouth Harbour.	Inside the Isle of Wight within an area bounded by lines drawn between Gunner Point and Trinity Church, Bembridge, to the eastward, and the Needles and Hurst Point to the westward.
Bembridge, I. of Wight	Within Brading Harbour.	Inside the Isle of Wight within an area bounded by lines drawn between Gunner Point and Trinity Church, Bembridge to the eastward, and the Needles and Hurst Point to the westward.
Cowes, I. of Wight	The River Medina within a line joining East and West Cowes.	Inside the Isle of Wight within an area bounded by lines drawn between Gunner Point and Trinity Church, Bembridge to the eastward, and the Needles and Hurst Point to the westward.
Southampton	Within a line from Calshot Castle to Hook Beacon.	Inside the Isle of Wight within an area bounded by lines drawn between Gunner Point and Trinity Church, Bembridge to the eastward, and the Needles and Hurst Point to the westward.
Beaulieu	Within Beaulieu River not eastward of a N/S line through Needs Oar Point.	Inside the Isle of Wight within an area bounded by lines drawn between Gunner Point and Trinity Church, Bembridge to the eastward and the Needles and Hurst Point to the westward.

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DISTRICT	Smooth Water Areas	Partially Smooth Water Areas *†
Christchurch	Within Christchurch Harbour excluding the Run.	No partially smooth waters.
Poole	Inside the Harbour not seaward of the line of the Chain Ferry between Sandbanks and S. Haven Point.	No partially smooth waters.
Weymouth	—	Within Portland Harbour and between River Wey and Portland Harbour.
Exeter	Within a line from Warren Point to the Coastguard Flag Staff at Exmouth.	No partially smooth waters.
Teignmouth	Within the Harbour.	No partially smooth waters.
Dartmouth	River Dart within a line from Kettle Point to Battery Point.	No partially smooth waters.
Salcombe and Kingsbridge	River Salcombe not seaward of a line Splat Point to Lambury Point.	No partially smooth waters.
Plymouth	Within a line from Mount Batten Pier to Raveness Point through Drake's Island. The River Yealm within a line from Warren Point to Misery Point.	Within a line from Cawsand to the Breakwater to Staddon Pier.
Fowey	Inside the Harbour.	No partially smooth waters.
Falmouth	Within a line from St. Anthony Head to Pendennis Point.	In winter within a line from St. Anthony Head to Rosemullion Point. In summer within a line from St. Anthony Head to Nare Point.
England and Wales West Coast		
Padstow	Padstow Harbour within a line from Gun Point to Brae Hill.	Within a line from Stepper Point to Trebetherick Point.
Barnstaple	Within the Bar.	No partially smooth waters.
Bridgwater	Inside Stert Point.	Within the Bar.

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DISTRICT	Smooth Water Areas	Partially Smooth Water Areas *†
Bristol	Within a line from Avonmouth Pier to Wharf Point.	In winter, within a line from Blacknore Point to Caldicot Pill, Portskewett. In summer within a line from Barry Dock Pier to Steepholm thence to Brean Down.
Gloucester	River Severn or Avon to Sharpness Point via Gloucester Canal.	In winter within a line from Blacknore Point to Caldicot Pill, Portskewett. In summer within a line from Barry Dock Pier to Steepholm thence to Brean Down.
Chepstow	River Wye, above Chepstow.	In winter within a line from Blacknore Point to Caldicot Pill, Portskewett. In summer within a line from Barry Dock Pier to Steepholm thence to Brean Down.
Cardiff	Within a line from Low Water Pier Head to Penarth Head.	In winter no partially smooth waters. In summer within a line from Barry Dock Pier to Steepholm thence to Brean Down.
Barry Dock	Inside the Docks	In winter no partially smooth waters. In summer within a line from Barry Dock Pier to Steepholm thence to Brean Down.
Neath	In the River Neath.	No partially smooth waters.
Swansea	Inside the Dock.	No partially smooth waters.
Llanelli and Burry Port	Within an area bounded by a line drawn from Burry Port Western Pier to Whiteford Point on the west and Loughor Railway Bridge on the east:	No partially smooth waters.
Milford	Within a line from South Hook Point to Thorn Point.	No partially smooth waters.
Fishguard	In the Harbour within a line joining the North and East Breakwater Heads.	No partially smooth waters.

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Cardigan	Inside the Bar.	No partially smooth waters.
Aberdovey	Within a line from Aberdovey Station to Trwyn Bach.	No partially smooth waters.
Barmouth	Within a line from Barmouth to Penrhyn Point.	No partially smooth waters.
Portmadoc	Within a line from Harlech Point to Graig Ddu.	No partially smooth waters.
Holyhead	Within an area bounded by the main breakwater and a line drawn from the head of the breakwater to Brynglas Point, Towyn Bay.	No partially smooth waters.
Caernarvon, Bangor	Within the Menai Straits between Aber Menai Point and Beaumaris.	Within the Menai Straits from Caernarvon Bar to Puffin Island.
Conway	Within a line from Mussel Hill to Tremlyd Point.	No partially smooth waters.
Chester	River Dee not below Conah's Quay.	In winter within a line from Hilbre Point to Point of Air. In summer within a line from Formby Point to Point of Air.
Liverpool	Above the Rock Light House.	In winter no partially smooth waters. In summer within a line from Formby Point to Point of Air.
Preston	Within a line from Lytham to Southport.	Within a line from Southport to Blackpool inside the banks.
Fleetwood	Within a line from Low Light to Knott End pier.	In winter no partially smooth waters. In summer within a line from Rossal Point to Humphrey Head.
Lancaster	Within a line from Sunderland Point to Chapel Hill.	In winter no partially smooth waters. In summer within a line from Rossal Point to Humphrey Head.
Heysham	—	In winter no partially smooth waters. In summer within a line from Rossal point to Humphrey Head.

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Morecambe	—	In winter no partially smooth waters. In summer within a line from Rossall Point to Humphrey Head.
Barrow	Between Walney Island and the mainland.	No partially smooth waters.
Douglas, Isle of Man	From Battery Pier to Victoria Pier.	No partially smooth waters.
Carlisle	Above Port Carlisle.	Within a line from Southernness Point to Silloth.
Scotland West Coast		
Dumfries	Within a line from Airds Point to Scar Point.	Within a line from Southernness Point to Silloth.
Stranraer	Within a line from Cairn Ryan to Kirkcolm Point.	Loch Ryan within a line from Finnart's Point to Milleur Point.
Ayr	Inside the Bar.	No partially smooth waters.
Glasgow	Above partially smooth waters.	<p data-bbox="637 827 978 920"><i>Outer limit:</i> a line from Skipness to a position one mile south of Garroch Head thence to Farland Head.</p> <p data-bbox="637 938 978 1009"><i>Inner limit in winter:</i> a line from Cloch Lighthouse to Dunoon Pier.</p> <p data-bbox="637 1026 978 1178"><i>Inner limit in summer:</i> a line from Bogany Point, Isle of Bute to Skelmorlie Castle, and a line drawn from Ardlamont Point to the southern extremity of Etrick Bay, inside the Kyles of Bute.</p> <p data-bbox="637 1195 978 1439">Note: The above inner summer limit is extended between 5th June and 5th September (both dates inclusive) by a line drawn from a point two miles off the Ayrshire Coast at Skelmorlie Castle to Torront End, Cumbrae, and a line drawn from Portachur Point, Cumbrae to Green Point, Ayrshire.</p>

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Colintraive	Between Colintraive and Rhudhabodach.	No partially smooth waters.
Campbeltown	Inside the harbour within a line from Macringan's Point to Ottercharach Point.	No partially smooth waters.
Oban	—	Within an area bounded on the north by a line from Dunollie Point Light to Ard na Chruidh and to the south by a line from Rudha Seanach to Ard na Cuile.
Ballachulish	Within Loch Leven and not outside Peter Straits.	No partially smooth waters.
Fort William	In Loch Linnhe north of Corran Point Light, and including Loch Eil and the Canal to Inverness.	No partially smooth waters.
Kyle of Lochalsh	Within Kyle Akin not westward of Eilean Ban Light or eastward of Eileanan Dubha.	Through Loch Alsh to the Head of Loch Duicn.
Strome	Between Stromemore and Strome Ferry.	No partially smooth waters.
Ullapool	In Loch Broom within a line drawn between Ullapool Point light and Aultnaharrie.	No partially smooth waters.
Kylesku	Across Loch Cairnbawn in the area between the easternmost point of Garbh Eilean and the westernmost point of Eilean na Rainich.	No partially smooth waters.
Northern Ireland		
Carlingford Lough	Within a line from Greenore to Greencastle Point.	No partially smooth waters.
Strangford Lough	Within Strangford Lough but not seaward of Rue Point.	No partially smooth waters.
Larne	Within a line from Larne pier to the ferry pier on Island Magee.	No partially smooth waters.

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Belfast	Within a line from Holywood to Macedon Point.	In winter, no partially smooth waters. In summer within a line from Carrickfergus to Bangor.
Lough Erne	Upper or Lower Lough Erne	No partially smooth waters.
Lough Neagh	Within two miles of the shore.	At a greater distance than two miles from the shore.
Londonderry	Within a line from Magilligan Point to Greencastle.	No partially smooth waters.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Rules)

These Rules supersede the Merchant Shipping (Pilot Ladders) Rules 1952. They require the provision of a pilot ladder in ships of certain classes and include such requirements as appear to the Board of Trade to implement the provisions of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea 1960 relating to pilot ladders.