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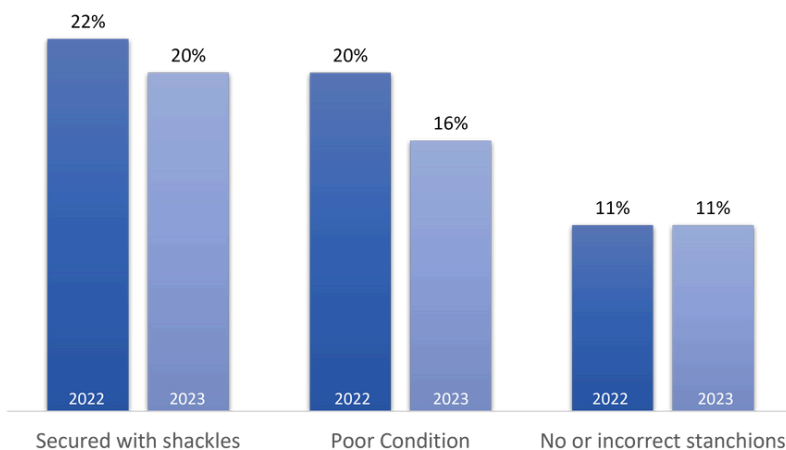
## UK Marine Accident Investigation Branch Pilot Ladder Deficiencies Report for 2023

In 2023, the UK MAIB received 314 reports of pilot ladder incidents.

There were seven accidents to pilots while embarking or disembarking vessels. One involved the pilot falling into the water highlighting the need to supervise and test the ladder before every use.

Vessel crews must endeavour to rig ladders to avoid the chance of the ladder shifting or paying out and make sure the weight on the ladder is fully supported by the side ropes. Pilot ladders secured by rolling hitches will be less prone to movement than those secured by shackles.

### UK Pilot Ladder Deficiencies 2022 to 2023



Approximately 50% of reported deficiencies were for three common problems: pilot ladders secured using shackles over the side ropes, ladder in poor condition, no or incorrect stanchions

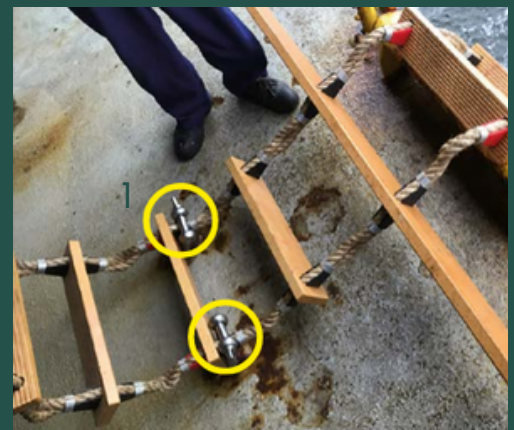


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