

LOCAL MARINE NOTICE



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PILOT LADDERS

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To all Masters / Captains

Recently in Fremantle a pilot fell approximately 8m and suffered serious injury.

Apparently (the investigation is not yet complete) the pilot climbed onto the ladder to descend to the pilot boat. As his weight came on the man ropes they both broke and he fell the 8m. It goes without saying that the pilot did not notice anything untoward when he commenced his descent. What is possible is that the man ropes suffered degradation whilst kept on the deck from a chemical wash. This has happened before.

From 1 September 2022 KPA pilots will be reporting any pilot ladder that is not correctly rigged to the Australian Maritime Safety Authority.

Kimberley Ports Authority will also notify AMSA and the Master of the pilots concerns and possible action may result.



David Duncan
REGIONAL HARBOUR MASTER

Marine and other port users are requested to notify the Kimberley Ports Authority on the discovery of new dangers or suspected dangers to navigation.

Kimberley Ports Authority

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