

MARINE DEPARTMENT NOTICE NO. 92 of 2005

(Miscellaneous Information)

Carrying Capacity of Open Deck Pleasure Vessels

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that with immediate effect, the carrying capacity of a newly licensed open deck pleasure vessel will be determined by the metric measurement of length-times-breath (**L X B**) of the pleasure vessel according to the following table: -

Metric Measurement	Carrying Capacity
$L X B \leq 5 \text{ m}^2$	2 persons
$5 \text{ m}^2 < L X B \leq 10 \text{ m}^2$	3 persons
$L X B > 10 \text{ m}^2$	4 persons

2. For the above purpose, an open deck pleasure vessel is defined as a pleasure vessel which does not have an enclosed superstructure or compartment.

3. In case an open deck pleasure vessel is issued with a builder certificate or has undergone an inclining test proving that the vessel is safe to carry more persons than the carrying capacity as determined by the above method, the carrying capacity of the vessel may then be determined according to the builder certificate or the inclining test.

4. With regard to the existing open deck pleasure vessels which have already been licensed, they will be subject to the above new measure after one year of the promulgation of this Notice.

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