

## 16.8 Helicopter Operations Information (Gladstone)

You must advise your agent at least 12 hours prior to pilot boarding that you have read and understood these regulations; failure to do so will result in delays to your ship.

The embarkation and disembarkation of personnel by helicopter imposes certain mandatory conditions on the part of the ship and you, its master. These will involve the deck party being at a state of readiness for emergency action of a different nature but to a greater degree of preparation than that required for pilot launch transfer operations. If the helicopter attempts to make an emergency landing on board this may involve flying debris, spilt fuel with the associated danger of fire and more than likely, seriously injured personnel.

To assist in helicopter transfers, it is mandatory for the vessel to ensure that the [Gladstone Pilot Helicopter \(Landing\) Operations form](#) (16.9) is completed and returned to the Gladstone VTS Centre when the vessel booking application is made.

Under no circumstances will helicopter landings or uplifts be permitted from any vessel when bunker barge MV *Larcom* is moored alongside such vessel. This applies regardless of whether or not fuelling operations are in progress.

Further and more detailed information may be obtained from AMSA Marine Notices, AMSA Marine Order 57 and the International Chamber of Shipping (ICS), 'Guide to Helicopter/Ship Operations'.