Guidance on Training for Fast Rescue Boats Launch and Recovery Teams and Boat Crews

*To:* Shipowners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators, Maritime Training Institutions, Ship Masters and Officers

**Summary**

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate the Guidance on Training for Fast Rescue Boats Launch and Recovery Teams and Boat Crews. This Note supersedes Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Information Note No. 32/2005.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee of the IMO, at its 80th session in May 2005, approved amendments to Part A of the STCW Code requiring additional training for crews responsible for launching and recovery operations of fast rescue boats. The MSC/Circ.1161 provides details of the initial and ongoing trainings required for seafarers involved with launching and recovery of fast rescue boats.

2. The circular MSC/Circ.1161 can be found on the webpage of Marine Department (http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html) as an attachment to this Note.

3. Shipowners, ship Managers, ship operators, maritime training institutions, ship masters and officers are required to observe and follow the guidance.

4. This Note supersedes Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Information Note No. 32/2005.

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