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## **Capesize vessels (nominal deadweight $\geq$ 120,000) to be equipped with a CCTV camera at the steering gear flat**

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Mariners and Port users,

Pilbara Ports maintains a high focus on managing risk within Port Hedland's main shipping channel and inner harbour. To enhance navigational safety and operational efficiency within the Port of Port Hedland, Pilbara Ports are implementing a new requirement for Capesize vessels (nominal deadweight  $\geq$  120,000) entering and operating within the port.

New Requirement:

Effective from 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2025, all Capesize vessels (nominal deadweight  $\geq$  120,000) are to be fitted with a minimum of one (1) Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) rudder camera installed at the steering gear flat, positioned in such a way that clearly captures the rudder angles during manoeuvring.

A monitor must be placed on the wheelhouse in the proximity of coning positions, providing real-time visual CCTV camera feedback of the rudder angle for Marine Pilot/bridge team reference during the transit to/from berth.

Details:

CCTV Camera Installation:

- The CCTV camera must be mounted on top or in front of the rudder in the steering gear flat.
- The CCTV camera must be positioned to provide a clear and unobstructed view of the rudder angle.

Bridge Monitor:

- A CCTV camera monitor must be installed on the bridge where it is easily visible to the Marine Pilot/ bridge team.
- The CCTV camera monitor must display real-time footage from the steering gear flat, ensuring the pilot can accurately monitor and adjust the rudder angles during navigation.

System Requirements:

- The CCTV system should be robust and capable of functioning effectively in the maritime environment. It should provide high-resolution images and reliable performance in all operating conditions.

Purpose:

The purpose of this initiative is to enhance the safety of navigation within the port by providing pilots with immediate visual feedback on the rudder position. This will;

- Improve bridge team situational awareness.
- Enhance decision-making during critical operations.
- Reduce the risk of navigation-related incidents.
- Enhance overall vessel handling and safety.

Compliance:

All vessel operators of Capesize vessels (nominal deadweight  $\geq$  120,000) are required to comply with this new safety measure by 01<sup>st</sup> January 2025.

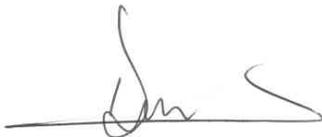
Marine pilots will verify the availability and functionality of the system to ensure adherence to this requirement.

Support:

For assistance with installation or any queries regarding this new requirement, please contact Pilbara Ports Port Hedland Harbour Master Team: [PH.HMTeam@pilbaraports.com.au](mailto:PH.HMTeam@pilbaraports.com.au)

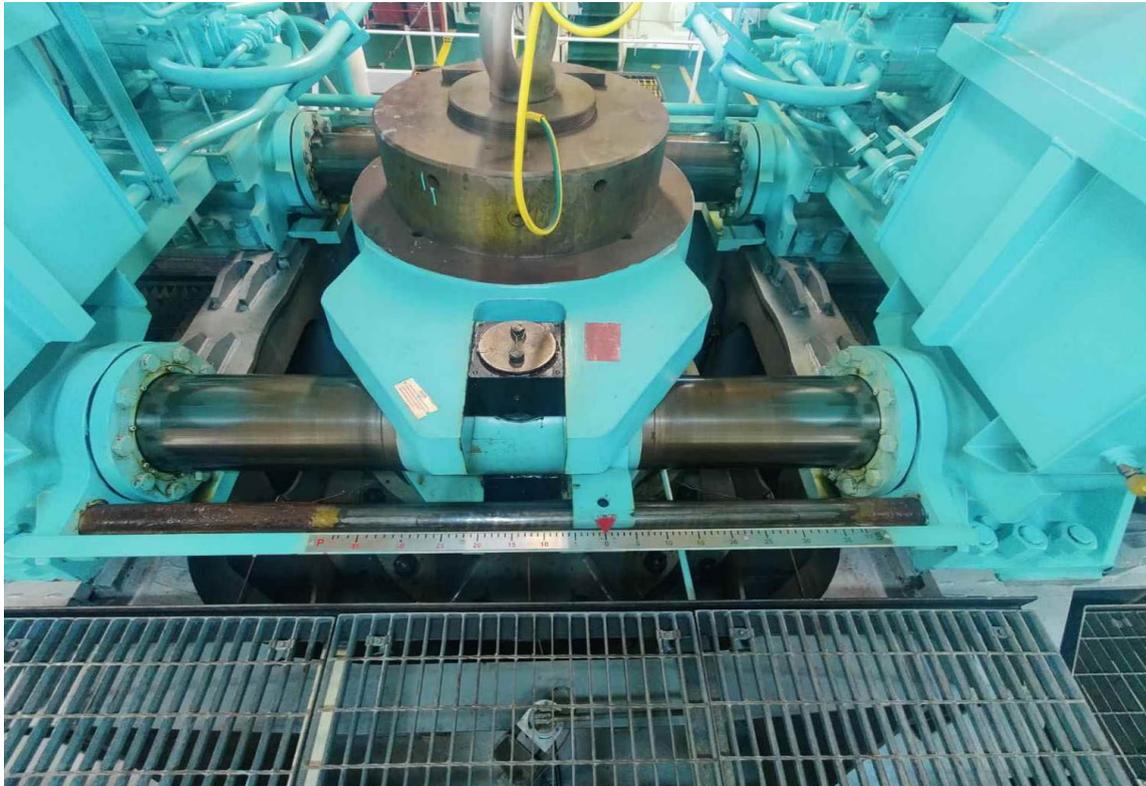
Pilbara Ports appreciates your cooperation and commitment to maintaining the highest standards of marine safety at the Port of Port Hedland.

Sample photos are attached below for your reference,

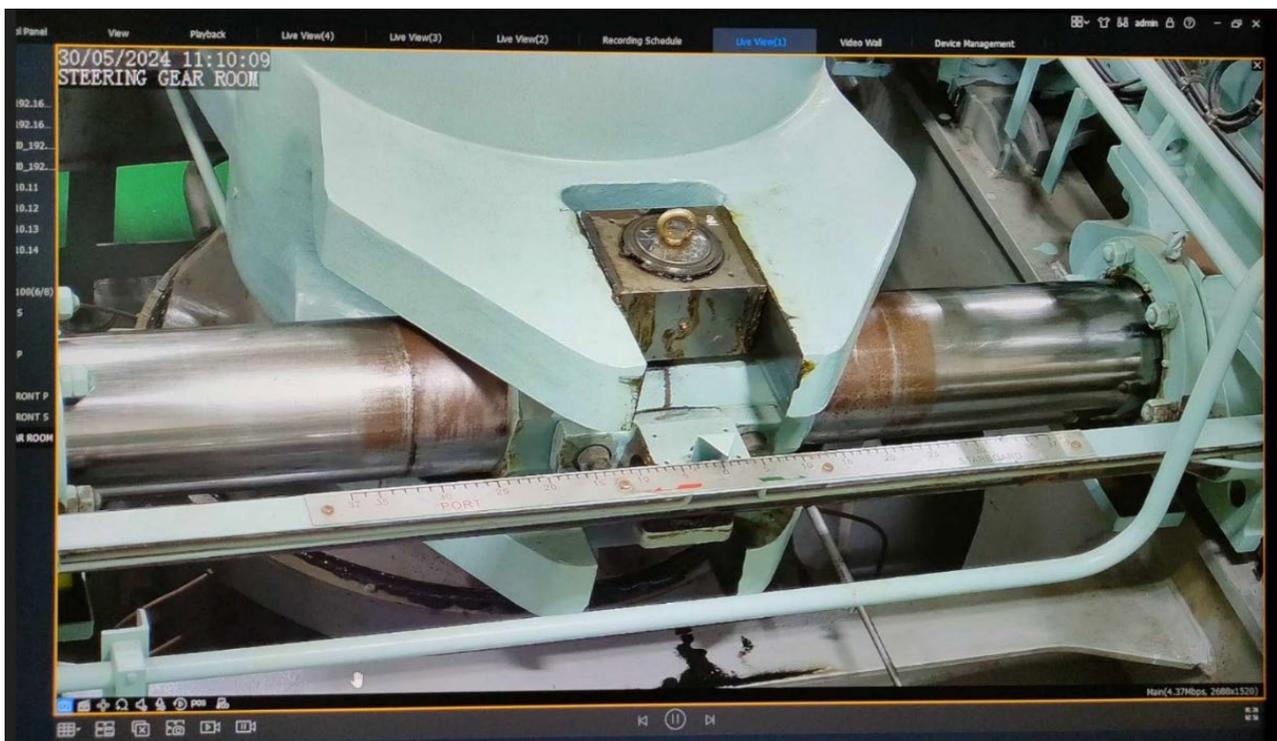


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Picture Captured from a CCTV Camera in front of the rudder in steering flat



Sample of real-time feed to a CCTV Monitor in the wheelhouse.



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Please address any questions on this marine safety bulletin to the Port Hedland Marine Operations Team  
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