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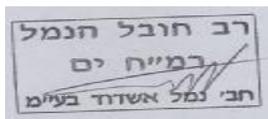
To: All ship's agents ship's owners and representatives in the Port of Ashdod

Sub: Pilot ladders/ship's propellers requirements

All agents of vessels bound to Ashdod Port bear the duty and the responsibility to inform ship masters and owners prior arrival to the port as follow:

1. All pilot ladders should comply with all requirements as per solas rules.
 - a. It should consist of manila ropes wooden and rubber steps as described in solas.
 - b. It should be attached to the ship's side all alone.
 - c. A long wooden spreader should be fitted at every fifth step to prevent swivels.
 - d. It should be clean of oil and dirt.
 - e. Its height above the water and life lines will be as per pilot request.
 - f. While embark/disembarking the vessel, the pilot will be escorted by ship's officer equipped with a walky-talky.
 - g. Life ring and rope will be posted near the ladder.
 - h. If a combination ladder will be used, it should comply with solas rules.
2.
 - a. Whenever ship's freeboard exceeds 9m, a combination ladder will be used at the middle part of the vessel, making sure the gang way leads to the aft.
 - b. If combination ladder can't be provided, the vessel will be sent to anchorage in order to fill up ballast water until a freeboard of less then 9m will be accomplished.
 - c. Whenever a combination ladder is not available and vessel can't be ballasted properly (due to holes in ballast tanks), ship's owners will be required to obtain a special gangway at next port (attached please find a drawing with the relevant international requirements for the subject matter).
3. It is required that ship's propeller will be submerged in the water with a normal trim, as prescribed in the relevant international regulations, in order not to endanger the manouvring itself.
4. Ship's propeller must be stopped for a short while upon pilot climbing the ladder, its operation will be resumed upon pilot safe embarkation on board or as he disembarked safely to the pilot boat.
5. Any ship that will not comply the A/M instructions will be denied of pilotage services and will be bent to anchorage until all regulations will be complied with.

Respectfully yours,
Capt. Morris Mor
Harbour Master



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