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Dear Colleagues

As its December meeting the Executive considered a proposal from Korea that Bridge Wing Shelters become mandatory. Currently certain vessels transiting the Panama Canal have to provide some form of shelter for the Pilot to protect from the sun and rain.

This topic has been broached with ICS by the IMPA Secretariat and the shipowners will as a result consider this in May. They have asked IMPA for information on incidents/occasions where the exposure of Pilots to adverse weather has contributed to delay or even aborting a pilotage.

IMPA members are invited to advise the office of any such instances.

Your Sincerely

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