

**THIS NOTICE IS FOR THE INFORMATION OF SHIP'S
MASTERS AND OTHER CONCERNED PARTIES
SOUTHERN PORTS - ESPERANCE
LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS 03/2019.
REQUIRED BOARDING ARRANGEMENTS FOR PILOTS**

Local Notice to Mariners 02/2019 is cancelled.

Masters are reminded of the responsibility to ensure their vessel is operated safely at all times and in particular, to the need to provide a safe means of boarding by the pilot.

Vessels arriving to Esperance which are found to be deficient with respect to the required boarding arrangements for pilots may have their movement cancelled and be required to anchor until such deficiencies have been remedied and can be scrutinized by a pilot during hours of daylight.

The pilot boarding arrangement shall be in compliance with the latest diagram published by IMO which is in accordance with SOLAS V/23 & IMO Resolution A.1045 (27).

When the red 9m freeboard mark is visible, a combination ladder must be rigged.

- The pilot ladder must extend at least 2 metres above the platform.

The ladder must be firmly attached to the ship's side 1.5 metres above the accommodation platform.

- When manropes are required with a combination ladder, they shall be attached 1.5 metres above the accommodation ladder platform.
- Manropes must be 3 metres above the water (1 metre above the lowest step of the pilot ladder).
- The accommodation ladder must be secured to the ship's side.
- The accommodation ladder may only have a maximum slope of 45 degrees and should lead aft.
- The lower platform must be horizontal and must have a non-slip surface.
- The lower platform shall be a minimum of 5 metres above the sea.
- The responsible officer must be located on the lower platform with a hand-held VHF.

See next page for illustration.

Magnetic Attachment Plates:

- Where a combination ladder is required and there are no lugs for securing the ladder against the ship's side, securing magnetic plates with lugs must be used.
- The port of Esperance has lugs which may be used by the vessel to correctly rig the ladder.
- This equipment is provide free of charge and must be requested through the vessel's agent well in advance so that delays may be avoided.

Harbour Master

Southern Ports - Esperance

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RIGGING FOR FREEBOARDS OF 9 METRES OR LESS

HANDHOLD STANCHIONS
Min. Diam. 32mm
Min. 120cm
Above Bulwark

Handholds
Min. 70cm
Max. 80cm

MAN-ROPES
(without knots)
Min. Diam. 28mm
Max. Diam. 32mm
IF REQUIRED
BY THE PILOT

SPREADER
Min. 180cm Long

SIDE ROPES
Min. Diam. 18mm

MAXIMUM 9 STEPS
Between spreaders

ALL STEPS
Must rest firmly
against ship's side

Min. 40cm

31-35cm

Manropes
3m above
water level

5th STEP
From bottom
must be a spreader

6 METRES
unobstructed
ship's side

Pilot Ladder
2m above
water level

Height
Required by Pilot

