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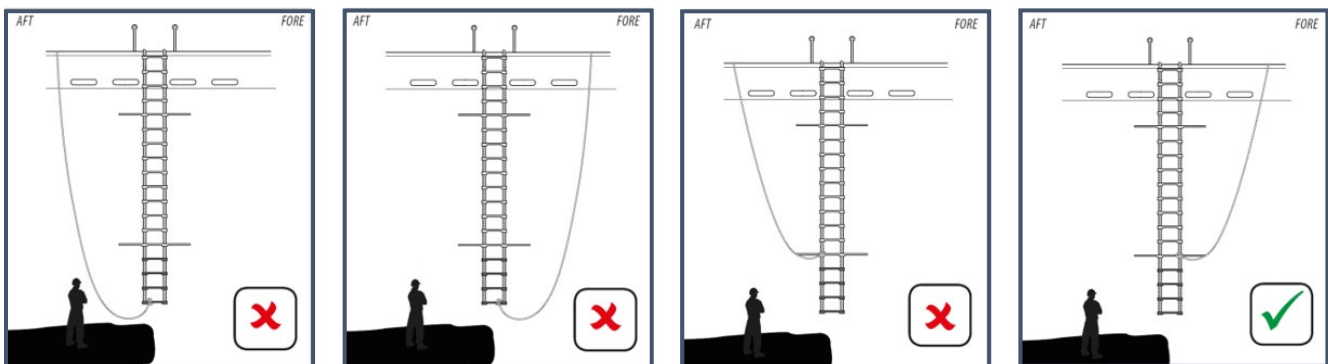
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The Washington State Board of Pilotage Commissioners requires compliance that is consistent with USCG and IMO requirements delineated in SOLAS V Reg 23 & IMO Resolution A.1045(27) for pilot transfer arrangements. Vessel Deck Officers and Crew should be trained in these regulations to enable Pilots to safely embark and disembark.

Improperly rigged ladder retrieval lines are frequently encountered dangerous situations for pilots. When retrieval lines are rigged below the lower spreader and/or leading aft it can lead to the situation illustrated below. (Video available at <https://www.ptrholland.com/maritime-training-serious-injury-to-pilot/>)



Retrieval lines must be rigged at or above the lower spreader and must lead forward so that the line does not risk becoming entangled with the pilot boat as it approaches from aft.



Noncompliant pilot ladders have caused serious injury and death. Be aware that pilots may refuse to board vessels with noncompliant ladders and that this may result in delays.