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Dear Colleagues,

IMPA SAFETY CAMPAIGN/SURVEY 2023

1. **When:** The annual IMPA Safety Campaign/Survey will take place, 1 – 15 October 2023.
2. **What:** Report compliant and non-compliant boarding arrangements experienced during the survey period. All reports are treated anonymously and are used only for the purpose of improving maritime safety.

We encourage every maritime pilot to report on their experiences during at least one period of duty during the survey period.

3. **How:** The IMPA Survey App can be downloaded from [Google Play](#) or the [Apple App Store](#). Alternatively, the survey is available via <https://survey.impahq.org>. There is no need to register to participate in the survey.

All participants require is a valid email address and the universal password: ladder.

If there is no internet available, a printable form can be used to note details until the data can be input online, when ashore. Visit the IMPA website www.impahq.org to access the survey page and download the printable form.

4. **Why:** The lived experience of maritime pilots on duty is a vital source of data used by IMPA to promote a reinvigoration of the safety culture around pilot transfer arrangements. Our most recent success is using the data to enable agreement that IMO will amend SOLAS regulation V/23 and its associated recommendations and to shape the approach to this work.
5. As in previous years, reporting on helicopter boarding arrangements is possible. However, we will not include these results in our IMO submission, as SOLAS requirements do not cover pilot transfers by helicopter.
6. Kindly note that only entries for transfers made during the survey period 1 - 15 October 2023 inclusive will be accepted, although the site will remain live to allow time for those who have not been able to input their reports immediately.

Action: Members are invited to forward these instructions to their members in time for the start of the campaign and urge them to support it by reporting compliant and non-compliant boarding arrangements experienced during the survey period.

We thank you in advance for contributing to this vital task for the benefit of Maritime Pilots worldwide.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in grey ink, appearing to read 'M. Williams'.

Matthew Williams
Secretary General