



LOCAL NOTICES TO MARINERS 2/13

Valid from: 15/1/13

Expires on: Until withdrawn

EMBARKING AND DISEMBARKING FROM VESSELS USING VERTICAL QUAYSIDE LADDERS

- 1 Hayle Harbour Authority is committed to complying with the Port Marine Safety Code (PMSC). Accordingly, it will strive to manage all risks associated with marine operations to As Low As Reasonably Practicable (ALARP).
- 2 Quayside ladders have been risk assessed and are inspected monthly by the Harbour Authority for defects; however this is not to be taken as a guarantee of serviceability.
- 3 Prior to use Masters of Vessels must satisfy themselves that the ladder is in good condition and fit for purpose.
The ladder :-
 - Must be securely fixed to and extend 1 metre above the quay wall
 - Must be free of weed, grease or oil
 - Must not have any ropes or electric cables crossing it
 - Must have no obstructions at the quayside access point.
 - Must have suitable lighting
- 4 Only one person is to be on the ladder at any time.
- 5 The ladder must be held with both hands when climbing or descending.
- 6 Stores or equipment are not to be carried up and down ladders but lowered by rope or with the vessels lifting equipment.
- 7 Masters of vessels should advise crew that quayside ladders are not suitable for use by those who may be intoxicated or under the influence of drugs or the infirm.

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8 Vertical ladders are not suitable for passenger use. Where possible Vessels embarking or disembarking passengers are to use the North Quay steps. Masters are to ensure their vessel is moored correctly and crew are stationed on the vessel and on the steps to assist passengers aboard / ashore

9 Any defects, incidents or accidents are to be reported to the Harbour Master immediately

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