

SHANNON FOYNES PORT COMPANY

NOTICE TO MARINERS

NOTICE NO. 2 OF 2019

SHANNON ESTUARY

PILOT TRANSFER ARRANGEMENTS AND SAFE MEANS OF ACCESS

Masters, Owners, Operators and Agents of all Vessels calling to the Shannon Estuary are hereby notified of the requirement to provide a safe working environment for Pilots while they are on board, including during embarkation and disembarkation.

There have been a number of incidents locally and Nationally where it is evident that Pilot boarding arrangements are unsatisfactory.

The Master of any vessel subject to compulsory pilotage or which requests the service of a Pilot must ensure that their vessel complies with a safe means of access for Pilots boarding or landing and that the pilot transfer arrangements are rigged and manned in accordance with SOLAS Chapter V, Regulation 23 and IMO Resolution A.1045 (27).

Pilots may refuse to board a vessel where the pilot transfer arrangements do not conform to the above standards. In such circumstances, the vessel will not be provided with a Pilot until they are in a position to provide safe and satisfactory boarding arrangements. SFPC will bring any deficiencies and incidents to the immediate attention of Port State Control.

Further guidance information is available from the IMO and International Marine Pilots Association;

Further information is available via Marine Operations (069 – 73103) or the Duty Harbour Master (087 – 2542266).

Signed

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