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## Shipboard preparedness for emergency steering in Port Hedland

Notice to ship owners, managers, Masters, Approved Nautical Inspectors, Recognised Organisations and surveyors

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### 1. Purpose

- 1.1. This Notice provides awareness of shipboard preparedness for emergency steering requirements to comply with the Pilbara Ports Authority Notice 05/22 for ships calling to Port Hedland.

### 2. Application

- 2.1. This Notice applies to all vessels calling to Port Hedland.

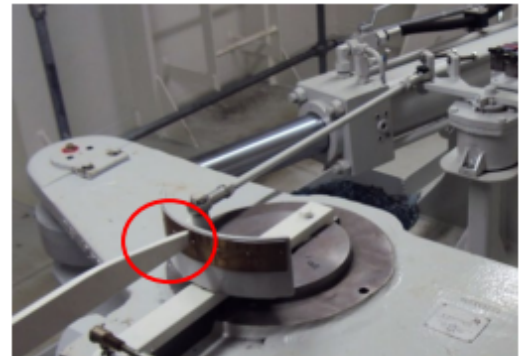
### 3. Introduction

- 3.1. Based on recent events at the Port of Port Hedland, effective 17 June 2022, all vessels calling at Port Hedland are required to have a suitably qualified and competent person on standby in the vessel's steering gear room when the vessel is navigating in port waters.

### 4. Port Requirement

- 4.1. For inbound vessels: The standby person must be present in the steering gear room from the time the vessel enters the Port Hedland shipping channel, until the vessel is alongside the berth.
- 4.2. For outbound vessels: The standby person must be present in the steering gear room from the time all mooring lines are released, until the vessel has passed beacons 15/16 in the shipping channel.
- 4.2.1. The standby person in the steering gear room should be:
- i. Trained in carrying out emergency steering and should be provided with a direct means of communication to the vessel's bridge.
  - ii. Able to identify and communicate the actual position of the rudder to the bridge (rudder angle) when requested.

- iii. Able to change over to local emergency steering mode and steer the vessel as per directions from the vessel's bridge.
  - iv. Only dismissed from steering gear room in consultation with the pilot.
- 4.3. The vessel's Master must ensure that the standby person in the steering gear room does not operate any machinery unless instructed by the bridge.



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**5. Sources and references**

- 5.1. [https://www.pilbaraports.com.au/PilbaraPortsAuthority/media/Documents/Port%20of%20Port%20Hedland/Safety%20and%20Security/Local%20marine%20notices/2022/PH-05-22-\(P\)-Preparedness-for-Emergency-Steering-in-Port-Waters.pdf](https://www.pilbaraports.com.au/PilbaraPortsAuthority/media/Documents/Port%20of%20Port%20Hedland/Safety%20and%20Security/Local%20marine%20notices/2022/PH-05-22-(P)-Preparedness-for-Emergency-Steering-in-Port-Waters.pdf)

**Revision History**

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1.0	First Issue
1.1	Editorial amendments