

## Pilots on Board

- Master should keep a situation awareness of all activities of the Pilot. Pilot is always most knowledgeable about local waters. However, it is the responsibility of the Master and Officer of the watch to verify position through proper use of charts, radars and other position fixing devices and follow local rules relating to speed, routing and drafting.
- Master should establish proper communication with pilot concerning voyage planning when a Pilot is on board. Voyage plan should include all important activities starting from the embarkation until the disembarkation of pilot.
- Master should communicate manoeuvring capabilities and characteristics during the voyage planning stage and discuss these matters with Pilot, as necessary.
- Master should communicate with pilot on any relevant matters regarding vessel's voyage and draft.
- Master should mark wheel over points in narrow and shallow waters, either on the chart or at the radar screen in order to know when points of no return is reached.
- Master should ensure that Pilot's orders are properly followed and should also monitor Pilot's activities.
- Vessel should be equipped with the necessary updated charts for the intended voyage in addition to information provided by the Pilot.
- Vessel should have clear procedures and instructions to Master's on what and how to deal with a Pilot on board. These should be included as part of the ships safety management system.