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Improved safety of pilot transfer arrangements: Results of Safety Campaign/Survey

Submitted by IMPA

SUMMARY

Executive summary: This document covers the attached Campaign/Survey results, collected by IMPA

Strategic direction, if applicable: 1

Output: Not applicable

Action to be taken: Paragraph 7

Related documents: SOLAS regulation V/23; resolution A.1045(27), as amended by resolution A.1108(29); MSC.1/Circ.1375/Rev.1 and MSC.1/Circ.1428

1 This document covers a summary report (attached via the link provided in paragraph 6) on a safety campaign carried out by the Association during October 2020.

2 The Organization has previously requested IMPA to ask its member organizations to provide the above information to port State control officials in the ports where they provide pilotage services. Reports have been provided previously in 2019, 2018, 2017, 2015, 2010, 2007 and 2002.

3 IMPA considers that the level of defects remains too high.

4 IMPA was optimistic that the inclusion of pilot ladders in Cargo Ship Safety Equipment Certificate inspection regime as specified in the Survey Guidelines under the Harmonized System of Survey and Certification (HSSC) (resolution A.1140(31)) would have had an effect on the standards found in future campaigns/surveys. This has not happened to any significant degree. IMPA is considering submitting to the Organization a revision to the "Required Boarding Arrangements for Pilots" poster previously approved by MSC 88 in 2010 and circulated under MSC.1/Circ.1428, dated 28 May 2012.

5 IMPA is also perturbed about the number of ships that are built or are modified in such a way that they cannot comply with the relevant pilot transfer arrangement mandated under

the relevant SOLAS regulations. Rubbing strakes and ballast tanks that prevent ladders from resting firmly throughout its length on the ships' sides are being approved by classification societies and other recognized organizations designated by IMO Member Governments.

6 The IMPA Safety Survey may be viewed in colour via the link:
<https://www.impahq.org/admin/resources/impa-safety-campaign-results-2020high.pdf>

Action requested of the Sub-Committee

7 The Sub-Committee is invited to note the Campaign/Survey results.
