New Orleans and Baton Rouge Steamship Pilots for the Mississippi River

<u>STANDARDS OF CARE - PILOT LADDER/GANGWAY -</u> PILOT VESSEL ACCESS/DEPARTURE ACCOMMODATIONS

The Board of Examiners for New Orleans-Baton Rouge Steamship Pilots for the Mississippi River ("BOE"), is the sole competent pilotage authority statutorily created for the purpose of regulating, supervising and overseeing the New Orleans - Baton Rouge Steamship Pilots Association ("NOBRA" and/or "NOBRA Pilots") as authorized by La. R.S. 34:1041, *et seq.* and Title 46 - Professional and Occupational Standards, Part LXX. River Pilots, Subpart 3. Board of Examiners for the New Orleans and Baton Rouge Steamship Pilots, *et seq.*

The following Standards of Care are established by the BOE to inform NOBRA and the NOBRA Pilots of special standards regarding <u>Pilot Ladder/Gangway - Pilot Vessel Access/Departure Accommodations</u>. Nothing in these Standards of Care prohibit the BOE from revising, removing and/or implementing additional Standards of Care, rules and regulations, safety restrictions and/or other orders in response to declared emergency situations or in other overriding operational conditions.

Pilot Ladder/Gangway - Pilot Vessel Access/Departure Accommodations

All vessels shall be in compliance with SOLAS Regulation V/23 and IMO Resolution A.1045(27) - Pilot Transfer Arrangements prior to a NOBRA Pilot(s) boarding a vessel. Any vessel unable to meet these requirements will be required to provide notice to dispatch at the time a pilot is ordered so an appropriate risk assessment can be made by the BOE and/or dispatched pilot to allow the BOE and/or pilot the opportunity to determine the safest alternative route to board the vessel. A vessel's failure to provide notice and/or the appropriate pilot ingress/egress may result in the pilot not being able to board the vessel until it becomes compliant.