

CODE OF PRACTICE ----

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1	G.N.7136	29 November 2013	29 November 2013	revision of sections 7.2 and 8.2 of Chapter I / Page 17
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3	G.N.7136	29 November 2013	29 May 2014	addition of new sections 6.4 and 6.5 to Chapter II / Page 9
4	G.N.7136	29 November 2013	29 May 2014	addition of new section 2.7 to Chapter IIIA / Page 2
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15	G.N.6640	21 November 2014	29 November 2014	revision of item 1 under “(D) ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION (including Emergency Power System)” in the table under section 5 of Chapter II
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19	G.N.6640	21 November 2014	29 November 2014	addition of a new section 6.1A to Chapter II
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21	G.N.6640	21 November 2014	29 November 2014	revision of items 1 and 12 under “(A) GENERAL AND SAFETY MEASUREMENT” in Table 1 under section 7 of Chapter II
22	G.N.6640	21 November 2014	29 November 2014	revision of remark *11 on Table 2 under section 7 of Chapter II
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29	G.N.6640	21 November 2014	29 November 2014	revision of section 10.2 of Chapter IIIA
30	G.N.6640	21 November 2014	29 November 2014	addition of new sections 21.5A and 21.5B to Chapter IIIA
31	G.N.6640	21 November 2014	29 November 2014	revision of sections 6.1, 9.1 and 9.2 of Chapter IV
32	G.N.6640	21 November 2014	29 November 2014	revision of sections 1.1(c), 3.1(a), 3.2, 3.4, 3.5, 7.1 and 7.2 of Chapter V
33	G.N.6640	21 November 2014	29 November 2014	addition of new sections 1.5, 3.6, 3.7, 3.8, 3.9 and 7.1A to Chapter V
34	G.N.6640	21 November 2014	29 November 2014	revision of section 10.1(a) of Chapter VI
35	G.N.6640	21 November 2014	29 November 2014	repeal of section 13.5.2 of Chapter VI
36	G.N.6640	21 November 2014	29 November 2014	revision of section 3.1 of Chapter XI
37	G.N.6640	21 November 2014	29 November 2014	revision of section 10 of Chapter XII
38	G.N.6640	21 November 2014	29 November 2014	addition of a new section 11 to Chapter XII;
39	G.N.6640	21 November 2014	29 November 2014	omission of paragraph 1 of Annex U-5
40	G.N.6640	21 November 2014	29 November 2014	revision of paragraph 2 of Annex U-5
41	G.N.6640	21 November 2014	29 November 2014	addition of a new Annex U-6
42	G.N.6824	28 November 2014	29 November 2014	revision of section 11.2 of Chapter XII
43	G.N.3790	29 May 2015	29 May 2015	revision of sections 1.2 and 2.1 of Chapter VII
44	G.N.4986	2 September 2016	2 September 2016	addition of new requirements to section 1.3 of Chapter III B
45	G.N.4986	2 September 2016	2 September 2016	omission of section 1.3(c) of Chapter III B

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48	G.N.4986	2 September 2016	2 September 2016	revision of section 1.5 of Chapter V
49	G.N.4986	2 September 2016	2 September 2016	revision of section 1.6 of Chapter V
50	G.N.4986	2 September 2016	2 September 2016	revision of section 2.8 of Chapter VII
51	G.N.4986	2 September 2016	2 September 2016	addition of sections 10.3 and 10.4 to Chapter VII
52	G.N.4986	2 September 2016	2 September 2016	revision of sections 4.1 to 4.4 and 5.1[Note(F)] of Chapter VIII
53	G.N.4986	2 September 2016	2 September 2016	revision of Annex I-10
54	G.N.4986	2 September 2016	2 September 2016	addition of Annex K-2
55	G.N.4986	2 September 2016	2 September 2016	revision of Annex L
56	G.N.4986	2 September 2016	2 September 2016	addition of new requirements to Annex N-4B
57	G.N.4986	2 September 2016	2 September 2016	addition of new requirements to Annex N-4C
58	G.N.1134	3 March 2017	3 March 2017	the code is rewritten and partitioned into 3 volumes; namely Code of Practice – Safety Standards for Class I Vessels, Code of Practice – Safety Standards for Class II Vessels and Code of Practice – Safety Standards for Class III Vessels; and contents are comprehensively amended
59	G.N.5924	11 August 2017	11 August 2017	Chapter II amended: in Table 5-1, revision of items (A)(1), (2), (B)(1), (2); omission of remark *2; in Table 7-1, revision of items (A)(2) and remark *9; in Table 7-3, revision of Remark*6
60	G.N.5924	11 August 2017	11 August 2017	In Chapter IIIA: revision of sections 2.1(c), 7.3 (English version only)
61	G.N.5924	11 August 2017	11 August 2017	In Chapter IIIB: revision of section 2.3
62	G.N.5924	11 August 2017	11 August 2017	In Chapter IV, addition of new section 1.5.2
63	G.N.5924	11 August 2017	11 August 2017	In Annex F, addition of new para. (10)

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64	G.N.500	26 January 2018	26 January 2018	In Chapter V, addition of new paragraphs at end of section 3.4
65	G.N.500	26 January 2018	26 January 2018	Addition of new Annex W
66	G.N.6489	31 August 2018	31 August 2018	In Chapter II, Table 5-1, add in item (C)(7a) and remark *2; Table 7-1, add in item (D)(10) and remark *10; Table 7-2, add in item (B)(7) and remark *16; Table 7-3, amend remark *9
67	G.N.6489	31 August 2018	31 August 2018	In Chapter IV, add in subsection 7.2
68	G.N.6489	31 August 2018	31 August 2018	Addition of new Annex Y
69	G.N.8215	20 December 2019	20 December 2019	Chapter VII Section 1 –definition of “LSA Code” revised; Section 2 –subsection 2.1 and 2.3 revised; subsection 2.2 repealed and new subsection 2.1A inserted to specify the new and former lifejacket requirements; Section 13 –subsection 13.1(i) revised to adopt e-marking in lieu of physical marking on lifejacket;
70	G.N.8215	20 December 2019	20 December 2019	New Annex AA added to specify the requirements of former regulations
71	G.N.6256	2 November 2020	2 November 2020	Chapter II: Section 2 – subsection 2.2 and 2.5(b) revised; Remarks in Table 7-3 – remark *1 revised
72	G.N.7604	3 December 2021	3 December 2021	Chapter I: Section 3 – definitions relating to high speed vessel revised; Section 4 – subsection 4.2 revised.
73	G.N.7604	3 December 2021	3 December 2021	Chapter II: Section 1 – subsections 1.2, 1.7 revised; Section 3 – all revised; Table 7-1 –items (G)(1) revised; Table 7-2.1 inserted; Table 7-2 retitled to Table 7-2.2; Table 7-2.2 –item (C)(11A) added, (D)(2) deleted; Remarks in Table 7-2.1&2 –*1 revised; Remarks in Table 7-3 –*9 revised.
74	G.N.7604	3 December 2021	3 December 2021	Chapter XI: Completely revised
75	G.N.7604	3 December 2021	3 December 2021	Addition of new Annex AB

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77	G.N.949	10 February 2023	20 February 2023	Table of content – Chapter XI revised
78	G.N.949	10 February 2023	20 February 2023	Chapter I: Section 2 – subsection 2.1 revised Section 3 – definitions of “certificate” revised
79	G.N.949	10 February 2023	20 February 2023	Chapter II: Section 7 – Table 7-1 item (B)(3) revised
80	G.N.949	10 February 2023	20 February 2023	Chapter III A: Section 19 – subsection 19.2(d) revised Section 20 – subsection 20.5 revised
81	G.N.949	10 February 2023	20 February 2023	Chapter VI: Section 2– subsection 2.2 and 2.3 revised Section 2 – addition new paragraph 2.5 Section 5 – addition new paragraph 5.5
82	G.N.949	10 February 2023	20 February 2023	Chapter VII: Section 2 –subsection 2.1A.2, 2.1A.3 and 2.1A.8 revised; Section 2 –subsection 2.1A.1, 2.1A.9, 2.1A.10 and 2.6 repealed;
83	G.N.949	10 February 2023	20 February 2023	Chapter XI: Section 2 – subsection 2.2(d) revised
84	G.N.949	10 February 2023	20 February 2023	Chapter XII: Section 2 – new Note*4 added in the Table 2.1 Section 3 – subsection 3.2(c) revised
85	G.N.949	10 February 2023	20 February 2023	Annex F subsection 8(c) in part 3 revised
86	G.N.949	10 February 2023	20 February 2023	Annex I-4 New paragraph 17 inserted
87	G.N.949	10 February 2023	20 February 2023	Annex I-5A section 4.1 revised
88	G.N.949	10 February 2023	20 February 2023	Annex V-4 section 1.(6) revised
89	G.N.949	10 February 2023	20 February 2023	Annex AA– repealed.
90	G.N.4206	19 July 2024	22 July 2024	New Chapter XIII added

FOREWORD

(1) The Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) Ordinance, Cap 548 (here below refers as “the Ordinance”), is to provide for the regulation and control of local vessels in Hong Kong and for other matters affecting local vessels, including their navigation and safety at sea (whether within or beyond the waters of Hong Kong).

(2) This Code of Practice is approved and issued by the Director in pursuant to section 8 of the Ordinance for the purpose of ensuring acceptable technical and safety standards in the design, construction, maintenance and inspection of local vessels in conjunction with the condition required or the standards prescribed by the Director under Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels)(Safety and Survey) Regulation. This Code also provides necessary practical guidance on operational safety practices in conjunction with the relevant requirements in the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels)(Certification and Licensing) Regulation.

(3) Section 9 of the Ordinance explains the use of approved codes of practice in proceeding.

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CHAPTER I

GENERAL

1 Introduction

- 1.1 The legislation relating to the control, licensing and regulation of local vessels in Hong Kong is contained in the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) Ordinance, Cap. 548 (the Ordinance) and its subsidiary legislations. This Code of Practice is issued under section 8 of the Ordinance.
- 1.2 This "Code of Practice – Safety Standard for Class I Vessels" has been developed by the Hong Kong Marine Department in consultation with the local maritime industry through representation in relevant working groups and committees.
- 1.3 The primary aim in developing the Code has been to set standards of safety and protection for all passengers and crew on board. The Code relates especially to the construction of a vessel, its machinery, equipment and stability and to the proper operation of the vessel so that safety standards are maintained. In accordance with the legal status prescribed in section 9 of the Ordinance, requirements set out in this Code shall be followed.
- 1.4 The legislative requirements quoted in this Code should be subject to authentic provisions of the legislative instrument and its latest amended. These requirements are mandatory and must be complied with.
- 1.5 The builder, repairer or owner/managing agent of a vessel, as appropriate shall take all reasonable measures to ensure that a material or appliance fitted in accordance with the requirements of the Code is suitable for the purpose intended having regard to its location in the vessel, the area of operation and the weather conditions which may be encountered.

2 Statutory Legislation and Standards

- 2.1 This Code must be construed in the light of the following statutory provisions and their amendments from time to time (if any) as appropriate:

- (A) Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) Ordinance (Cap. 548) (hereafter referred to as "the Ordinance")
 - (1) Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Certification and Licensing) Regulation (Cap. 548, sub. leg. D) (hereafter referred to as "Certification and Licensing Regulation")
 - (2) Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Typhoon Shelter) Regulation (Cap. 548, sub. leg. E)
 - (3) Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (General) Regulation (Cap. 548, sub. leg. F)
 - (4) Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Safety and Survey) Regulation (Cap. 548, sub. leg. G) (hereafter to be referred as "Survey Regulation")
 - (5) Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Compulsory Third Party Risks Insurance) Regulation (Cap. 548, sub. leg. H)
 - (6) Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Works) Regulation (Cap. 548, sub. leg. I)
 - (7) Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Fees) Regulation (Cap. 548, sub. leg. J)
 - (8) Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Local Certificates of Competency) Rules
- (B) Merchant Shipping (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Ordinance (Cap. 413)
 - (1) Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Oil Pollution) Regulations (Cap. 413, sub. leg. A)
 - (2) Merchant Shipping (Control of Harmful Anti-Fouling Systems on Ships) Regulation (Cap. 413, sub. leg. N)
 - (3) Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Pollution by Garbage) Regulations (Cap. 413, sub. leg. O)
 - (4) Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Air Pollution) Regulations (Cap. 413, sub. leg. P)
- (C) Merchant Shipping (Safety) Ordinance (Cap. 369)

- (1) Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Signals of Distress and Prevention of Collisions) Regulations (Cap. 369, sub. leg. N)
- (2) Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Use of Signals of Distress) Regulations (Cap. 369, sub. leg. O)
- (D) Dangerous Goods Ordinance (Cap. 295)
 - (1) Dangerous Goods (Application and Exemption) Regulation 2012 (Cap. 295, sub. leg. E)
 - (2) Dangerous Goods (Shipping) Regulation 2012 (Cap. 295, sub. leg. F).

2.2 Other Standards

The vessel's strength, structure, arrangements, materials, scantlings, main and auxiliary machinery, boilers and pressure vessels, electrical installations, etc. shall be so designed and installed as to ensure that the vessel is fit for the service for which it is intended. Apart from the requirements in this Code, present rules and standards of classification societies recognized by Marine Department or other equivalent standards may be used as assessment standards.

3 Definitions

3.1 In this Code-

- “approved”, in relation to equipment, appliances, machinery, any other fittings or materials, means approved by the Director;
- “Authorized Organization (AO)” means the classification society authorized (by means of authorization document) by the Director to carry out statutory survey work for local vessels;
- “authorized surveyor”, as defined in section 2 of the Ordinance;
- “carrying xx passengers” means vessel's permissible number of passengers that can be carried throughout the text of this Code;
- “certificate” means a Certificate of Survey, or a Declaration of Fitness for the Carriage of Dangerous Goods issued by the Director under the Survey Regulation; and a HKOPP Certificate or a HKAPP Certificate issued under Merchant Shipping (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Ordinance, Cap. 413;
- “Class I vessel” means any local vessel, other than a Class II, III or IV vessel defined in sections 5 and 6 of the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Certification and Licensing) Regulation;
- “classification society (CS)” means an organization approved under section 8 of the Merchant Shipping (Safety) Ordinance (Cap 369), which is one of the following –
 - (a) American Bureau of Shipping (ABS);
 - (b) Bureau Veritas (BV);
 - (c) China Classification Society (CCS);
 - (d) DNV AS; (Amended G.N. 7604 of 2021)
 - (e) Korean Register of Shipping (KR);
 - (f) Lloyd's Register (LR);
 - (g) Nippon Kaiji Kyokai (NK);
 - (h) RINA S.p.A. (RINA); or

(i) Russian Maritime Register of Shipping (RS)

“Code” means this Code;

“dynamically supported craft (DSC)”, as defined in Ch. XI/1; (Added G.N. 7604 of 2021)

“existing vessel” means a vessel which is not a new vessel defined in section 2 of the Survey Regulation;

“extreme breadth”, in relation to a local vessel, means the athwartship distance between the extremity of the outermost permanent structure (including fenders of any kind, bulwark, hand rails, etc.) on the port side and the extremity of the outermost permanent structure on the starboard side of the vessel;

“favourable weather” means weather, when the visibility is good and when the combined effects of wind, sea or swell, upon the ship under consideration are never greater than those which would cause moderate rolling or pitching, or result in the shipping of green seas onto the main deck (in the case of open boats, over the gunwale);

“ferry vessel” means a vessel operating a franchised service or a licensed service as defined in the Ferry Services Ordinance (Cap. 104);

“final inspection” means the last or final visit for the purpose of survey or inspection, usually carried out on safety equipment items and functional trials in an initial survey or a periodical survey for a vessel;

“gross tonnage”, a measurement figure for a local vessel of which the details and calculation can be referred to Chapter IX of this Code;

“high speed craft (HSC)”, as defined in Ch. XI/1; (Amended G.N. 7604 of 2021)

“HSC Code”, as defined in Ch. XI/1; (Amended G.N. 7604 of 2021)

“IMO” means the International Maritime Organization;

“initial survey” in connection with anyone of the certificates mentioned in Part 3 and Part 4, in so far as applicable, of Survey Regulation means the survey (including its final inspection) to be completed for a new vessel for the first issue of the concerned certificate;

“length” or the symbol “(L)”, as defined in section 2 of the Survey Regulation;

“length overall”, as defined in section 2 of the Ordinance;

“main engine” means the propulsion engine(s) of vessel;

“margin line” means a line drawn at least 76 mm below the upper surface of the bulkhead deck at the side of the ship;

“moulded breadth” is measured at amidship and is the maximum breadth over the frames in respect of vessels built of steel or aluminium; and is the maximum breadth over the outside surface of hull planking in respect of vessels built of wood or composite materials;.

“moulded depth”, as defined in section 2 of the Survey Regulation;

“multi-purposes vessel” means a local vessel or launch which can carry more than 12 passengers and can be used with other purposes;

“new vessel”, unless indicated otherwise, as defined in section 2 of the Survey Regulation;

“Ordinance” or “LVO” means the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) Ordinance (Cap 548).

“owner” , as defined in section 2 of the Ordinance;

“passenger”, as defined in section 2 of the Ordinance;

“periodical survey” in connection with anyone of the certificates mentioned in Part 4, in so far as applicable, of Survey Regulation means the survey (including its final inspection) to be completed for an existing vessel for the renewal survey, annual endorsement survey or intermediate survey for the issue of the concerned certificate;

“Recognized Authority (RA)”, as defined in section 2 of the Survey Regulation;

"river trade limits", as defined in section 2 of the Survey Regulation;

“sister vessels” or “series of vessels” means vessels constructed of the same design (i.e. the same hull form with identical length, breadth, depth and arrangement) in the same shipyard;

“waters of Hong Kong ” means waters of Hong Kong within the meaning of Schedule 2 of the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance (Cap. 1).

"watertight", as defined in regulation 1 of the Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Passenger Ship Construction And Survey) (Ships Built On Or After 1 September 1984) Regulations;

"weathertight", as defined in regulation 1 of the Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Passenger Ship Construction And Survey) (Ships Built On Or After 1 September 1984) Regulations;

4 Application

4.1 Subject to section 4.2, this Code will apply to Class I vessels of all types of construction.

4.2 Chapter XI will apply to new DSC and HSC. (Amended G.N. 7604 of 2021)

4.3 Existing vessels shall comply with the requirements previously applicable to these vessels unless otherwise expressly specified in the Survey Regulation or in this Code. The approval and/or exemption of construction and equipment, if any, given to the existing vessels shall remain valid unless otherwise repealed.

4.4 Requirement in pair of angle brackets < > appeared in the other chapters in this Code are applicable to new vessels only; i.e. the new vessels as on or after 2 January 2007.

5 Category of Vessel

Every vessel shall be categorised into Category A or B as indicated in the following table:

Class and Type of Vessel	Vessel Category	A		B	
	Material	Steel/Al/GRP/Wooden		Wooden	Steel/Al/GRP/Wooden
	Propulsion	with Main Engine	No Main Engine	with Main Engine	No Main Engine
Class I Vessel					
Launch		*			
Ferry Vessel		*			
Floating Restaurant			*		
Stationary vessel (Ceremonial Boat)			*		*(1)
Primitive Vessel (Kaito) ⁽²⁾				*	
Multi-purposes Vessel		*			

(Asterisk* means applicable)

Abbreviations in Table

Al : Aluminium

GRP : Glass reinforced plastic

Remarks in Table

- (1) Existing vessels only.
- (2) A new wooden primitive vessel (kaito) carrying more than 60 passengers is required to comply with the safety standard as that for Class I vessel of type “Launch” carrying the same number of passengers.

6 Equivalent

Under section 83 of the Survey Regulation Marine Department may grant permission for providing on board any other fitting, material, appliance or apparatus, or type thereof, or other facilities that are different from those required in this Code if the department is satisfied by testing or other methods that their effectiveness is equivalent to that required in this Code; supported by necessary survey and test reports.

CHAPTER II

SURVEY / INSPECTION, ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATE AND PLAN APPROVAL

1 Survey / Inspection for Issue or Endorsement of Certificate

- 1.1 Any local vessel to which sections 7(1) and (3) of Survey Regulation apply when applying for an initial licence is subject to the approval of plans per items (appropriate according to category and type of vessel) indicated in Table 5-1.
- 1.2 Any local vessel to which Part 4 of Survey Regulation applies when applying for an initial licence is subject to the initial survey per items (appropriate according to category and type of vessel) indicated in Tables 7-1 and 7-3; and after licensing the periodical survey per items indicated in Tables 7-2.1 or 7-2.2 (where applicable) and 7-3. (Amended G.N. 7604 of 2021)
- 1.3 Any licensed vessel of the above sections 1.1 or 1.2 intended for alteration shall be subject to the approval of plans (if section 1.1 is applicable) and survey relating to the alteration under section 76(5) of the Survey Regulation.
- 1.4 A replacement primitive vessel (kaito) carrying more than 60 passengers is required to comply with the standard of plan approval and survey as that for Class I vessel of type “Launch” carrying the same number of passengers.
- 1.5 Any vessel intended for change of the vessel’s name is subject to a survey relating to the change of name and the relevant fees.
- 1.6 A laid-up vessel (which is granted with a permission for laid-up) shall be subject to survey when returning to service if the Certificate of Survey previously issued has expired. If the expiry is not exceeding 2 years, the survey shall cover items due in the past 2 years as the vessel was not laid up.
- 1.7 Any vessel having its Certificate of Survey expired for more than 2 year but less than 8 years, for vessels not classed with an Authorized Organization (AO)(see definition in Ch. I/3.1) the surveys shall follow the quadrennial survey programme prescribed in Table 7-2.2; for vessels classed with an AO the surveys shall follow the survey programme of AO.
(Amended G.N. 7604 of 2021)
- 1.8 Any vessel having its Certificate of Survey expired for more than 8 years, it shall be subject to thorough inspection according to items of Table 7-1. If alterations had been carried out onboard vessel plans relating to the alterations shall be submitted for approval. The survey and plan approval are to comply with standards applicable to existing vessels, and the amended (if any).
- 1.9 When deemed necessary or at his discretion, the attending surveyor/inspector may request any other item to be presented for inspection

2 Statutory Surveys and Application

- 2.1 Subject to the below section 2.2 officers delegated by the Director are responsible for the statutory plan approval and survey of vessel.
- 2.2 The Director may delegate the statutory plan approval and surveys (items other than that marked with ‘MD’) to authorized surveyor employed by AO as indicated in the

authorization/recognition document. List of AOs will be promulgated in the Marine Department Notice issued from time to time. Vessel owner or agent, when required, may also apply to Marine Department for plan approval and surveys.

(Amended G.N. 6256 of 2020)

- 2.3 Upon satisfactory completion of surveys or assessment, the following relevant statutory certificates or record document would be issued by Marine Department as specified in the following table. Annex V-4 also lists the other certificates and documents that a local vessel might require, as appropriate:

No.	CERTIFICATES / RECORDS
(1)	Certificate of Survey
(2)	Exemption Certificate / Permit for alternative material, fitting or equipment (when applicable)

- 2.4 The Certificate of Survey and relevant remarks must be displayed in a conspicuous location onboard under section 30 of the Survey Regulation.
- 2.5 If the owner or agent wishes his vessel to be surveyed by an authorized organization he shall provide the Department an “Engagement Form”:
- (a) prior to the survey - the name of the authorized organization, the place and date of the intended survey; and
 - (b) on completion of survey - a survey report and a declaration duly signed and issued by the authorized organization.

(Amended G.N. 6256 of 2020)

3 Validity of Certificate and Endorsement

For the expiry date of the certificate or endorsement, refer to Marine Department Notice No. 199 of 2021.

(Amended G.N. 7604 of 2021)

4 Submission of Plans and Data

- 4.1 Plans and data shall be submitted according to Table 5-1 (as marked with "✓"). Additional plans and data will be required when deemed necessary. The required plans and data may be consolidated into one plan (or plans) according to the size of vessel and complexities of the plan.
- 4.2 Except for any vessel classed with a classification society; and otherwise indicated in the table (items marked with ‘MD’), the plans and data may be submitted to any of the AO for approval at the discretion of the owner. For any vessel classed with a classification society, plans and data shall be submitted to the relevant classification society for approval.
- 4.3 For plans and data to be submitted for Marine Department’s approval, 3 copies of each shall be submitted for the 1st vessel of a series and 2 copies for the subsequent vessels.
- 4.4 One copy of such plans and data approved by AO shall be submitted to Marine Department for record. Supplementary plans and data may be required should any survey be undertaken by Marine Department.
- 4.5 Plans of General Arrangement, vessel construction and relevant plans shall be drawn in

appropriate scale of legibly quality.

5 Plans and Data required to be submitted [Survey Regulation, section 9 refers]

- 5.1 For new primitive vessel (kaito) carrying not more than 60 passengers (Category B vessel), plans and data stipulated in Annex Q shall be submitted for approval.
- 5.2 For vessels other than 5.1, plans and data shall be submitted according to Table 5-1 below.

Table 5-1 Plans and Data

Table 5-1 No.	PLANS AND DATA
(A)	GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS, ACCOMMODATION LAYOUTS, PASSENGER SPACE, SEATING ARRANGEMENTS, NUMBER OF PASSENGERS AND ESCAPE ROUTES
(1)	General Arrangement ^(*1)
(2)	Passenger Space (shelter)/Seating Arrangement (Ch. V refers)
(3)	Passengers and Crew Accommodation Requirements (incl. handrail, seat belt, staircase, lighting and etc.) (Ch. V refers)
(B)	SAFETY EQUIPMENT INCLUDING LIFE-SAVING APPLIANCES, FIRE-FIGHTING APPARATUS, LIGHTS, SHAPES AND SOUND SIGNALS ; EMERGENCY CONTROLS, STRUCTURAL FIRE PROTECTION
(1)	Safety Plan showing arrangement of - (a) life saving appliances (b) fire fighting apparatus and structural fire protection arrangement (c) light and sound signals (d) means of escape, escape installation and arrangement, etc.
(2)	Structural Fire Protection Arrangement
(3)	A muster list specifying the duties of every member of crew in the events of emergency including collision, grounding, fire and abandonment of ship (only applicable to ferries and launches carrying more than 100 passengers)
(C)	STABILITY, FREEBOARD CALCULATIONS; ARRANGEMENTS RELATING TO WATERTIGHTNESS, WEATHERTIGHTNESS, BULKHEADS, HATCHWAYS, COAMINGS, SIDE SCUTTLES, AIR VENTS, FREEING PORTS, SCUPPERS, INLETS AND DISCHARGES
(1)	Lines Plan and Offsets Table (for record)
(2)	Hydrostatic Curves
(3)	Cross Curves of Stability
(4)	Preliminary Intact Stability Information
(5)	Estimated Damage Stability Information (Ch. IV/2 refers)
(6)	Inclining Experiment Report/Rolling Period Test Report/Lightweight Survey Report (Ch. IV/4 refers)
(7)	Stability Information Booklet (after inclining experiment)

Table 5-1 No.	PLANS AND DATA
(7a)	Permanent Ballast Weights Arrangement (if designed) ^{(*)2} (Added G.N. 6489 of 2018)
(8)	Damage Stability Calculation (after inclining experiment) (Ch. IV/2 refers)
(9)	Draft Marks
(10)	Arrangements relating to Watertightness, Weathertightness, Bulkheads, Hatchways, Coamings, Side Scuttles, Air Vents, Freeing Ports, Scuppers, Inlets and Discharges, etc.
(D)	STRUCTURES AND SCANTLINGS
(1)	Midship Sections
(2)	Scantling Calculation
(3)	Profile, Decks and Bulkheads (incl. hull and superstructure decks)
(4)	Shell Expansion
(5)	Rudder/Kort Nozzle, Rudder Stock, Skeg and Sole Piece
(6)	Materials and Paints Specifications (for floating restaurant)
(E)	FUEL, MACHINERY, SHAFTING
(1)	Engine Room Arrangement
(2)	Propeller Shafting, Stern Tube and Coupling
(3)	Main engine and Gear Box Certificates ^{(*)3}
(4)	Aux. diesel engine Certificates ^{(*)3}
(5)	Fuel Oil System (incl. tanks, piping
(6)	Fire-fighting Piping Arrangement (incl. fire main, fixed fire extinguishing system, etc)
(7)	Bilge Pumping Arrangement
(8)	Compressed Air Piping System (for pressure ≥ 10 bar)
(9)	Air Receiver (Ch. IIIA/15 refers)
(10)	Filling, Sounding and Air Vent System
(F)	ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS (including Emergency Power System)
(1)	Electrical System Line diagram
(2)	Wiring Diagram of Main Switchboard
(3)	Layout of Main Switchboard
(4)	Electrical Arrangement
(5)	Wiring Diagram of Distribution Boxes
(G)	PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF POLLUTION

Table 5-1 No.	PLANS AND DATA
(1)	Prevention of Oil Pollution Installation (Ch. IIIA/19.2 refers)
(2)	Prevention of Air Pollution Installation (refer to Annex I-10, etc)
(H)	NAVIGATIONAL AND COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT
(1)	Radio Communication equipment and arrangement

Remarks in Table 5-1

- *1 Amended plan to be submitted should there be any change from the arrangement of vessel shown on the original General Arrangement Plan.
- *2 Applicable to new vessels ^{Note 1} after the enforcement of this Code. The plan shall include information on the positions, quantity, materials, unit weights and serial number markings (which can be colour painted) as well as relevant photos (12 megapixels or above and hard copy prints in 1200 x 1200 dpi or above) of the permanent ballast weights.
- *3 For diesel engine of new vessels, engine maker or classification societies approved certificates/information and document as appropriate required in Ch. IIIA or IIIB and Annex I-10 of this Code or MARPOL Annex VI.

6 Plans to be retained onboard

- <6.1 Every vessel shall be provided onboard one copy of the plan(s) approved by Marine Department:
- (a) general arrangement of vessel with seating arrangement and escape routes;
 - (b) types and dispositions of life saving appliance, fire-fighting appliance, light, shape, sound signals and radiocommunication equipment (if fitted).
- 6.2 For every vessel which has been modified or altered in a way that would change the seating arrangement, escape routes or dispositions of life saving appliance or fire-fighting appliance, all plans and documentation carried or displayed on board shall be modified to reflect those changes and approved by Marine Department.
- 6.3 For every Class I vessel carrying more than 100 passengers, safety plan showing arrangement of life saving appliances, fire-fighting apparatus, light and sound signals and means of escape, escape installation and arrangement shall be exhibited in conspicuous places throughout the vessel.>
- 6.4 All ferries and launches carrying more than 100 passengers should have on board the muster list as stated in item (B)(3) of Table 5-1.
- 6.5 An emergency drill shall be practiced by crewmembers at least once every two months. Records of emergency drills are to be kept onboard for at least one year for inspections by a MD officer.

7 Survey / Inspection Items and Survey / Inspection Programmes

^{Note1} Applicable to a vessel which is a new vessel under section 2 of the Survey Regulation when the reference to “the commencement date” in the definition of “new vessel” is substituted by “31.8.2018”

Table 7-1 Initial Survey

“✓” means applicable

Table 7-1 No.	Category of Vessel Survey Item	A	B
(A)	CONSTRUCTION – GENERAL, SHIP STABILITY		
(1)	Draft Marks – verification	✓	✓
(2)	Measurement of Principal Dimensions	✓ (*9)	✓ (*9)
(3)	Inclining Experiment (*1)	✓	
(4)	Lightship Verification (*2)	✓	
(5)	Simple Inclining Test (for Kaito with $C_{np} \geq 0.35$)		✓
(B)	FIRE-FIGHTING APPARATUS, STRUCTURAL FIRE PROTECTION, APPLIANCES FOR PREVENTION OF COLLISION		
(1)	CO ₂ Pipe - inspection, hydraulic test and blowing test	✓	✓ (*8)
(2)	Fire Main - inspection and hydraulic test	✓	✓ (*8)
(3)	Structural Fire Protection (Ch. VI/12 refers) - inspection	✓	
(4)	Position of Navigational Light and its Foundation – verification	✓	✓
(C)	CARRIAGE OF PASSENGERS		
(1)	Measurement of Noise Level in Passenger Space	✓	--
(2)	Measurement of Passenger Space / Seating	✓	✓
(3)	Minimum headroom in Accommodation Space - confirmation	✓	✓
(4)	Means of Escape in Accommodation Space and Machinery Spaces - inspection	✓	✓
(D)	CONSTRUCTION – HULL		
(1)	Material test - Steel Plate(*3)/Aluminium Plate(*3)/GRP Polyester Resin	✓	
(2)	- Propeller Shaft, Coupling, Rudder Stock (*4)	✓	✓ (*8)
(3)	Hull Scantlings - verification	✓	
(4)	Welding / GRP Lamination and Finishing - inspection	✓	
(5)	Below Main Deck W.T. bulkhead and W.T. door fitted thereon - Hose test(*5)	✓	
(6)	Structural Tanks - internal inspection	✓	
(7)	- hydraulic test/air test(*5)	✓	
(8)	Watertight / Weathertight Appliances - inspection	✓	
(9)	- hose test(*5)	✓	

Table 7-1 No.	Category of Vessel Survey Item	A	B
(10)	Permanent Ballast Weights - inspection ^(*10) (Added G.N. 6489 of 2018)	✓	✓
(E)	CONSTRUCTION - FUEL, MACHINERY, SHAFTING		
(1)	Main Engine ^{(*6) (*7)} , Gear Box - Type Approval Certificate /inspection	✓	✓ ^(*8)
(2)	Generator Diesel Engine - Certificate ^(*6) / inspection	✓	✓ ^(*8)
(3)	Tail Shafts and Coupling - verification of dimensions	✓	✓ ^(*8)
(4)	- taper bedding test	✓	✓ ^(*8)
(5)	Stern Tube - verification of dimension and hydraulic test	✓	✓ ^(*8)
(6)	Independent Fuel Oil Tanks - internal inspection and hydraulic test	✓	✓ ^(*8)
(7)	Verification of No. and Volume of Structural and Independent Fuel Oil Tanks	✓	✓ ^(*8)
(8)	Bilge Line - inspection and hydraulic test	✓	✓ ^(*8)
(9)	Sea Suction valve – inspection and hydraulic test	✓	✓ ^(*8)
(10)	Steering System Hydraulic Line - inspection and hydraulic test	✓	✓ ^(*8)
(11)	Fuel Oil Line - inspection and hydraulic test	✓	✓ ^(*8)
(12)	Compressed Air Pipe - hydraulic test (for P > 17.2 bar)	✓	✓
(13)	Air Receiver - verification of wall thickness/ dimensions	✓	✓
(14)	- hydraulic test	✓	✓
(15)	Main Engine Alarm System and FMEA items - function test (Applicable to vessels of the type stated in Ch. I/4.2)	✓	✓
(F)	CONSTRUCTION - ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS		
(1)	Electrical Wiring/installation - inspection	✓	✓
(2)	Generator circuit breaker load test (vessels with GenSet power > 50 kW)	✓	--
(G)	PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF POLLUTION		
(1)	Prevention of Oil Pollution Installation (MD/AO) - Inspection (Amended G.N. 7604 of 2021)	MD/AO/CS ^{*11}	MD/AO/CS ^{*11}
(2)	- hydraulic test of independent bilge water / sludge holding tank	✓	✓

Remarks in Table 7-1

- *1 Applicable to the 1st vessel of a series of four vessels.
- *2 Applicable to the 2nd, 3rd and 4th of a series of four vessels.
- *3 In lieu of the material test, mill sheet issued/endorsed by a classification society is acceptable.
- *4 Ch. IIIA/9 and IIIA/17.4 refer.
- *5 Annex M/3, 4 refer. Hose test for door fitted on watertight bulkhead may be replaced by a chalk test if

a prototype test (with pressure corresponding at least to the head required for the intended location) has been carried out and certificated.

- *6 Ch. IIIA/7.1 refers. For engine of new vessel, engine maker or classification societies approved certificates/information and document as appropriate required in Ch. IIIA or IIIB and Annex I-10 of this Code or MARPOL Annex VI.
- *7 With effect from 1 March 2016, each brand new main engine to be fitted on board newbuilding and existing locally licensed Class I vessels shall be engraved with an unique official mark.
- *8 For visual inspection and operational test at either initial or final inspection only.
- *9 The measurement record shall be submitted to Marine Department for verification.
- *10 Applicable to new vessels ^{Note 2} after the enforcement of this Code. The inspection shall be carried out in the vessel's initial survey; or when alterations or repairs resulting in the removal/modification of permanent ballast weights (PBWs) have been made. The inspection shall be carried out in accordance with the requirements set out in the table below:

Tasks Shipowner/Shipyard Responsible for		Tasks Inspecting Personnel Responsible for
Documents Submission	Inspection Arrangement	
(1) Declaration (refer to Annex Y of this Code) - which shall include the PBWs information (positions, quantity, materials, unit weights, serial number markings, etc.) designated in the stability booklet of the vessel. (2) Photo records (12 megapixels or above and hard copy prints in 1200 x 1200 dpi or above)- which shall clearly show the following conditions of PBWs stowage: (a) ship structure prior to PBWs being stowed; (b) 50% of PBWs stowed; (c) 100% of PBWs stowed; and (d) fittings used for securing the PBWs.	Stow PBWs according to the information given in item (1) in the left-hand column and carry out the inspection described in the right-hand column in coordination with attending inspecting personnel.	(1) Inspect vessel's structure with regard to PBWs stowage; (2) verify all PBWs; and (3) randomly select at least 10% of PBWs (but no less than one PBW) for inspection. The inspection shall include the PBWs' appearance, markings, weight confirmation, etc.

- *11 Applicable to vessels holding International Oil Pollution Prevention Certificate only.
(Added G.N. 7604 of 2021)

^{Note2} Applicable to a vessel which is a new vessel under section 2 of the Survey Regulation when the reference to "the commencement date" in the definition of "new vessel" is substituted by "31.8.2018"

Table 7-2.1 Periodical Survey - Vessels Classed with AO

Table 7-2.1 No.	Survey Item	Survey Intervals (year) ^(*)		Survey Requirement
		No. of Passengers (Pax)	> 60 ≤ 60	
(A)	LIFE-SAVING APPLIANCES, FIRE-FIGHTING APPARATUS			
(1)	Fixed Fire Ext. Installation CO ₂ system - blowing test Sprinkler System - spraying test	2.5	2.5	Aerosol installation – in accordance with manufacturer requirements. Other types of installations - in accordance with AO requirements
(2)	- hydraulic test	10	10	in accordance with AO requirements
(3)	Fire Extinguisher, CO ₂ Bottle - refill and hydraulic test	10	10	in accordance with AO requirements
(4)	Buoyant Apparatus - submerging test			in accordance with this Code
(B)	CONSTRUCTION – HULL			
(1)	Hull - external (incl. ship bottom) inspection	A	2.5 [▲]	Pax > 60: in accordance with this Code Pax ≤ 60: in accordance with AO requirements ▲ Hull external inspection: the intervals are not to exceed 36 months (survey window is not applicable); and to be performed within 15 months prior to the expiry date of the classification certificate
(2)	- internal (excl. oil, water tanks and void spaces) visual inspection	5	5	in accordance with AO requirements
(3)	- internal (incl. oil, water tanks and void spaces) inspection	5	5	in accordance with AO requirements
(4)	- gauging thickness of deck, shell and bulkhead plating	5 [▲]	5 [▲]	in accordance with AO requirements ▲ Start from the 10 th year after first licensing. Gauging of shell plating shall be performed along with item (B)(1)
(5)	Sea Suctions, Discharging Valves - stripped down inspection	2.5 [▲]	5 [▲]	in accordance with AO requirements ▲be performed along with item (B)(1)
(6)	Anchors, Cables, Wire Ropes - ranged out for inspection	2.5 [▲]	2.5 [▲]	in accordance with AO requirements ▲be performed along with item (B)(1)
(7)	Permanent Ballast Weights - inspection ^(*)16) (Added G.N. 6489 of 2018)	A	A	in accordance with this Code
(C)	CONSTRUCTION - FUEL, MACHINERY, SHAFTING, ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS			
(1)	Main Engine hydraulic test of coolers (incl. air, lub. oil, cooling water), cylinder head and water jacket	2.5	5	Inspection intervals in accordance with engine manufacturer requirements. Engine running hour report shall be furnished to AO annually.

Table 7-2.1 No.	Survey Item		Survey Intervals (year) ^(*)		Survey Requirement
		No. of Passengers (Pax)	> 60	≤ 60	
(2)	overhaul of fuel oil pump, fuel nozzles		2.5	5	Inspection intervals in accordance with engine manufacturer requirements. Engine running hour report shall be furnished to AO annually.
(3)	Main Engine and Gear Box - stripped down for inspection		2.5 [▲]	2.5 [▲]	Engine running hour report shall be furnished to AO annually.
(4)	Generator engine, auxiliary machinery engine - stripped down for inspection		2.5 [▲]	2.5 [▲]	▲ May be extended once within a 5-yearly cycle determined by AO surveyor according to the engine's inspection interval, running hours or condition of maintenance
(5)	Main fire pump, emergency fire pump, bilge pump, windlass - stripped down for inspection		5	5	in accordance with AO requirements
(6)	Air Receiver (P<17.2 bar) - internal inspection		5	5	in accordance with AO requirements
(7)	- hydraulic test ^(*)				hydraulic test to be carried out if rust/wear is found during inspection
(8)	Air Receiver (P≥17.2 bar) - internal inspection		5	5	in accordance with AO requirements
(9)	- hydraulic test ^(*)				hydraulic test to be carried out if rust/wear is found during inspection
(10)	Tail Shaft, Propeller, Rudder, Rudder Stock - drawn out for inspection		5	5	in accordance with AO requirements
(11)	Independent Fuel Oil Tank – internal inspection & hydraulic test		5	5	in accordance with AO requirements
(12)	AC electrical circuit – main circuit breaker load test		5	5	in accordance with AO requirements
(D)	PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF POLLUTION				
(1)	Oil Pollution Prevention Installation - vessel with HKOPP certificate		5	5	in accordance with prevention of oil pollution regulation
(2)	- vessel without HKOPP certificate: hydraulic test of independent bilge water/sludge holding tank		5	5	in accordance with prevention of oil pollution regulation

(Added G.N. 7604 of 2021)

Table 7-2.2 Periodical Survey - Vessels Not Classed with AO

Table 7-2.2 No.	Survey Item	Class/Category/Type of Vessel	Class IA >60 Passengers Vessel			Class IA ≤60 Passengers Vessel			Class I B Vessel		
		Survey Intervals ^{(*)1}	1	2	4 (full survey)	1	2	4 (full survey)	1	2	4 (full survey)
(A)	LIFE-SAVING APPLIANCES, FIRE-FIGHTING APPARATUS										
(1)	Fixed Fire Ext. Installation CO ₂ system - blowing test Sprinkler System - spraying test			✓			✓				
(2)	- hydraulic test		(*2)								
(3)	Fire Extinguisher, CO ₂ Bottle - refill and hydraulic test		✓ (*3)			✓ (*3)					
(4)	Buoyant Apparatus - submerging test ^{(*)4}				✓			✓			
(B)	CONSTRUCTION – HULL										
(1)	Hull - external (incl. ship bottom) inspection		✓				✓			✓ (*5)	
(2)	- internal (excl. oil, water tanks and void spaces) visual inspection						✓				
(3)	- internal (incl. oil, water tanks and void spaces) inspection ^{(*)6}			✓				✓			✓ (*5)
(4)	- gauging thickness of deck, shell and bulkhead plating ^{(*)6} ^{(*)7}				✓			✓			✓ (*5)
(5)	Sea Suctions, Discharging Valves - stripped down inspection			✓			✓ (*14)	✓			✓ (*5)
(6)	Anchors, Cables, Wire Ropes - ranged out for inspection ^{(*)6} ^{(*)15}			✓				✓			
(7)	Permanent Ballast Weights - inspection ^{(*)16} (Added G.N. 6489 of 2018)		✓			✓			✓		
(C)	CONSTRUCTION - FUEL, MACHINERY, SHAFTING, ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS										
(1)	Main Engine - hydraulic test of coolers (incl. air, lub. oil, cooling water), cylinder head and water jacket			✓				✓			
						(by engine workshop) ^{(*)8}					
(2)	- overhaul of fuel oil pump, fuel nozzles			✓				✓			
			(by engine workshop) ^{(*)8}								
(3)	Main Engine and Gear Box - stripped down for inspection ^{(*)9} ^{(*)10}			✓ (*11)				✓			
						(by engine workshop) ^{(*)8}					
(4)	Generator engine, auxiliary machinery engine - stripped down for inspection				✓			✓			
						(by engine workshop) ^{(*)8}					
(5)	Main fire pump, emergency fire pump, bilge pump, windlass - stripped down for inspection			✓				✓			

Table 7-2.2 No.	Survey Item	Class/Category/Type of Vessel	Class IA >60 Passengers Vessel			Class IA ≤60 Passengers Vessel			Class I B Vessel		
		Survey Intervals ^(*)	1	2	4 (full survey)	1	2	4 (full survey)	1	2	4 (full survey)
(6)	Air Receiver (P<17.2 bar)				✓			✓			✓
	- internal inspection										
(7)	- hydraulic test ^(*)				✓			✓			✓
(8)	Air Receiver (P≥17.2 bar)			✓			✓			✓	
	- internal inspection										
(9)	- hydraulic test ^(*)			✓			✓			✓	
(10)	Tail Shaft, Propeller, Rudder, Rudder Stock ^(*) - drawn out for inspection			✓ (^(*) 11)				✓			
(11)	Independent Fuel Oil Tank – internal inspection & hydraulic test				✓			✓			
(11A)	Independent Bilge Water Tank - hydraulic test (vessel without HKOPP certificate) (Added G.N. 7604 of 2021)				✓			✓			✓
(12)	AC electrical circuit – main circuit breaker load test				✓ (^(*) 13)						
(D)	PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF POLLUTION										
(1)	Oil Pollution Prevention Installation - vessel with HKOPP certificate	(^(*) 12)									
(2)	(Deleted, G.N. 7604 of 2021)										

Remarks in Table 7-2.1 and 7-2.2

- *1 Survey Intervals: “A” means such item to be subjected to survey annually; “2” biennially, “4” quadrennially (“full survey”), etc. The periodical survey shall be carried out in subsequent order; i.e. a 1st year survey shall be followed by a 2-yearly survey, a 3rd year survey shall be followed by a 4-yearly survey, etc. With the exception of hull external inspection (item ((B)(1)) and associated inspections, “2.5” means the intermediate survey, which may be carried out during the 2nd or 3rd annual survey; or the period between (i.e. the 18 months period from the start of the 2nd survey window to the end of 3rd survey window). (Amended G.N. 7604 of 2021)
- *2 Hydraulic test for CO₂ and sprinkler systems shall begin from the 10th anniversary the system is in service, and thereafter at intervals of 10 years. The hydraulic testing pressure for the CO₂ system high pressure manifold shall not be less than 125 bar.
- *3 Inspection for portable and non-portable type fire extinguishers and CO₂ bottles shall be in accordance with the following table. The inspection record shall be retained on board for examination; or each fire extinguisher to be marked by paint or attached with a tag indicating the date and type of test.

ITEM	Water/Foam/Dry Powder Fire Extinguisher		CO ₂ Fire Extinguisher, CO ₂ Fixed Installation Bottle		
TYPE OF TEST	Refill / Weighting (^(*) a)	Hydraulic (^(*) b)	Weighting	Refill	Hydraulic (^(*) b)
INSPECTION BODY	Owner (^(*) c) /FSIC	FSIC/MD	FSIC/MD	DG Reg. 62	DG Reg. 66

Abbreviation

FSIC:	Fire Service Installation Contractors registered in the Fire Service Department or institutions acceptable to the Director
DG Reg. 62:	A person holding a Dangerous Goods Licence issued under Reg. 62, Dangerous Goods (General) Regulation
DG Reg. 66:	A person approved by Fire Service Department under Reg. 66, Dangerous Goods (General) Regulation
MD :	Marine Department officer

Note

- (*a) The need for refilling shall be in accordance with the instruction of manufacturer of fire extinguisher.
- (*b) Intervals of hydraulic test:

Portable Fire Extinguishers	- 5 years
CO ₂ bottles/propellant cartridges	- 10 years
- (*c) MD officers may examine the owner's competence on carrying out the servicing and conduct random checks including function test of the portable fire extinguishers.

- *4 Air case not filled with buoyant materials shall be tested for air tightness by submerging in water.
- *5 Applicable to ceremonial boat only.
- *6 For guidance on machinery and hull wear down or corrosion tolerance limits and other inspection items, Annex M refers.
- *7 Applicable to vessels of age exceeding 8 years.
- *8 Inspection record issued by engine workshop shall be submitted for reference.
- *9 For a brand new gear box, the strip down inspection shall begin from the fourth anniversary the gear box is in service.
- *10 The survey schedule for medium speed engines (of 300~1400 rpm), Annex K-1 refers.
- *11 Vessels carrying more than 60 passengers may apply for extension of subject items' survey interval from 2 years to 3 years if meeting the conditions set out in Annex K-2.
- *12 For the renewal of HKOPP certificates, oil pollution prevention installation shall be stripped down for inspection. Independent bilge water holding/sludge tank shall be hydraulic tested.
- *13 Applicable to Class I Category A vessels fitted with generator of each capacity exceeding 50kW.
- *14 Applicable to sea water suction valves only.
- *15 The length required to be ranged out for inspection: for anchor chains (or classification society accepted alternatives fitting) – whole length; for steel wire ropes – the whole length or a minimum length of 50m, whichever is the less. More or the whole length to be ranged out for inspection should there be major defect is found.
- *16 Applicable to the first full survey of vessels one year after the enforcement of this Code (i.e. on or after 31.8.2019). The PBWs inspection may be carried out during the final inspection (Table 7-3 items). The inspection shall be carried out in accordance with the requirements set out in the table below:

Item	Survey Year	Tasks Shipowner Responsible for		Tasks Inspecting Personnel Responsible for
		Documents Submission	Inspection/Maintenance Arrangement	
(A)	Full Survey ^{Note} Note: The PBWs inspections described below shall be carried out in the quadrennial full survey when a vessel has reached 8 years of age, and in every quadrennial full survey thereafter (for a classed vessel, in the special survey when the vessel has reached 10 years of age, and in every special survey thereafter), commencing one year after the enforcement of this code (i.e. on or after 31.8.2019). The first one will be a Grade A inspection, followed by a Grade B inspection, alternating at 4-year intervals (for classed vessels, 5-year intervals, i.e. the special survey). If it is found during a Grade B inspection that the vessel’s bottom and internal structural members with regard to PBWs stowage show no excessive corrosion (not exceeding 1/2 or more of the limit set down in Annex M of this Code) and the coating is in good condition with no significant deterioration, MD may consider the shipowner’s application for having a Grade B inspection in the subsequent full survey, followed by a Grade A inspection in the next quadrennial full survey (for classed vessels, the next 5-yearly special survey).			
	Grade A Inspection	Submit the same declaration and photo records required for the PBWs inspection in the initial survey (remark *10 of Table 7-1).	(1) Clear the whole area (100%) of vessel bottom used for PBWs stowage. (2) Assist inspecting personnel and provide necessary ventilation, lighting, etc. to facilitate the inspection described in the right-hand column. (3) Carry out repairs when directed by inspecting personnel.	(1) Confirm the area at vessel bottom used for PBWs stowage is clear, and carry out PBWs inspection items (1)~(3) of remark *10 of Table 7-1 of the initial survey. (2) Confirm the following during hull inspection: (i) steel vessel – no large area of damage or heavy rusting of hull material, no abnormal accumulation of water, etc.; protective coating (if any) in good condition. (ii) Aluminium, GRP and wooden vessel - no large area of damage or abnormalities of hull material, no abnormal accumulation of water, etc.; protective coating (if any) in good condition. (iii) gauge plating thickness (if applicable) and submit to MD a copy of the record. (3) If the results of the abovementioned inspection items (2)(i)~(iii) fall short of requirements, the owner shall be instructed to carry out repairs, and re-inspection shall be carried out until satisfactory results are obtained. (4) If the wastage of hull material has reached 3/4 or more of the corrosion limit set down in Annex M of this Code.

Item	Survey Year	Tasks Shipowner Responsible for		Tasks Inspecting Personnel Responsible for
		Documents Submission	Inspection/Maintenance Arrangement	
				the owner shall be instructed to renew the hull material concerned. If it cannot be done, the hull of the part concerned shall be subject to inspection annually thereafter. (5) If heavy wastage of hull material is found, the adjoining cement PBWs (if any) shall be removed to facilitate the hull inspection.
	Grade B Inspection	(1) Declaration (2) Upon the completion of inspection and repair (if applicable), submit to MD a copy of the photo records which shall include: (i) photos showing the condition of the hull structure with PBWs removed to expose at least 25% of the total area of the hull structure covered by PBWs; and (ii) the condition of the PBWs after they are restored to their original positions. (3) If all the PBWs have to be removed, the records required in items (1) and (2) of remark *10 of Table 7-1 for the initial survey shall be re-submitted.	(1) Follow inspecting personnel's instruction (as described in the right-hand column) and remove PBWs to expose at least 25% of the total area of the hull structure covered by PBWs to facilitate inspection. (2) carry out task items (2) and (3) of Grade A inspection.	(1) Instruct the owner to remove PBWs for hull structure inspection. At least 25% ^{Notes (i), (ii)} of the total area of hull structure covered by PBWs in each compartment shall be inspected. Note: (i) The quantity of the randomly checked PBWs shall be based on the number of PBWs removed for inspection. (ii) The positions subject to inspection are normally the parts of the hull that are more vulnerable to corrosion (such as the bottom of the aft part of the vessel for the stowage of PBWs). If individual PBWs cannot be removed for safety reason, the owner shall be instructed to remove all the PBWs to facilitate hull inspection. In such case, the inspection items (1)-(3) of remark *10 of Table 7-1 of the initial survey shall be carried out. (2) Carry out task items (2)~(5) of Grade A inspection. (3) Randomly select at least 10% of PBWs (but no less than one PBWs) for inspection. The inspection shall include the PBWs' appearance, markings, weight confirmation, etc.

Item	Survey Year	Tasks Shipowner Responsible for		Tasks Inspecting Personnel Responsible for
		Documents Submission	Inspection/Maintenance Arrangement	
(B)	Years other than the full survey year	Declaration required in item (1) of Grade B inspection in (A), or a copy of an endorsed declaration.	Carry out task items (2) and (3) of Grade A inspection in (A) upon receipt of special instructions.	Conduct a visual inspection of the PBWs according to the documents submitted by the owner as mentioned in the left-hand column as and when necessary.

Table 7-3 Final Inspection ^(*)

Table 7-3 No.	Survey Item ^(*)
(A)	LIFE-SAVING APPLIANCES, FIRE-FIGHTING APPARATUS, APPLIANCES FOR PREVENTION OF COLLISION
(1)	Life Saving Appliances - inspection and function test ^(*)
(2)	Fire Fighting apparatus (incl. CO ₂ fixed fire extinguishing installation, emergency fire pump, etc) - inspection and function test
(3)	Navigation Lights and Sound Signals - inspection and function test
(4)	Fire Drill, Abandon Ship Drill ^(*)
(B)	CARRIAGE OF PASSENGERS
(1)	Passenger Space, Crew Space, Cabin Escape Arrangement, Bulwarks and Rails - general inspection
(2)	Passenger seats and their attachment - inspection ^(*)
(3)	Signage within Passenger Space, incl. Exits Signage, Lifejacket Donning Instructions, Plan on Escape Arrangement and Fire-fighting Plan - general inspection
(C)	CONSTRUCTION – HULL
(1)	Watertight / Weathertight Closing Appliances (incl. Door, Ventilator, Air Pipe, etc.) - inspection
(2)	Permanent ballast - confirmation of amount and position ^(*)
(3)	General condition in Machinery Space (including fuel oil installation)
	(a) protection from injury of personnel (b) prevention of fire hazard (c) prevention of oil pollution hazard
(4)	Principal Dimensions, Engine and major machinery particulars - verification
(D)	CONSTRUCTION - FUEL, MACHINERY, SHAFTING, ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS
(1)	Main Engines, Generator Engines, Steering Gears - running test
(2)	Unattended Machinery Space Installation (Ch. IIIA/18 and Ch. IIIB/13 refer) - function test
(3)	Air Receiver Safety Valves - function test

Table 7-3 No.	Survey Item ^{(*)2}
(4)	Bilge and Oily Water Pumping System - function test
(5)	Electrical Circuit - earthing test
(6)	- insulation resistance test ^{(*)6}
(7)	- Main circuit breaker function test ^{(*)7}
(8)	Location of emergency source of electrical power shall be outside machinery space and above waterline – verification ^{(*)8}
(9)	Meters on Switchboard - function test
(E)	PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF POLLUTION
(1)	Air Emission Assessment ^{(*)5}
(2)	Prevention of Oil Pollution Installation - function test
(F)	NAVIGATIONAL, COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT AND OTHERS
(1)	Radio Communication Equipment
(2)	Navigational Equipment
(3)	Certificates of Competency of Master and Engineer (if manoeuvring trial required) - verification
(4)	Ship Manoeuvring Trial ^{(*)11}
(5)	Operational and Safety Trial (FMEA items) ^{(*)12} ^{(*)13}
(6)	Plans and data required to be retained onboard (section 6.1 refers) - confirmation of numbers and contents
(7)	Survey report issued by MD/AS/AO/RA - verification
(8)	Inspection of remedial deficiency items in Initial / Periodical Survey
(9)	Supplementary information/data and list of inspection, testing & trial requirements relating to the type of vessel
(10)	Domestic L.P.G. Installation - inspection

Remarks in Table 7-3

- *1 The final inspection shall be carried out annually for every vessel.
(Amended G.N. 6256 of 2020)
- *2 Where practicable the listed items may be presented for inspection prior to the final inspection.
- *3 Random check on the condition of lifejackets is to be according to the following proportions:

Statutorily Required No. of Common and Adult Lifejackets	Random Check	Statutorily Required No. of Children and Infant Lifejackets	Random Check
1-10	100%	1-10	100%
11-100	10 pieces	11-50	10 pieces
		51-100	20 pieces
101-1 000	10%	> 100	20%
> 1 000	100 pieces		

The counting of the number is to be 100%.

- *4 Strength test to be carried out when necessary.
- *5 Air emission requirements to be conducted as per Annex I-10.
- *6 Applicable to all vessels other than Cat. B primitive vessels (kaito). For vessels other than ferries and floating restaurants, a valid EMSD registered electrical contractor (REC) issued electrical system insulation test report (with the test being conducted by an EMSD registered electrical worker (REW) within 2 weeks prior to the final inspection) is acceptable in lieu of the insulation resistance test inspection responsible by MD officer or authorized inspection personnels. A valid electrical system insulation test report shall include the relevant necessary information. A valid electrical system insulation test report issued by an authorized inspection personnel is acceptable.
- *7 Applicable to any vessel fitted with generator of each capacity exceeding 50 kW.
- *8 Applicable to only a vessel which is still a new vessel when the reference to “the commencement date of the Survey Regulation” in the definition of “new vessel” under Ch. I/3.1 is substituted by “29 November 2014”.
- *9 Refer to the requirements of remark *10 of Table 7-1 or remark *16 of Table 7-2.1 or 7-2.2. (Amended G.N. 6489 of 2018, 7604 of 2021)
- *10 Applicable to launches, ferries and floating restaurants. The exact crew number indicated on the muster list shall participate in the drill.
- *11 Applicable to ferry vessels only. The trial shall include crash ahead and astern running, turning and windlass operation test.
- *12 Applicable to vessels of the type stated in Ch. I/4.2.
- *13 For vessels of the type stated in Ch. I/4.2, the certificate of competence or an eyesight certificate (issued by a registered medical practitioner or registered optometrist) of the designated look-out (Ch. XII/11.1 refers) also to be verified.

CHAPTER III A

HULL CONSTRUCTION, MACHINERY, ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS AND FITTINGS - CATEGORY A VESSEL

PART 1 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- (1) Except as otherwise specified, every vessel shall be designed and built to the requirements of rules and regulations of a classification society as listed at Annex A, having regard the size, construction material, and operational services of the vessel. Such rules and regulations shall be complied with in its entirety. However in the case of any inconsistency between this Code and any of the requirements of the classification society rules, the requirements of this Code shall be complied with.
- (2) Main propulsion, control, fuel oil, compressed air, electrical and refrigeration systems; generator machinery; air receivers and other pressure equipment; piping and pumping arrangements; steering equipment, shafts and couplings for power transmission shall be designed, constructed and tested to the satisfaction of the surveyor. Suitable means or device shall be provided to machinery, equipment, lifting gear, winches, fish handling and fish processing equipment, etc. so as to reduce to a minimum any danger to persons on board. Special attention shall be paid to moving parts, hot surfaces and other potential dangers.

PART 2 HULL CONSTRUCTION

1 Main Deck Construction

- 1.1 Every vessel shall be fully decked. Sunken deck intended to be used for passenger cabin shall have scantlings equivalent to those of main deck, and shall be at least 300 mm above the deepest loaded waterline. The sunken deck is not necessarily of watertight construction unless it also serves as a double bottom.
- 1.2 For a new vessel^{Note1}, if opening is fitted on main deck leading to spaces below deck the first tier of superstructure on main deck shall be of weathertight construction for the purpose of maintaining the integrity and stability of vessel. The closing appliances fitted on such position shall meet the requirements of section 3.

2 Bulkheads

- 2.1 Every launch or ferry vessel shall be fitted with the following watertight bulkheads:
 - (a) collision bulkhead;
 - (b) fore and after bulkhead of engine room;
 - (c) when any compartment exceeds 2/5ths of the length(see definition in section 2 of Survey Regulation), an additional bulkhead at an intermediate position unless it meets the relevant damage stability requirements;
 - (d) if the vessel exceeds 24 metres in length, an aft peak bulkhead unless the engine room is situated at aft end of the vessel.

^{Note1} Applicable to a vessel which is a new vessel when the reference to “the commencement date” in the definition of “new vessel” under section 2 of the Survey Regulation is substituted by “3 March 2017”.

- 2.2 In double-ended vessels, collision bulkheads shall be fitted at both ends.
- 2.3 On a motor vessel other than launch and ferry vessel, the dispositions and construction of watertight bulkheads shall meet the relevant requirements of classification societies.
- 2.4 On all vessels other than wooden vessels, and as far as practicable on wooden vessels, bulkheads shall be of watertight construction.
- 2.5 Access openings fitted in watertight bulkheads shall be equipped with effective watertight closing appliances and shall meet the requirements of section 2.6.
- 2.6 The design of the watertight doors shall comply with the following requirements:
- (a) The dimension of the watertight doors shall suit the design of the vessels;
 - (b) The warning “Door must be kept closed when underway” shall be marked on both sides of the watertight door;
 - (c) For hinged type watertight door, they shall be opened outward except those doors in high flooding risk spaces shall be opened into the space; and
 - (d) Watertight doors to be fitted with visual and audio alarms in the wheelhouse to give alerts when watertight doors are open.

3 Closing Appliances, Freeing Ports

- 3.1 On every vessel, air pipes, ventilators, cargo hatchways, small hatchways, manholes, skylights and doors leading to a space below main deck shall be fitted with weathertight closing appliance and shall have a minimum coaming height as follows:

Plying Limits	Coaming Height (mm)
Hong Kong Waters	230 <300>
River Trade Limits	600

No coaming is required for watertight manholes.

- 3.2 Special consideration may be given to vessel of a design for a particular operation. Such restriction or condition, if any, would be endorsed on the inspection certificate of the vessel.
- 3.3 Sidescuttles below main deck shall be of watertight and non-opening type fitted with deadlight.
- 3.4 Vessels issued with Hong Kong Load Line Certificate (HKLL Certificate) or International Load Line Certificate (ILL certificate) must in addition comply with the relevant requirements on closing appliances prescribed in the load line regulations.
- 3.5 If bulwark is fitted at the shipside, freeing ports shall be provided in the bulwark with the minimum aggregate area in accordance with the rules of the classification society based on the vessel’s size and operational services.

4 Protection of Passengers and Crew

- 4.1 Bulwark, guardrails or equivalent shall be installed near the periphery of weather decks accessible to passengers and crew. Storm rails or handgrips shall be fitted in passenger standing areas, fixed at deck or at wall.
- 4.2 Bulwarks and rails shall have a minimum height of 1000 mm above deck. Where it can be shown that higher rails would interfere with the normal operation of the vessel a reduced height may be accepted. Sufficient freeing ports are to be provided on bulwarks. When guardrails are fitted, the opening below the lowest course of the rails shall not exceed 230 mm and the other courses shall not be more than 380 mm apart.
- 4.3 Vessels issued with HKLL Certificate or ILL Certificate must be in addition comply with relevant requirements on means of protection prescribed in the load line regulations.

5 Flooring

Metallic or wooden flooring, if fitted above bilge, shall be readily removable for cleaning and inspection. A steel inner bottom, if fitted, shall meet the requirements of classification society rules in respect of double bottom. Access openings and air pipes shall be provided for such spaces.

6 Marking of Hull

- 6.1 The certificate of ownership number of a vessel must be marked in accordance with section 38 of the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Certification and Licensing) Regulation.
- 6.2 On every launch and ferry vessel, the name of vessel (if any, as that shown on vessel's Certificate of Survey) and the total number of persons (passenger and crew) shall be painted on vessel's bows and stern. The minimum size of lettering is 100 mm in height.
- 6.3 Permanent draft marks shall be provided on port and starboard side of stem and stern of a vessel. The marks shall be measured from the bottom of the keel, with letters and figures being in decimetric heights and at two decimetric intervals.

PART 3 MACHINERY INSTALLATION

7 Main Engine, Auxiliary Engine and Gear Box

- 7.1 In any launch or ferry vessel carrying more than 60 passengers; which is not classed with a classification society and has main engine power output exceeding 130 kW, such main engine and its associated gear box shall be of a type approved by a classification society or maritime administration.
- 7.2 The main engine and the associated gearbox shall be matched at the maximum continuous rating condition. Alternative rating may be accepted subject to proper justification is given.
- 7.3 New main engines and gear boxes are required to be fitted on new vessels stated in section 7.1. For vessels other than those stated in section 7.1, if used engine is intended to be installed, it shall be properly stripped down and overhauled for examination. To

facilitate the confirmation of the source of origin and/or the quality of reconditioning of the engines, proper document from the original engine maker or purchase document from the engine workshop shall be submitted. The data on engine model, type and identification number shall be clear and adequate for accurate assessment of the engine power. The reconditioning reports shall give adequate details similar or same as the items and format given on checklist of engine and gearbox inspection in Annex I-2 and I-3.

For new engine requirements, owners are drawn attention to the recommendation in Annex I-10.

Vessels built on or after 1 June 2008 but before 1 July 2016 may be fitted with Tier I engine; vessels built on or after 1 July 2016 must be fitted with Tier II engine.

- 7.4 For main engine and gear box fitted on vessel other than that stated in section 7.1, documentation provided by manufacturer indicating that the main engines are of marine type is sufficient.
- 7.5 Auxiliary engine(s) on new mechanically propelled vessel shall be 'marine type'; auxiliary engine(s) on existing mechanically propelled vessel shall also be 'marine type' if they are being replaced/renewed.
- 7.6. Any engine fitted on a vessel shall be properly maintained at all times free from dark smoke emission. In this regard, during the final inspection for initial and periodic survey, engine performance condition check would include smoke emission test using Ringelmann Chart. Shade 2 of the Ringelmann Chart and a continuous period of 3 minutes are the upper limits. The emission beyond this limit is considered as a contravention of the law.
- 7.7 Any vessel if found or reported emitting excessive dark smoke, owners would be requested to present vessel's engine(s) for special inspection and smoke test to ensure compliance. Any non-compliance will be pursued in accordance with relevant legislation requirement.
- 7.8 If replacement of main engine, generator set, etc. are required, owner shall refer to the requirements as indicated in Annex I-5A, I-5B and I-5C.

8 Engine Fittings

- 8.1 Main engine and generator engine shall be provided with effective means of control and indication.
- 8.2 If remote control of main engine is provided from the wheelhouse, local control shall also be provided at engine side.
- < 8.3 Emergency stopping device for main engine shall be provided in wheelhouse. >
- 8.4 Main engine installed on any <launch or ferry vessel carrying more than 60 passengers> shall be provided with means of protection due to engine faults as follows:

Engine Fault	Means of Protection	
	Audible and Visible Warning Alarm	Automatic Shut-off
Lubrication oil low pressure	✓	
Cooling water high temperature	✓	
Overspeed	✓	✓

8.5 The control for re-setting of main engine shall be fitted at the helmsman's position.

8.6 Engine with cylinder diameter greater than 200 mm or a crankcase volume greater than 0.6 m³ shall be provided with crankcase explosion relief valves of approved type. Other engines of smaller size shall be fitted with crankcase venting pipe leading to the open deck.

8.7 The engine's exhaust pipe shall be lagged with heat-resistant material unless it is served by a water cooling system. A silencer or expansion chamber shall be fitted on the exhaust pipe.

9 Propeller Shafting

9.1 The diameter of propeller shaft shall meet the minimum requirements of the classification society rules. The owner and/or builder of vessel are suggested to consider an allowance for wear down of the shaft. Repair by machining to eliminate defects of the shaft may be permitted, provided the minimum diameter as required by the classification society rules is maintained.

9.2 Propeller shaft and its coupling shall be physically tested and certificated as follows:

Type of Vessel \ Shaft Diameter	> 75 mm	≤ 75 mm
As stated in section 7.1	MD/CS	manufacturer
Others	manufacturer	manufacturer

MD : Marine Department

CS : classification society

9.3 Propulsion systems including shafting of non-conventional type may be accepted if that are of the types approved by classification society.

10 Engine Room

10.1 Engine room shall be so designed as to provide safe and free access to all machinery and its controls as well as to any other parts which may require servicing.

10.2 Adequate ventilation shall be provided in engine room. If only natural ventilation is provided, at least two cowl ventilators of adequate size shall be fitted. One of the cowl vents shall be led well down into the space to vent out the accumulated vapour in the

lower part of the space. Ventilation trunk if passing through other compartments shall be of watertight or gastight construction and structurally protected^{Note 1}, as appropriate. The ventilator shall be fitted with a fire damper or other means of closing. If a fire damper is fitted, an indicator shall be provided to show whether the damper is in the open or close position. The fire damper may be of manual type and the indicator which could be in written form or other physical means, and be installed locally in the vicinity of fire damper.

- 10.3 If the vessel is constructed of wooden or GRP of non-oil resistant material, a suitable metal tray which can readily be cleaned shall be fitted under the engine to protect the bilges against saturation by oil.
- 10.4 Two means of escape including suitable ladders and exits shall be provided for the engine room. One of these means of escape may be waived with regard to the size and disposition of the space. Any vessel permitted to be operated by combined coxswain and engine operator (Ch. XII/3 refers) and of length less than 24 metres, one means of escape can be waived.

If such means of escape is led to passenger space, it shall be clear of any seating.

- 10.5 Every machinery spaces shall be at all times kept clean and free from unnecessary combustible materials and that waste oil is not allowed to accumulate in the bilges.

11 Nature of Fuel

Except otherwise permitted by the Director, marine fuel oil of flash point of less than 60°C (closed cup test) must not be used for engine.

12 Tanks

- 12.1 The arrangements for filling fuel tanks shall be such that oil will not spill or overflow into any compartment of the vessel. Woodwork surrounding the deck filling mouth shall be covered with metal piece. No loose can/barrel of fuel oil shall be carried on board.
- 12.2 Fuel tanks shall be substantially constructed of suitable material and securely fixed in position. The tanks and their connections shall be tested per the requirements of Annex M/3.1.

13 Pumping and Piping Arrangement

- 13.1 All fuel oil tank, lubrication oil tank and spaces where flammable gas may collect shall be fitted with venting pipes leading to the weather deck. The open end of any oil tank's venting pipe shall be fitted with properly secured metallic wire-gauze.

^{Note 1} Applicable to a vessel which is when the reference to “the commencement date” of the Survey Regulation in the definition of “new vessel” under section 2 of the Survey Regulation is substituted by “3 March 2017”.

- 13.2 Safe and efficient means of ascertaining the amount of fuel oil in any oil tank shall be provided. For sounding pipes, their upper ends shall terminate in safe positions and be fitted with suitable means of closure. Any transparent level gauge shall be of robust construction and of a type acceptable to the Department and fitted with automatic closing valves at both ends. Other means of proven design may be allowed subject to any failure or overfilling of the tank will not permit release of oil from it. Filling pipes shall have suitable screwed cap.
- 13.3 Fuel oil pipes, their valves and fittings shall be of copper, steel or other equivalent material. Where necessary flexible pipes may be allowed provided such pipes and their end attachments are of adequate strength, made of approved fire-resistant materials or design, to the satisfaction of the surveyor. Pipe joints in general are to be readily accessible. Fuel tank outlet valves shall be readily closed from a position outside the space where the tank is situated. An automatic closing drain valve shall be fitted at a lower position of fuel oil tank.
- 13.4 Oil pipes, water pipes and engine exhaust pipes shall generally not be fitted above and close to electrical distribution board, switchboard, etc. or any hot surface. Shall it be unavoidable, suitable protection shall be provided. Oil pipes shall not be led through any fresh water tank.
- 13.5 A suitable metal tray for collection of leaking oil shall be fitted under each valve of oil tanks and filters.
- 13.6 Independently driven fuel oil pump shall be provided with -
- (a) a suitable relief valve at discharge side of the pump;
 - (b) a means of stop outside of the space where the pump is situated.

14 Bilge Pumping Arrangement

- 14.1 Every vessel shall be provided with a bilge pumping system for pumping out bilge water from any compartment other than oil tanks and water tanks appropriate to the size of vessel as given by classification society rules.
- 14.2 A screw-down non-return valve shall be fitted at the following positions in the bilge line:
- (a) bilge valve distribution chests;
 - (b) direct bilge suction; and
 - (c) bilge pump connections to main bilge line.
- 14.3 Bilge pipes shall not be led through any fresh water tank. Bilges pipes, if pass through fuel oil, ballast or double bottom tanks, shall be of heavy gauge steel construction.
- 14.4 Any bilge pipe piercing collision bulkhead shall be fitted with a positive means of closing at the bulkhead with remote control from the working deck with an indicator showing the position of the valve provided that, if the valve is fitted on the after side of the bulkhead and is readily accessible under all service conditions, the remote control may be dispensed with.

15 Compressed Air System

- 15.1 Suitable pressure-relief arrangements shall be provided to prevent excess pressure in any part of the compressed air systems.
- 15.2 The starting air arrangements for main engine of a cylinder diameter exceeding 300 mm shall be adequately protected against the effects of back firing and internal explosion in the starting air pipes.
- 15.3 The discharge pipes from starting air compressor shall be led directly to the starting air receiver. Starting air pipes from air receivers serving main or generator engines shall be entirely separate from other services.
- 15.4 Provision shall be made to avoid or minimize the entry of oil into the air pressure systems and to drain the oil from the systems.
- 15.5 (a) Construction of air receivers shall meet the standard of a maritime administration's national standard or a classification society, and be subject to the approval of the Director. The air receivers are classified according to the following table (Note: The highest class prevails if there are different classes worked out from P, S and T):

Class I	Class II	Class III
$P > 39.2$	$39.2 \geq P \geq 17.2$	$P < 17.2$
or $S > 38$	or $38 \geq S \geq 16$	or $S < 16$
or $T > 350$	or $350 \geq T \geq 150$	or $T < 150$

where P = maximum design or working pressure (bar)

S = shell thickness (mm)

T = working temperature (°C)

- (b) Air receivers fitted on new vessel ^{Note 1} shall be built under the survey of one of the abovementioned maritime institutions, and issued with appropriate certificates.
- (c) Each air receiver shall be provided with the following fittings:
- (i) Stop valve and pressure gauge
 - (ii) Drain valve
 - (iii) Safety valve
- (d) The following information shall be submitted in duplicate for approval:
- (i) Air receiver construction (including details of welded connections, attachments, dimensions and supports etc.)
 - (ii) Construction of pressure parts (cylindrical shell, end plates, etc.)
 - (iii) Arrangement of mountings and fittings
 - (iv) Mechanical properties of material
 - (v) Test pressure.

^{Note 1} Applicable to a vessel which is when the reference to “the commencement date” of the Survey Regulation in the definition of “new vessel” under section 2 of the Survey Regulation is substituted by “3 March 2017”.

15.6 Every air receiver shall be tested at pressure according to the following table:

Type of Construction	Maximum Working Pressure (MWP)	Test Pressure
Riveted or Fusion welded	$MWP \leq 7 \text{ bar}$	$2 \times MWP$
Riveted	$7 \text{ bar} < MWP \leq 20 \text{ bar}$	$1.5 \times MWP + 3.5$
Riveted	$MWP > 20 \text{ bar}$	$MWP + 14$
Fusion welded	$MWP > 7 \text{ bar}$	$1.5 \times MWP + 3.5$

16 Anchors, Cables and Windlass

16.1 The sizes of chain cables and anchors shall be in accordance with classification society rule requirements prescribed for vessels operating in sheltered waters. Where ropes are proposed instead of chain cables, the ropes sizes and strengths shall be equivalent to that of chain cables.

16.2 A windlass for recovering the cables and anchors is recommended.

17 Steering System

17.1 Every motored vessel shall be provided with a main steering gear and an emergency means for actuating the rudder. The main steering gear shall be capable of turning the rudder over from 35° on either side to 30° on the other side in not more than 28 seconds, at vessel's maximum service speed. The emergency means may be of powered or manually operated.

17.2 Pressure relief valve shall be fitted at the hydraulic line.

17.3 The position of rudder, if power operated, shall be indicated in the wheelhouse. The rudder angle indication for power-operated steering gear shall be independent of the steering gear control system.

17.4 Material tests for rudder stocks shall be carried out as that for propeller shafts. Rudder stock assembly shall be enclosed with efficient watertight glands and packing. Suitable stopping devices are to be provided for the rudder to prevent it from excessive angular motion and vertical jumping.

17.5 The steering system of vessels of the type stated in Ch. I/4.2 shall comply with the relevant requirements specified in Ch. XI.

18 Wheelhouse - Engine Room Communication

18.1 On any vessel with manned engine rooms, a suitable system of communication between wheelhouse and engine room shall be provided.

18.2 Any vessel with length or propulsion power as indicated below, operating in unattended machinery spaces mode shall be provided with the following installation in the proximity of the position of helmsman:

(a) Vessel of $L \leq 37 \text{ m}$ or total propulsion power $\leq 1500 \text{ kW}$ (2,010HP)

- (i) for main engine-
 - (1) means of start, stop and control of speed
 - (2) control of gearbox or clutch
 - (3) lubricating oil pressure gauges
 - (4) < lubricating oil low pressure alarm>
 - (5) cooling water pressure gauges (if fitted on the engine)
 - (6) cooling water temperature gauges
 - (7) < cooling water high temperature alarm>
 - (8) exhaust temperature gauges (if fitted on the engine)
 - (9) a fixed fire detection (operated by fire detectors) and fire alarm system for engine room
- (ii) for generator engine-
 - means to stop
- (iii) for bilge water in engine room-
 - high level audible alarm.

(b) Vessel with length $L > 37$ m or total propulsion power > 1500 kW(2010HP) would be specially considered.

19 Installation for Prevention of Oil Pollution

19.1 In accordance with Schedule 7 of Survey Regulation, vessels to which the requirements of Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Oil Pollution) Regulations (Cap 413A) applicable are reproduced in the following table:

Type of vessel	Category of vessel	A		B	
	Propulsion	with Main Engine	No Main Engine	with Main Engine	No Main Engine
		Gross Tonnage	Gross Tonnage	Gross Tonnage	Gross Tonnage
Class I vessel					
ferry vessel		≥ 80	-	-	-
floating restaurant		-	≥ 80	-	-
launch		≥ 80	-	-	-
multi-purposes vessel		≥ 80	-	-	-
primitive vessel (kaito)		≥ 80	-	≥ 400	-

19.2 The installation and documentation required on board, and information required to submit for approval are detailed in the following table:

Gross Tonnage (GT)	$80 \leq GT < 400$	$GT \geq 400$
Required Installation and Documentation	(c),(f)	(a),(b), (c),(d),(e)
Information to be submitted	(i)	(g),(h),(j)

Legend

(a) An approved type oily water separator designed to produce effluent not more than 15 ppm of oil.

(b) Tank (sludge tank) for oil residue in engine room.

The minimum sludge tank capacity (V_1) shall be determined by the following formula:

$$V_1 = 0.005CD \text{ (m}^3\text{)}$$

where

C = daily fuel oil consumption (m^3); and

D = maximum no. of days when sludge can be discharged ashore.

Oil residue (sludge) may be disposed of directly from the oil residue (sludge) tank(s) through the standard discharge connection, or any other approved means of disposal. The oil residue (sludge) tank(s) shall be provided with a designated pump for disposal that is capable of taking suction from the oil residue (sludge) tank(s); and shall have no discharge connections to the bilge system, oily bilge water holding tank(s), tank top or oily water separators except that the tank(s) may be fitted with drains, with manually operated self-closing valves and arrangements for subsequent visual monitoring of the settled water, that lead to an oily bilge water holding tank or bilge well, or an alternative arrangement, provided such arrangement does not connect directly to the bilge piping system.

(c) Standard discharge connection.

(d) For vessels of $GRT \geq 400$, HKOPP Certificate and Supplement issued/endorsed by the Director or International Oil Pollution Prevention Certificate and Supplement issued/endorsed by a classification society.

(e) Oil record book (Part I and Part II); Vessels other than oil carriers require Part I.

(f) Bilge water holding tank.

The minimum capacity (V) of the tank is to be determined by the following formula:

$$V = 0.9 P + 50 \text{ litres}$$

where P = total horsepower of main engine(s), in kW.

The above formula is for an interval of discharge of 18 hours. For alternate intervals of discharge, the capacity shall be adjusted accordingly.

(g) Installation plans for oily-water separator consist of:

(i) piping arrangements, and

(ii) wiring diagram of electrical installation.

(h) Sludge tank and discharge arrangement plans include:

(i) construction, size and location of sludge tank; and

(ii) piping diagram of sludge tank from machinery spaces to reception facility via standard discharge connection.

- (i) Bilge water holding tank and discharge arrangement plans include:
 - (i) construction, size and location of bilge holding tank; and
 - (ii) piping diagram of bilge water holding tank from machinery spaces to reception facility via standard discharge connection.
 - (j) Shipboard oil pollution emergency plan (not required for sludge oil carriers).
- 19.3 Vessels shall maintain a valid certificate relevant to prevention of oil pollution as required by Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Oil Pollution) Regulations (Cap 413 sub. leg A) for the intended purpose of the vessel.
- 19.4 Provisions for discharge prohibition for oil pollution prevention as stipulated in Cap 313, Cap 413 and Cap 548 must be complied with for all vessels, including those vessels not mandatory required to provide with the physical arrangements/ equipment/document on board as indicated in sections 19.1 and 19.2.

PART 4 ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION

20 Electrical Power Source

- 20.1 Nominal voltage of electrical system is recommended to be 380V for generation and power circuits, 220V for lighting and distribution circuits and 24V D.C. for low voltage circuits.
- 20.2 The hull return system shall not be used for power or lighting.
- 20.3 Where electrical power constitutes the only means of driving the lubrication oil pump and cooling water pump for the main engine, a main source of electrical power shall be provided which shall include at least two generating sets, one of which shall be driven by internal combustion engine.
- 20.4 The vessel's emergency lighting, fixed fire extinguishing system, fire detection and alarm system, public address system; and navigation lights for vessels of length exceeding 24 metres shall be provided with emergency power supply of sufficient capacity.
- 20.5 For vessels built on or after 29 November 2014 the emergency source of power shall be located outside engine room and above the full-load waterline of the vessel.
- 20.6 Ventilation fans serving machinery or cargo spaces, engines' oil fuel pumps and other similar oil pumps shall be capable to be stopped outside of the space where the appliance is situated.
- 20.7 Each navigation light shall be connected separately to the distribution board served for this purpose.
- <20.8 In every electric or electro-hydraulic power steering gear system on vessel:
- (a) the steering gear shall have two independent sets of supply cables connecting direct to main switchboard;
 - (b) the supply circuits of steering gear control system shall be provided with short circuit protection only;
 - (c) the steering gear motors shall have an overload alarm instead of overload protection. The short circuit protection shall be not less than twice the total rated current of the motor in the circuit protected.

This subsection is not applicable to vessels fitted with a separate power-operated means of steering.>

21 Precautions against Shock, Fire and Other Hazards of Electrical Origin

- 21.1 (a) Exposed permanently fixed metal parts of electrical machines or equipment which are not intended to be "live", but which are liable under fault conditions to become "live" shall be earthed unless they are supplied at a voltage not exceeding 50 volts.
- (b) Electrical apparatus shall be so constructed and so installed that it shall not cause injury to person when handled or touched in the normal manner.
- 21.2 Main and emergency switchboards shall be so arranged as to give easy access as may be needed to apparatus and equipment, without danger to attendants. The sides and backs and, where necessary, the fronts of switchboards, shall be suitably guarded. Exposed "live" parts having voltages exceeding 50 volts shall not be installed on the front of such switchboards. There shall be non-conducting mats or gratings at the front and rear, where necessary.
- 21.3 The distribution system if exceeds 50V, whether primary or secondary, for power or lighting, with no connection to earth is used, a device capable of monitoring the insulation level to earth shall be provided.
- 21.4 (a) The voltage rating of any cable shall not be less than the nominal voltage.
- (b) Every conductor of a cable, flexible cable or flexible cord shall be capable of carrying the maximum current which will normally flow through it without exceeding the appropriate current rating as specified by manufacturer of the cable.
- (c) Cable runs shall be selected so as to avoid action from condensed moisture or drip. Cables shall, as far as possible, be remote from sources of heat, such as hot pipes, resistors, etc.
- (d) Cables shall be prevented from mechanical damage. When necessary cables shall be enclosed in suitable conduits or casings, or armoured cables shall be used.
- 21.5 (a) Circuits shall be protected against short circuit and overload.
- (b) The current rating of circuit breaker shall not exceed the current rating of the smallest size of cable in the circuit protected by the circuit breaker.
- 21.6 Lighting fittings shall be arranged to prevent temperature rises which could damage the wiring and to prevent surrounding material from becoming excessively hot.
- 21.7 In spaces where flammable gas mixtures are liable to collect and in any compartment assigned principally to the containment of an accumulator battery, the electrical fittings shall be of explosionproof type.
- 21.8 (a) The housing of accumulator batteries shall be properly stowed in a locker which shall be well ventilated.
- (b) Accumulator batteries shall not be located in the crew or passenger spaces.
- <21.9 A lightning conductor is recommended to be fitted for a vessel which hull or mast is constructed of nonconductive materials. The lightning conductor might be connected to a copper plate fixed to the vessel's hull well below the lightship waterline. >

- 21.10 When any work to be carried out on electrical appliances a signboard showing “Work in Progress” shall be displayed at prominent position of the electrical panel to prohibit anyone from operating the panel.

CHAPTER III B
HULL CONSTRUCTION, MACHINERY, ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS
AND FITTINGS - CATEGORY B VESSEL

PART 1 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- (1) Any replacement kaito carrying not more than 60 passengers shall be built in a shipyard having been certified competent for the construction by Marine Department or RA in the mainland, with regard to its facilities, organization and capability. A copy of the certification, if issued by the mainland authority, shall be furnished to Marine Department for consideration/record.
- (2) Suitable means or device shall be provided to machinery, equipment, lifting gear and winch, etc. so as to reduce to a minimum any danger to persons on board. Special attention shall be paid to moving parts, hot surfaces and other potential dangers.

PART 2 HULL CONSTRUCTION

1 Hull and Bulkheads

1.1 Any motor vessel shall be fitted with:

- < (a) a collision bulkhead (for vessels of other than wooden vessels and of length (L) exceeding 8 m); >
- (b) engine room fore bulkhead; and
- (c) engine room aft bulkhead, unless the machinery space is situated at aft end of the vessel.

1.2 For vessels of other than wooden construction, the bulkheads shall be of watertight construction. Bulkheads in vessels of wooden construction shall be as far as practicable of watertight construction. Openings fitted on bulkhead for the passing of pipes, cables, etc. shall be accordingly constructed.

1.3 < Access opening fitted in a watertight bulkhead shall be equipped with effective watertight closing appliance. No opening is to be fitted in collision bulkhead on vessels other than wooden construction. >

2 Closing Appliances, Freeing Ports

2.1 The air pipes, ventilators, cargo hatchways, small hatchways, manholes and doors which are leading to a space below main deck shall be fitted with weathertight closing appliance and have a minimum coaming height of 230 or <300> mm on any vessel of other than wooden vessel.

2.2 No coaming is required for watertight manholes.

2.3 If bulwark is fitted at the shipside on vessels operating outside the Specified Sheltered Waters, freeing ports shall be provided in both sides of the bulwark with the minimum aggregate area (in m²) indicated in the following table. For vessels operating beyond Hong Kong Waters, the aggregate area shall be twice of that indicated in the tables.

Length (L) (m)	Aggregate Freeing Port Area (m ²)
$L \leq 12$	0.0115 L
$12 < L < 24$	(0.00146 L-0.006) L
$L \geq 24$	0.029 L

3 Protection of Passengers and Crew

Ch.IIIA/4 refer.

4 Flooring

Ch.IIIA/5 refers.

5 Marking of Hull

For vessels of all kinds of construction, Ch.IIIA/6.1 refers.

PART 3 MACHINERY INSTALLATION

6 Main Engine and Engine Fitting

The engine's exhaust pipe shall be lagged with heat-resistant material unless it is served by a water cooling system. A silencer or expansion chamber shall be fitted on the exhaust pipe. <Main engine crankcase shall be fitted with venting pipe leading to the open deck>.

7 Engine Room

- 7.1 Adequate ventilation shall be provided in engine room. If only natural ventilation is provided, at least two cowl ventilators of adequate size shall be fitted.
- 7.2 If the vessel is of wooden construction or GRP of non-oil resistant material, a metal tray, which can readily be cleaned, shall be fitted under the engine to protect the bilges against saturation by oil.
- 7.3 Every machinery spaces shall be at all times kept clean and free from unnecessary combustible materials and that waste oil is not allowed to accumulate in the bilges.

8 Nature of Fuel

Ch.IIIA/11 refers.

9 Tanks

- 9.1 The arrangements for filling fuel tanks are to be such that oil will not spill or overflow into any compartment of the vessel. Woodwork surrounding deck-filling mouth shall be covered with sheet metal. No loose can/barrel of fuel oil is to be carried on board.
- 9.2 Fuel tanks shall be substantially constructed of suitable material and securely fixed in position.

10 Pumping and Piping Arrangement

Ch.IIIA/13 refers.

11 Bilge Pumping Arrangement

A hand or electrical operated bilge pump of sufficient capacity shall be fitted for pumping out water in the bilge.

12 Compressed Air System

Ch.IIIA/15 refers.

13 Wheelhouse - Engine room Communication

Ch.IIIA/18 refers

Note

For the purpose of “combined coxswain” operation, any existing vessel of length less than 24m, total power not more than 750 kW (1,000 HP), and operating within waters of Hong Kong, fittings of a fixed fire detection (operated by smoke detectors) and fire alarm system for engine room can be waived, provided regular surveillance (such as through tale-tell pipe or transparent glass view-hole fittings etc.) can be exercised from outside engine room or control station by the coxswain or a crewmember.

14 Installation for Prevention of Oil Pollution

Ch.IIIA/19 refers.

PART 4 ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION

15 Electrical Installations

Ch.IIIA/Part 4 refers.

CHAPTER IV

FREEBOARD AND STABILITY

1 Freeboard Assignment, Certification, Intact Stability

1.1 The freeboard assignment, certification and intact stability requirements for a vessel shall be according to the following table

Vessel Type and Plying Limits	Length (L)	L ≥ 24 m		L < 24 m	
	Requirement	Freeboard, Certification	Intact Stability	Freeboard, Certification	Intact Stability
Class I Vessel (plying solely within Hong Kong waters)					
Launch, Ferry					
Conventional Type ^{Note1}	L&FV	IMO Crowding Turning Wind Mt	L&FV	IMO Crowding Turning Wind Mt	
High Speed Vessel	Ch. XI	Ch. XI	Ch. XI	Ch. XI	
<Primitive Vessel (kaito) 0.35 < C _{np} ≤ 0.85 vessel >	L&FV	GM ≥ 0.3m + Crowding + Turning	L&FV ^(*)	Simple Inclining Test ^(*) ^{(*)2}	

Remark

*1 Applicable to any replacement kaito carrying not more than 60 passengers (which is Category B vessel)

*2 Annex E, Part 1 refers.

Legend

1.2 Freeboard Requirements

L&FV A freeboard assigned appropriate to the length of vessel according to the following table:

Length (L) (m)	L ≤ 6	L = 19	L ≥ 50
Freeboard (mm)	380	760	1100

Freeboard of intermediate length shall be obtained by interpolation.

Ch. XI Vessels of the type stated in Ch. I/4.2 shall comply with the relevant requirements specified in Ch. XI.

1.3 Intact stability requirements in all probable loading conditions of vessel

GM ≥ 0.3m the initial transverse metacentric height (GM_T) shall not be less than 300 mm.

^{Note1} Applicable to a vessel which is when the reference to “the commencement date” of the Survey Regulation in the definition of “new vessel” under section 2 of the Survey Regulation is substituted by “3 March 2017”.

Crowding Crowding of passengers –

the angle of heel due to the effect of crowding of passengers shall not be greater than 10°. The passengers shall be assumed to be congregated at 0.25 m² per person on the uppermost deck(s), with 2/3 of the passengers distributed on one side of the vessel and 1/3 on the other side. The vertical centre of gravity of each person shall be taken as a standing passenger.

Turning Turning moment of vessel - the angle of heel due to the effect of turning the vessel shall not exceed 10°.

The heeling moment developed due to the effect of turning of the vessel may be derived from the following formula:-

$$M_R = 0.2 V_o^2 \triangle (KG - d/2) / L_{wl}$$

where

M_R = heeling moment (kN-m)

V_o = speed of the vessel in the turn (m/sec)

L_{wl} = length of vessel on the waterline (m)

$\triangle$ = displacement (tonnie)

KG = height of the centre of gravity above keel (m)

d = mean draft (m)

Wind Mt Wind moment –

as calculated according to section 2.3 Severe Wind and Rolling Criterion (weather criterion) of 2008 IS Code (International Code on Intact Stability, 2008)^{Note1} published by IMO in respect of wind moment effect. The wind pressure factor shall be taken to be 250 Pa <500 Pa>.

IMO IMO Recommended Stability Criteria

- (1) the initial GM_T shall not be less than 0.15 metres
- (2) the area under the curve of the righting levers (GZ curves) shall not be less than:-
 - (i) 0.055 m-rad up to an angle of 30°;
 - (ii) 0.090 m-rad up to an angle of either 40° or the angle at which the lower edges of any openings in the hull, superstructures or deckhouses, being openings which cannot be closed weathertight, are immersed if that angle be less;
 - (iii) 0.030 m-rad between the angles of heel of 30° and 40° or such referred to in ii) above;
- (3) the righting lever (GZ) shall be at least 0.20 metres at an angle of heel equal to or greater than 30°; and
- (4) the maximum righting lever (GZ_{max}) shall occur at an angle of heel not less than 25° but preferably over 30°.

Launch and ferry vessel^{Note 1} carrying more than 12 passengers shall meet the abovementioned criteria.

Vessels of the type stated in Ch. I/4.2 shall comply with the relevant requirements specified in Chapter XI.

1.4 Determination of minimum freeboard

A vessel shall meet the relevant stability criteria for the draught corresponding to the freeboard assigned.

1.5 Equivalent freeboard and stability criteria

1.5.1 Where it is not practical for any particular vessel, due to its geometric characteristics (e.g. the ratio of beam / depth is exceeding 2.5) or operating condition, to fully comply with the stipulated freeboard or stability criteria, the Department may permit the application of equivalent criteria which are at least as effective as that so specified.

1.5.2 For vessels of $L < 20\text{m}$ carrying ≤ 100 passengers, the Department accepts the standard applicable to vessels operating within sheltered waters, as stipulated in the Technical Regulation for the Survey of Coastal Boats promulgated by Maritime Safety Administration of the People's Republic of China (MSA), or the equivalent. For vessels of $L \geq 20\text{m}$ carrying ≤ 100 passengers, the Department accepts the standard appropriate for vessels operating in Hong Kong waters, as promulgated by the MSA.

2 Damage Stability

2.1 Every -

- (a) launch and ferry vessel^{Note 1} carrying more than 12 passengers;
- (b) replacement kaito^{Note 1} carrying not more than 60 passengers

shall meet a damaged stability standard as prescribed in Annex F of this Code.

2.2 Vessels of the type stated in Ch. I/4.2 shall comply with the relevant requirements specified in Chapter XI.

3 Inclining Test

3.1 With the exception of a vessel which stability is to be determined by a rolling period test, every vessel which stability information is required as stated in section 1 shall be inclined to confirm the vessel's displacement, vertical centre of gravity (VCG) and longitudinal centre of gravity (LCG) in lightship condition when on completion or close to completion of construction (new vessels) or **alteration** (existing vessels). Inclining test report shall be submitted for approval.

3.2 Dispensation with conducting an inclining test may be given to -

- (a) a vessel being similar in all respects to the sister ship for which a satisfactory inclining experiment report is available; and having been carried out a lightweight survey (see section 4 below) the result of which indicates that the deviations from
 - (i) lightship displacement is not exceeding 2% for ships of $L \leq 50\text{ m}$; 1% for ships of $L > 160\text{ m}$ (for intermediate L , by linear interpolation), and

- (ii) lightship LCG is not exceeding 0.5% L.
- (b) a vessel in which an accurate result cannot be obtained due to the particular design of hull form (e.g. a dumb lighter with extreme beam or multi-hulled vessel), provided a detailed assessment of vessel's displacement and VCG in lightship condition to be submitted.
- (c) the addition/replacement of engine(s) and/or minor alteration, Annex I-5C refers.

4 Lightweight Survey

- 4.1 A lightweight survey report including the calculation of the lightship displacement and LCG of the vessel shall be submitted for approval.
- 4.2 If the results of the lightweight survey are found not acceptable, an inclining test shall be conducted.

5 Determination of Deadweight and Its Effects

- 5.1 The deadweight shall comprise the following items:
 - (a) full number of passengers and crew;
 - (b) full load of cargo;
 - (c) fuel tanks (96% full) and fresh water tanks (100% full); and
 - (d) consumable stores.
- 5.2 The following information shall be used for the consideration of the effects of passenger and crew weight:
 - (a) the distribution of passengers is 4 persons per square metre;
 - (b) each person has a mass of 68 kg or <75 kg>;
 - (c) VCG of seated persons is 0.3 m above seat;
 - (d) VCG of standing persons is 1.0 m above deck;
 - (e) persons and luggage shall be considered to be in the space normally at their disposal.

6 Stability Information Booklet

- 6.1 After inclining test or lightweight survey, a stability information booklet (for each vessel) shall be submitted to the authority, person or organisation specified under Ch. II/2.1 or 2.2 for approval.
- 6.2 The booklet shall include the vessel's following particulars:
 - (a) vessel's name, principal dimensions, fully loaded displacement;
 - (b) general arrangement showing names of all compartments, tanks, machinery spaces, storerooms, crew and passenger accommodation spaces;
 - (c) the capacity and the VCG and LCG of every compartment available for the carriage of cargo, fuel, water, water ballast, etc.;

- (d) the effect on stability of free surface in each tank in which liquids may be carried;
- (e) the estimated total weight of (i) passengers and their effects and (ii) crew and their effects, and the VCG and LCG of each such total weight. In assessing such centres of gravity passengers and crew shall be assumed to be distributed about the ship in the spaces they will normally occupy, including the highest decks to which either or both have access.
- (f) the estimated weight and the disposition and centre of gravity of deck cargo;
- (g) hydrostatic particulars, cross curves particulars;
- (h) calculation of loading and righting levers (GZ) curves of -
 - (i) light condition,
 - (ii) fully loaded (to the assigned freeboard) condition,
 - (iii) service loaded conditions,
 - (iv) probable worst conditions.

Conditions (ii)~(iv) shall be calculated on both departure and arrival condition.

- 6.3 The approved stability booklet shall be placed on board the vessel for the reference of the coxswain.

7 Permanent Ballast

- 7.1 When ballast is required to improve stability of the vessel, the correct quantity of ballast shall at all times be fixed (or so stowed as not allowing movable when at sea) at the specified position. Such quantity and position of permanent ballast shall be endorsed in the Certificate of Survey.
- 7.2 The permanent ballast shall be of regular shapes (such as cuboid or of other recognized shapes), the materials shall be of the types not vulnerable to damage (such as cast iron or cement block), and every piece of permanent ballast shall have its weight and serial number engraved or permanently painted on its surface. The weight shall be in kg.

(Added G.N. 6489 of 2018)

8 Alteration onboard

- 8.1 Before a vessel is to undergo any **alteration**, application shall be submitted specifying the nature of the proposed **alteration (Annex I-11 refers)**. Estimates of the effects of the **alteration**, i.e. the changes in vessel's lightweight weight, VCG and LCG shall be submitted to the Marine Department for approval.
- 8.2 If the change due to **alteration**, or the finding of lightweight survey is exceeding 2%, an inclining test is to be conducted. The vessel's intact stability information, and damage stability information if applicable, shall be revised and submitted for approval.
- 8.3 No vessel is allowed to construct or alter to have false bottom or secret compartment.

CHAPTER V

PASSENGER AND CREW ACCOMMODATION

Note

- (a) This chapter shall apply to Category A Class I vessels in all.
- (b) Replacement Category B vessels carrying not more than 60 passengers shall comply with sections 1.1, 1.4, 2.1, 2.2, 3.4, 3.5, 4.3, 5.1.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 6.1 and 7.1(b) of this Chapter.

1 General Requirements

- 1.1 In every vessel the spaces allocated for passengers and crew shall be -
 - (a) constructed properly;
 - (b) protected from sea and weather;
 - (c) minimum 1.85 metres clear headroom above deck covering or stair tread;
 - (d) well lighted and ventilated ; and
 - (e) maintained in a clean and habitable condition.
- 1.2 Any deck or bulkhead, or part of a deck or bulkhead, which separates a passenger or crew space from any engine room, machinery space, paint room, galley, or spaces used for the storage of flammable oils, shall be of gastight construction. There shall not be manhole or air pipe opening of oil fuel bunker fitted in the passenger spaces.
- 1.3 Toughened safety glass shall be used for window, the thickness shall meet the requirements of a classification society rules.
- 1.4 Glass or mirror shall be made of materials which will not break into dangerous fragments if fractured (such as BS6206 or equivalent).

2 Deck Areas Disallowed as Passengers Spaces

- 2.1 The following spaces shall not be used as passenger space:
 - (a) any compartment below main deck except on a sunken deck meeting the requirements of Ch. IIIA/1;
 - (b) the areas on main deck forward of collision bulkhead Bulwark or guardrails meeting the requirements of Ch. IIIA/1 shall be installed near the periphery of weather decks if the area abaft rudder stock is used as passenger space;
 - (c) the areas forward of the wheelhouse on the same deck, and the portion of a compartment or of a deck used for the purpose of navigation;
 - (d) within one metre (1 m) distance of deck machinery (such as windlass);
 - (e) machinery compartments, casings and skylights;
 - (f) decks or part of a deck set apart exclusively for the carriage of motor vehicles, luggage, etc.;
 - (g) stairways (including stairway landings), hatchways and ventilators;
 - (h) areas permanently occupied by equipment, fittings (such as hatch, ventilation trunking, etc.);

- (i) crew spaces;
 - (j) sanitary spaces, galley/pantry and any other service spaces;
 - (k) spaces not covered;
 - (l) spaces where noise level exceeds 85dB(A), measured at maximum operating speed of propulsion engines.
- 2.2 A guidance plan showing areas to be excluded for measuring passenger space is at Annex G.

3 Maximum Carrying Capacity and Seating

The maximum number of passengers and crew which may be carried in any vessel shall be determined having regard to the clear space properly available in such vessels and to the scales as stated in the following paragraphs. In the context L is vessel's length overall, B is extreme breadth; both of which are defined in Ch. I/3.1 and in metres unit; the measurement of passenger seating should be guided by the method given on the plan at Annex G:

3.1 <(a) Launch, Ferry Vessel

Passengers no. = the number of fixed passenger seats provided onboard and the number of non-fixed passenger seats allowed under section 3.3.

The measurement of passenger seating should be guided by the method given on the plan at Annex G; >

(b) Floating Restaurant

Passengers no. = the total areas of clear space (m²) divided by 1.1.

(c) Multi-purpose Vessel

Passengers no. = the number of fixed passenger seats provided onboard.

Note

Refer to the record format in Annex P for determination of maximum number of persons to be carried and / or Survey Certification on installation suitable for "combined coxswain" operation of a Class I vessel.

3.2 Without limiting section 3.3, the maximum number of passengers on each deck of existing launches and ferry vessels shall be determined as follows:

- (a) on main deck/sunken deck, by dividing the clear space in square metres by 0.65 subject to the condition that not less than 70% of the maximum number of passengers are provided with seating, and sufficient hand grips or hand rails are fitted for standing passengers;
- (b) on all decks above main deck/sunken deck, subject to the condition that every passenger is provided with a seat, by
 - (i) dividing the clear space in square metres by 0.65, or
 - (ii) counting the number of fixed passenger seats;
 whichever is the lesser.

3.3 A launch or ferry vessel which meets the conditions below may be allowed to take into account the number of non-fixed passenger seats on board in calculating their maximum passenger capacity:

- (a) The maximum design speed for the vessel shall not exceed 15 knots;
- (b) The vessel shall have a length overall of 55 metres or more and a full-load displacement of 650 tonnes or more;
- (c) Every non-fixed passenger seat shall be a single-person seat;
- (d) Each non-fixed passenger seat shall weigh no more than 6 kg;
- (e) The seating arrangement of non-fixed passenger seats shall be in accordance with Annex G of the CoP (except for the requirement in Annex G that seats shall be attached);
- (f) Sufficient handrails shall be provided in areas where non-fixed passenger seats are placed;
- (g) Effective measures are in place to prevent non-fixed passenger seats from blocking the routes of escape; and
- (h) If the vessel plies outside the Victoria port, it shall meet the requirement of damage stability for two-compartment flooding:

Provided that the Marine Department may, having regard to the individual circumstances of a vessel, attach conditions or restrictions to the licence and the certificate of survey of the vessel in respect of the location, maximum number and use of the non-fixed passenger seats allowed on board under sections 18 and 20 of the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Certification and Licensing) Regulation (Cap 548, sub leg D) and section 24(2) of the Survey Regulation.

(Added G.N. 6640 of 2014)

- <3.4 The maximum carrying capacity (including passengers and crew) in any primitive vessel (kaito) of single deck shall be determined by the following:

Maximum carrying capacity (including passenger and crew) for Kaito of single deck	
Total number of persons = $L \times B \times C_{np}$	
(a) if no simple inclining test is carried $C_{np} = 0.35$	(b) subject to a simple inclining test and operate in favorable weather condition. $C_{np} = 0.35 \sim 0.85$
Total number of persons = $L \times B \times 0.35$	Total number of persons = $L \times B \times C_{np}$

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Kaitos with more than one deck shall be specially considered depending on the situation.

The passenger number for existing kaito remains unchanged. If the vessel is altered or replaced, the passenger number shall be determined according to the above scale as a new vessel.

For existing kaitos which have replaced their main engines on board with ones with an increase in output by 10% or more, they may operate with the number of persons originally permitted to carry provided that the following conditions are met:

- (1) they only operate under favourable weather (see the definition in Ch. I/3.1 of this Code);
- (2) they only operate in specified sheltered waters S3, S4 (refer to Annex W) and

3.5 The form, design and attachments to the deck of passenger seats shall be adequate for the intended service. The seating construction and safety belts on vessels of the type stated in Ch. I/4.2 shall comply with the relevant requirements specified in Ch. XI/4.

3.6 Any one of the following shall be conclusive proof that the attachment of passenger seats fitted on launches and ferry vessels is able to withstand a tensile force no less than 2250 newtons –

- (a) A type approval certificate issued by a classification society to certify that the attachment of passenger seats is able to withstand a tensile force no less than 2250 newtons;
- (b) A tensile force test with a result showing that the attachment of passenger seats is able to withstand a tensile force no less than 2250 newtons as verified by the Marine Department; or
- (c) The screws used for the attachment of passenger seats shall be no less than the value(s) calculated in accordance with the formula(e) below, and if passenger seats are attached to a wooden deck, the specific gravity of the wooden deck shall be no less than 0.7:

- (i) The shank area of the screws shall be no less than the value calculated in accordance with the formula below:

$$S.A = \frac{16,500 * \text{no. of seat}}{\sigma * \text{no. of bolt}}$$

S.A Shank area of screw (mm²)

σ Yield strength of screw ; and

- (ii) If passenger seats are attached to a wooden deck, the length of the screws shall be no less than the value calculated in accordance with the formula below:

$$L = \frac{73}{D}$$

L Length of screw (mm)

D Diameter of screw (mm) .

3.7 In this section –

“fixed passenger seat” means a passenger seat which is attached to a deck and the attachment of which is able to withstand a tensile force no less than 2250 newtons, but vessels of the type stated in Ch. I/4.2 shall comply with the relevant requirements specified in Ch. XI;

“non-fixed passenger seat” means a passenger seat which is not a fixed passenger seat.

4 Stairway, Passageway, Door and Exit in Passenger Spaces

4.1 Stairways shall -

- (a) have aggregate clear width not less than 10 mm for each person appropriate to the space or the evacuation route it is intended to serve, but in no case shall be less than 600 mm or <800 mm> in width. A smaller width may be acceptable for a short stairway. The width shall be measured on a tread and within the sides unless the

handrails encroach on the tread, in such case, the width of the stairway shall be ascertained by measuring the distance between the handrails;

- (b) have the angle from the vertical not less than 37°;
- (c) have a rise not less than 200 mm and not more than 225 mm. The tread shall be determined by the angle and the rise of the stairway but in no case less than 150 mm;
- (d) be fitted with continuous handrails at a vertical height of not less than 850 mm above the treads and adequately supported at each side of the stairway and the landing. Where the width of any stairway exceeds 1.6 m, intermediate rails shall be fitted not less than 0.8 m and not more than 1.6 m apart;
- (e) have an additional rail fitted below each handrail, if the sides of any stairways are not bound by bulkheads;
- (f) have landings fitted at both ends of each flight of stairs. The width of each landing shall be at least as wide as the stairway and the length shall not be less than 800 mm.

4.2 Passageways

- 4.2.1 Except as otherwise provided in 4.2.2, the clear width of every passageway in way of the escape route shall be at least as wide as the required width of the stairway.
- 4.2.2 Where passenger seating are arranged transversely in rows, there shall be at least a longitudinal passageway of width not less than 600 mm <800 mm>. In longitudinally arranged seating (i.e. seats are facing each other with passageway at between), the width of the clear passageway between two columns of longitudinal seats; or longitudinal seats and transverse seats shall not be less than 600 mm or <850 mm> ^{Note1}. Refer to Annex G for the illustration.

4.3 Doors and exits

- 4.3.1 The clear width of every door, hinged or sliding, in way of the escape route from any enclosed space, shall be at least as wide as the required width of the passageway or stairway.
- 4.3.2 The opening direction of doors of any enclosed passenger space shall be such that it would not obstruct the route of escape. The doors shall not be capable of being locked during the voyage.

5 Ventilation, Lighting, Deck Sheathing and Insulation in Passenger Spaces

5.1 Ventilation

- 5.1.1 Every enclosed space shall be provided with sufficient ventilation. The ventilation system can be of mechanical or natural system.
- 5.1.2 An emergency stop shall be provided and fitted in the wheelhouse if an air conditioning system is fitted in order to stop all ventilators served for the spaces.
- 5.2 All accommodation spaces shall be sufficiently lighted by day and night.
- 5.3 Every deck in any part of the accommodation space shall have a surface which provides a

^{Note1} Applicable to a vessel which is when the reference to “the commencement date” of the Survey Regulation in the definition of “new vessel” under section 2 of the Survey Regulation is substituted by “3 March 2017”.

good foothold and can be easily kept clean. Any deck covering and wooden deck shall be impervious to water and, if the deck is directly over an oil tank, impervious to oil.

- 5.4 Every deck except wooden deck, which forms the crown of any part of enclosed accommodation spaces and is exposed to the weather shall be -
- (a) insulated on its underside with insulation materials which do not readily ignite and are not injurious to health; or
 - (b) covered on its upper side with wood.

6 Sanitary Apparatus

- 6.1 Sanitary apparatus shall be provided on vessels for the use of passengers where space is available.
- 6.2 Launches and ferry vessels carrying more than 60 passengers shall be provided with sanitary space solely for the use of passengers. Such sanitary spaces shall conform to the following requirements –
- (a) it shall be of adequate size and be so arranged as to permit unobstructed access and to ensure the user's privacy;
 - (b) bulkheads exposed to weather shall be constructed of steel or other suitable materials, and shall be of weathertight construction. Interior bulkheads which separate from other part of the vessel shall be of gastight construction. Self-closing door shall be fitted;
 - (c) floor deck shall be covered with terrazzo, tiles or other hard materials impervious to liquids and shall provide a good foothold;
 - (d) a hand rail or grip shall be provided for each water closet and urinal;
 - (e) it shall be sufficiently lighted and be adequately ventilated to remove odour to open air;
 - (f) efficient means shall be provided at the discharge outlet to prevent it from the accidental admission of water.

7 Public Address System

- 7.1 A public address system shall be provided on a Class I vessel which –
- (a) is licensed to carry more than 100 passengers; or
 - (b) accommodates passengers on more than one deck.
- 7.2 A portable loudspeaker or a public address system shall be provided on a ferry vessel or launch which –
- (a) is licensed to carry not more than 100 passengers; and
 - (b) accommodates passengers on only one deck.
- 7.3 The public address system required in sections 7.1 and 7.2 shall cover areas where passengers and crew have access and escape routes; and shall not render other parts of the system inoperable if there is flooding or fire in any compartment. < If the vessel accommodates passengers on more than one deck, the public address system shall be fitted with 'talk-back' facility.>

7.4 The emergency power supply for the public address system as required in sections 7.1 and 7.2 shall be fitted outside engine room and meets the requirement of Chapter IIIA/20.5.

7.5 For any vessel built before 29 November 2014, instead of meeting the requirement of 7.4, a battery-powered portable loudspeaker fitted in the wheelhouse and on each passenger deck other than the wheel house deck is acceptable.

(Added G.N. 1314 of 2022)

8 Boarding Facility on Ferry Vessel

8.1 A proper gangplank shall be provided for the safe embarkation and disembarkation of the passengers.

8.2 It is recommended that facility to be provided for the disables to embark and disembark, and stay safely in the vessel.

9 Marking in Passenger Space

9.1 On every launch or ferry vessel the number of passengers which each deck can accommodate shall be indicated, in a conspicuous location at all places where passengers will be embarking, in Chinese and English:-

Upper Deck	XXX
Main Deck	XXX
Others	<u>XXX</u>
Maximum Number of Passengers	XXX

9.2 Evacuation routes, exits and lifejacket stowage shall be clearly marked.

CHAPTER VI

FIRE PROTECTION AND FIRE-FIGHTING APPARATUS

1 Definitions

““A” Class division” means a division formed by bulkhead or deck which is -

- (a) constructed of steel or other equivalent material;
- (b) suitably stiffened;
- (c) so constructed as to be capable of preventing the passage of smoke and flame to the end of the 60 minutes standard fire test; and
- (d) so insulated where necessary with suitable non-combustible materials that if the division is exposed to a standard fire test the average temperature on the unexposed side of the division shall not increase more than 140°C above the initial temperature nor shall the temperature at any one point, including any joint, rise more than 180°C above the initial temperature within the time listed below -

“A-60” standard 60 minutes

“A-30” standard 30 minutes

“A-0” standard 0 minutes;

"accommodation spaces" means public spaces; passageways and lobbies; stairways; lavatories; passenger or crew cabins; offices; pantries not containing cooking appliances; lockers and spaces similar to any of the foregoing and trunks to such spaces allocated to passengers or crew;

“control stations” are spaces in which radio or main navigating equipment, or the emergency source of power, or the central fire recording equipment, or fire control equipment, or fire extinguishing installations are located or a control room located outside a propulsion machinery space;

“engine room” means a space which contains propulsion machinery and generators;

“machinery space” means a space which contains internal combustion engines, electrical machinery, ventilation and air conditioning machinery and similar spaces;

“non-combustible material” means a material which neither burns nor gives off flammable vapours in sufficient quantity for self-ignition when heated to a temperature of 750°C, and the expression “combustible material” shall be construed accordingly;

“service spaces” include galleys, pantries containing cooking appliances, lockers and store rooms, workshops (other than those forming part of machinery spaces) and similar spaces and trunks to such spaces.

2 Fire-fighting Apparatus, Type and Quantity

- 2.1 <Fire-fighting apparatus and structural fire protection items shall be of approved types. Apparatus approved by the maritime administration of a convention country or classification society in accordance with the recommendations of the International Maritime Organization are acceptable. >
- 2.2 Fire-fighting apparatus, type and quantity of Class I vessels shall comply with Table 1 and 2— in Schedule 4 of the Survey Regulation. The electronic version is available at URL -

<https://www.elegislation.gov.hk/hk/cap548G!en-zh-Hant-HK.assist.pdf?FROMCAPINDEX=Y>

- 2.3 For vessels that are required to install an automatic sprinkler system, fixed CO₂ fire extinguishing system or fire detection system; refer to Schedule 7, 10 and 11 respectively of Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Fire Protection) (Ships Built on or after 1 September 1984) Regulations, which is available at URL:

[https://www.elegislation.gov.hk/hk/cap369Y!en.assist.pdf?FILENAME=Assisted%20Monolingual%20PDF%20\(English\).pdf&DOC_TYPE=K&PUBLISHED=true](https://www.elegislation.gov.hk/hk/cap369Y!en.assist.pdf?FILENAME=Assisted%20Monolingual%20PDF%20(English).pdf&DOC_TYPE=K&PUBLISHED=true)

- 2.4 Any vessel (irrespective of year of built and length) which is licensed to carry more than 100 passengers and not fitted with a fire detection and alarm system covering engine room shall be fitted with at least one set of smoke detector in each engine room. The installation shall be capable to give visual and audio alarms in the wheelhouse in the event of a fire in the engine room. (Added G.N. 1314 of 2022) **The smoke detectors to be installed should be marine type-approved. Considering that marine type-approved smoke detectors may not be readily available, reliable smoke detectors designed for shore-based usage may be acceptable provided that:**

- (a) maker's certificate of the detector shall be presented;
- (b) initial installation and tests shall be carried out by MD satisfactorily; and
- (c) planned maintenance and testing of the smoke detectors shall be carried out by the crew and record of such tests shall be maintained in a log book.

- 2.5 Aerosol System meeting the requirements set out in Part B, MDN No. 49 of 2019 or FM-200 System meeting the requirements set out in MDN No. 25/2023 is accepted as an alternative to the fixed CO₂ fire-extinguishing system stipulated in Schedule 4 of the Survey Regulation.

3 Fire Pumps

- 3.1 In a vessel which is required to be provided with fire pumps operated by power, such fire pumps (other than any emergency fire pumps) shall together be capable of delivering for fire fighting purposes a quantity of water, under the conditions and at the pressure specified in section 4 of not less than that obtained from the following formula -

$$Q = cd^2 \quad \text{m}^3/\text{hour}$$

where

$c = 5$ for vessels required to be provided with more than one fire pump (excluding any emergency fire pump) and

$c = 2.5$ for vessels required to be provided with only one fire pump

$d = 1 + 0.066 \sqrt{[L(B+D)]}$ to the nearest 0.25

L, B and D are length, moulded breadth and moulded depth of the vessel.

- 3.2 A fire pump required to be operated by power shall be operated by means other than the vessel's main engines unless specified in the Survey Regulation. Fire pumps may be sanitary, ballast, bilge or general service pumps.
- 3.3 In a vessel required to be provided with fire pumps operated by power, arrangements shall be made to ensure immediate availability of a water supply from the fire main at the required pressure by suitably placed remote starting of the fire pumps, unless the machinery space is continually manned.
- 3.4 In a vessel which is required to be provided with more than one fire pump operated by power

(other than any emergency pump) every such fire pump shall have a capacity of not less than 80% of the total capacity of the fire pumps required in section 3.1 divided by the number of fire pumps to be provided in the vessel provided that each pump has a capacity of not less than 25 m³/hour. When more fire pumps are provided in any vessel, the Director may permit the capacity of any such additional fire pumps to be less than 80%.

- 3.5 A fire pump required which is operated by power shall be capable of producing from any fire hydrant one jet of water, while maintaining the pressure required in section 4.2.
- 3.6 Relief valves shall be provided in conjunction with all fire pumps if the pumps are capable of developing a pressure exceeding the design pressure of the fire main, water service pipes, hydrants and hoses. Such valves shall be so placed and adjusted as to prevent excessive pressure in any part of the fire main system.
- 3.7 A centrifugal pump which is connected to the fire main shall be fitted with a non-return valve.
- 3.8 In a vessel, any emergency fire pump shall be situated in a position aft of the vessel's collision bulkhead.
- 3.9 A manually operated pump shall be capable of producing a jet of water having a throw of not less than 6 m from nozzle.

4 Fire Main, Water Service Pipes and Hydrants

- 4.1 In a vessel which is required to be provided with fire pumps operated by power, the diameter of the fire main and of the water service pipes connecting the hydrants thereto shall be sufficient for the effective distribution of the maximum discharge from -
 - (a) where only one pump is required; or
 - (b) where 2 such pumps are so required, both pumps operating simultaneously.
- 4.2 Any fire pump shall, when discharging the quantity of water required in section 3.1 through adjacent fire hydrants in any part of the vessel from nozzles of sizes specified in section 5, be capable of maintaining the following pressure at any hydrant –
 - (a) of vessel's gross tonnage 1000 or vessel's length 60 metres, whichever is the smaller, and upwards : 2.7 bar (0.27N/mm²);
 - (b) of vessel's gross tonnage under 1000 tons or vessel's length under 60 metres, whichever is the smaller : 2.1 bar (0.21N/mm²)provided that the maximum pressure at any hydrant shall not exceed that at which the effective control of a fire hose can be demonstrated.
- 4.3 Where any vessel is required to be provided with appliances capable of producing one jet of water, hydrants sufficient in number shall be so positioned as to enable one jet of water from a single length of hose to reach any part of the vessel.
- 4.4
 - (a) The fire main shall have no connections other than those necessary for fire-fighting and washing down. However, fire main may be permitted to have connection to ballast lines, cooling water lines and bilge ejector etc., provided that shut-off valves to these lines are fitted and kept closed at all times when not in use.
 - (b) Materials readily rendered ineffective by heat shall not be used for fire mains unless adequately protected.
 - (c) The fire hydrants shall be so placed that the fire hoses may be easily coupled to them except where hoses and nozzles are permanently attached to the fire hydrant.

- (d) Hydrant valves of the screw lift type shall be fitted in such position that any of the fire hoses may be isolated and removed while the fire pumps are at work.
- (e) The water pipes if made of iron or steel shall be galvanised or alternatively the pipe wall thickness shall be increased by a corrosion allowance satisfactory to the Director.
- (f) Isolating valves to separate the section of the fire main within the machinery space containing the main fire pump or pumps from the rest of the fire main shall be fitted in a position outside the machinery spaces which shall be easily accessible when there is a fire. The fire main shall be so arranged that when the isolating valves are shut all the hydrants on the vessel, except those in the machinery space referred to above, can be supplied with water by a fire pump not located in this machinery space through pipes which do not enter this space. Exceptionally, the Director may permit short lengths of the emergency fire pump suction and discharge piping to penetrate the machinery space if it is impracticable to route it externally, provided that the integrity of the fire main is maintained by the enclosure of the piping in a substantial steel casing.
- (g) Hydrants shall be positioned as to allow at least one jet of water from a single prescribed length of fire hose to reach any part of the vessel normally accessible during navigation. If only one hydrant is provided for engine room it shall be located outside of the space and near the entrance.
- (h) Except otherwise specified, at least one hose and one nozzle shall be provided for every hydrant.

5 Fire Hoses, Nozzles, etc.

- 5.1 Fire hoses provided shall not exceed 20 metres in length. Such hose shall be made of closely woven flax, canvas or other suitable material; and every other such hose shall be made of non-perishable material.
- 5.2 Every fire hose together with the tools and fittings necessary for its use, shall be kept in a conspicuous position near the hydrants or connections with which it is intended to be used. Hose diameters shall be not less than 65 mm if unlined or 45 mm if lined.
- 5.3 Fire hoses so provided shall not be used for any purpose other than for fire-fighting or testing the fire-fighting apparatus.
- 5.4
 - (a) A vessel which is required to be provided with fire pumps operated by power shall be provided with nozzles of 12 mm in diameter or as near thereto in diameter as possible.
 - (b) A vessel provided with manual fire pumps shall be provided with nozzles of 9 mm in diameter or as near thereto in diameter as possible.
- 5.5 Dual purpose nozzle incorporating a shut-off meeting the requirements set out in Appendix I of MDN 49 of 2019 is accepted as an alternative to the requirements of jet nozzles and spray nozzles stipulated in Schedule 4 of the Survey Regulation.

6 Location and Arrangement of Water Pumps for Other Fire Extinguishing Systems

Pumps required for the provision of water for other fire extinguishing systems, their sources of power and their controls shall be installed outside the space or spaces protected by such systems and shall be so arranged that a fire in the space or spaces protected will not put any such system out of action.

7 Fire Protection and Fire-Fighting Apparatus/Installation not required by the Survey Regulation

Where fire-fighting apparatus/installation of the type not required by the Survey Regulation (e.g. fire detection system, fixed extinguishing system, etc.) is provided, such apparatus/installation shall be so arranged that a fire in the space or spaces protected will not put any such apparatus/installation out of function; and the owner, agent and coxswain of the vessel shall ensure that the apparatus/installation is properly maintained in good and serviceable condition and be fit for the function intended.

8 Fire Extinguishers

8.1 Each type of fire extinguishers shall have a minimum capacity as shown in the following table:

Media	Capacity	
	Portable Type	Non-Portable Type
Foam	9 litres	45 litres
CO ₂	3 kg	16 kg
Dry Powder	4.5 kg	
Water	9 litres	

8.2 Fire extinguishers to be used for switchboard, control panels, batteries, etc. shall be of the type suitable for electrical fires, e.g. dry powder or CO₂ fire extinguisher.

8.3 Fire extinguishers to be used for machinery spaces shall be of the type suitable for oil fires, e.g. foam, dry powder or CO₂ fire extinguisher.

8.4 Portable extinguishers are to be suitably distributed throughout the protected spaces. Normally at least one shall be stowed near the entrance inside that space.

8.5 Portable fire extinguishers provided for use in accommodation or service spaces of any vessel shall so far as practicable have a uniform method of operation.

8.6 The use of CO₂ fire extinguisher in a confined space is not recommended.

8.7 Portable CO₂ extinguishers shall not be located in accommodation spaces. Where such extinguishers are provided in wheel house or any other control station, at switchboards and other similar positions, the volume of any space containing one or more extinguishers shall be such as to limit the concentration of vapour that can occur due to discharge to not more than 5% of the net volume of the space. The volume of CO₂ shall be calculated at 0.56 m³/ kg.

8.8 Fire extinguishers provided for use in any vessel shall not contain any extinguishing medium which has not been approved by the Director.

8.9 The capacity of a CO₂ extinguisher shall be taken to be the greatest weight of CO₂ which it can safely contain in a tropical climate.

8.10 The capacity of any fire extinguisher, other than a CO₂ fire extinguisher, shall be taken to be the greatest volume or weight of extinguishing medium which it can contain when sufficient space is left to ensure the proper operation of the extinguisher.

8.11 Every fire extinguisher shall be kept fully charged at all times.

8.12 Portable and non-portable fire extinguishers shall be periodically examined and subject to such tests as prescribed in Ch. II/Table 7-2.

9 Means for Stopping Machinery, Shutting Off Oil Fuel Suction Pipes and Closing of Openings

9.1 In every vessel there shall be provided -

- (a) means for stopping ventilation fans serving machinery, accommodation and cargo spaces;
- (a) without limiting Ch. IIIA/20.6, means for stopping ventilation fans serving machinery, accommodation and cargo spaces;
- (b) means for closing all skylights, doorways, ventilators and other openings to such spaces; and
- (c) means to permit the release of smoke from machinery spaces.

Such means shall be capable of being operated from positions outside the said spaces and which would not be made inaccessible by a fire within such spaces.

- 9.2 Machinery driving forced and induced draught fans, oil fuel transfer pumps and other similar fuel pumps shall be fitted with remote controls situated outside the spaces in which such machinery or pumps are situated and which would not be made inaccessible by a fire within such spaces. The controls shall be capable of stopping such machinery or pumps in the event of fire in such spaces. For engine room in Class I vessel carrying more than 60 passengers such controls together with the controls required in section 9.1 shall be situated at one control position or grouped in as few positions as possible. Such controls shall have safe access from the open deck.
- 9.3 A pipe connected to any oil fuel or lubricating oil storage, not being a double bottom tank, which if damaged would permit discharge of the contents so as to cause a fire hazard, shall be fitted with a valve or cock which shall be secured to the tank to which it is connected and which shall be capable of being closed from a readily accessible position outside the space in which the tank is situated.

10 Fire Control Plans

- 10.1 In a vessel required to be provided with fire control plans there shall be permanently exhibited by the owner of the vessel for the guidance of the crew of the vessel, using graphical symbols marked on general arrangement plans showing clearly for each deck –
 - (a) the position of control stations;
 - (b) the sections of the vessel which are enclosed by “A” class divisions together with particulars of -
 - (i) fire alarm systems;
 - (ii) fire detection systems;
 - (iii) automatic sprinkler systems;
 - (iv) fixed and portable fire extinguishing apparatus and
 - (c) the means of access to various compartments and decks in vessel;
 - (d) the ventilating system including particulars of master fan controls and position of dampers; and
 - (e) position of all means of control referred to in section 9.

Descriptions in such plans shall be in either Chinese or English.

- 10.2 The general arrangement plans required by this section shall be kept up-to-date, any alterations to general arrangements being recorded thereon without delay.

11 Availability of Fire-fighting Apparatus

- 11.1 Fire-fighting apparatus carried in any vessel shall be maintained in good order and shall be kept available for immediate use at all times. All movable fire-fighting apparatus shall be stowed where they will be readily accessible from the spaces in which they are intended to be used and, in particular, one of the portable fire extinguishers intended for use in any space shall be stowed near the entrance to that space.
- 11.2 Non-portable fire extinguishers required to be fitted in engine room which is limited in space, may be stowed in vicinity of the engine room entrance provided that the jet of the fire extinguishing media can reach any part of the engine room.

12 Structural Fire Protection

12.1 Application

This section shall apply to new vessels.

12.2 Requirements for All Vessels

12.2.1 In all spaces –

- (a) paints, varnishes and other finishes used on exposed surfaces shall not contain nitrocellulose or other highly flammable base products and shall not be capable of producing toxic gases or excessive quantities of smoke;
- (b) insulating materials shall be of non-combustible materials;
- (c) stairways, includes interior stairway, lifts and escalators (other than those wholly contained within the machinery spaces and enclosures) thereto, shall be constructed of steel or insulated with material of equivalent fire resistance, and as far as practicable arranged in fore and aft direction;
- (d) any means of escape shall be led to open deck.

12.2.2 In accommodation, service spaces and control stations –

- (a) all exposed surfaces in corridors, exposed surfaces of ceilings and surfaces in concealed or inaccessible spaces shall have low flame spread characteristics;
- (b) primary deck coverings shall be of a material which will not readily ignite or give rise to toxic or explosive hazards at elevated temperatures;
- (c) the doorways and stairways for escape purpose shall be evenly distributed and arranged so as to avoid congestion in any part of a vessel. Such door and hatch cover shall be operable from either side;
- (d) dead-end corridor shall not be more than 7 metres in length; and
- (e) the width and continuity of the means of escape shall be to the satisfaction of the Director.

- 12.2.3^{Note1} Without limiting section 12.3.2, in vessels constructed of reinforced glass fibre plastic (GRP), fire retarding material shall be applied in the hull, deck and bulkhead structures of engine room boundaries, and is capable to maintain its required strength for a period of 30 min. For hull structures below waterline the insulation shall extend to at least 300 mm below the lightest waterline. In vessels constructed of wood, the engine room boundaries shall be applied with certificated type fire retardant coating or mineral wool insulation.

^{Note1} Section 12.2.3 applies to any vessel which is when the reference to “the commencement date” of the Survey Regulation in the definition of “new vessel” under section 2 of the Survey Regulation is substituted by “3 March 2017”.

12.3 Additional Requirements for Category A Vessels

- 12.3.1 Any deck or bulkhead, or part of a deck or bulkhead, which separates a passenger or crew space from any machinery space, paint room, galley, or spaces used for the storage of flammable oils, shall be of gastight construction.
- 12.3.2 In Class I vessels the hull, deck and bulkheads of engine room boundary shall be provided with structural fire protection based on providing protection for a period of 30 min. The bulkheads and decks separating wheelhouse and passenger spaces shall be of gastight construction insulated with non-combustible fire resisting materials.
- 12.3.3 At least two means of escape shall in general be provided for the passenger space and crew space and spaces accessible to them. However, one of the means of escape may be dispensed with in exceptional case having regard to the size and location of the space.
- 12.3.4 The requirement of Class I floating restaurant shall be specially specified by the Director.

Chapter VII

Life-Saving Appliances and Arrangements

1 Definitions

1.1 “Survival craft” means lifeboat and liferaft.

“LSA Code” means the International Life-Saving Appliance (“LSA”) Code adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee of the International Maritime Organization by its resolution MSC.48(66) or its amended version.

“SOLAS A Pack Liferafts” are the liferafts provided with normal equipment prescribed by the abovementioned LSA Code.

“SOLAS B Pack Liferafts” are the liferafts provided with normal equipment prescribed by the LSA Code less the following equipment:

- (a) half number of rocket parachute flares, hand flares and buoyant smoke signals;
- (b) tin openers;
- (c) fishing tackle;
- (d) food ration;
- (e) water tank; and
- (f) graduated drinking vessels.

2 General Requirements

2.1 Life-saving appliances (other than lifejackets) shall be of the approved types. Appliances conforming to the LSA Code and approved by a maritime administration of a jurisdiction to which the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 is applicable or a classification society are acceptable.

2.1A Lifejacket

2.1A.1 *(Repealed)*

2.1A.2 Under the Survey Regulation, unless otherwise specified¹, a Class I vessel shall provide every person (regardless of whether he/she is a child or an adult) on board with a suitable lifejacket (refer to 2.1A.4), the total number of which must be not less than the maximum number of persons to be carried (i.e. including crew members) as specified in the operating licence. Also, Class I vessels shall provide infant lifejackets, the total number of which must be not less than 2.5% of the maximum number of passengers licensed to be carried (excluding crew members) as specified in the operating licence.

2.1A.3 Lifejacket Standards

¹ With respect to Class I vessels, this covers local vessels restricted to operate within specified sheltered waters or typhoon shelters and floating restaurants meeting specific criteria.

The lifejackets required to be provided on board a local vessel which is permitted to ply solely in the waters of Hong Kong under section 32 of and Schedule 3 to the Survey Regulation must –

- (a) at least comply with the performance standards and requirements set out in –
 - (A) section 2.2.1 or 2.2.2 of the LSA Code; or
 - (B) ISO 12402-4:2006 (Personal floatation devices – Part 4: Lifejackets, performance level 100 – Safety requirements) issued by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO); and
- (b) be of a type approved by a maritime administration of a jurisdiction to which the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 is applicable or a classification society or the European Union.

2.1A.4 Suitable Lifejacket

A suitable lifejacket means a lifejacket that is designed and manufactured in accordance with 2.1A.3 above, and fit for the intended wearer. A lifejacket complying with such standard is designed with a normal size range, differentiated by the weight and/or height of the intended wearer. Such a range of sizes would be marked on the label of lifejacket for reference:

	SOLAS	ISO
Adult	≥43kg, ≥155cm	≥40kg
Child	15-43kg, 100-155cm	15-40kg
Infant	<15kg, <100cm	<15kg
“Common Lifejacket” (refer to <2.1A.6>)	N.A.	15-120kg

2.1A.5 To avoid confusion, the lifejackets (except infant lifejackets) placed on board should as far as practicable not of mixed standards.

2.1A.6 “Common Lifejacket”

A lifejacket suitable for both adults and children (Common Lifejacket) complies with ISO performance level 100. It is only suitable to be used by vessels sailing within the Hong Kong waters. For details of the Common Lifejacket accepted by the Marine Department and the information of the manufacturers, refer to Marine Department Notice No. 69 of 2019.

The Common Lifejacket should have a Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) electronic tag attached with a unique identification serial number. The electronic tag should fulfill the following specification requirements:

1	Material	Silicon (or equivalent).
2	Dimension	56 x 12 x 1.8 mm (+/- 10% on each dimension).
3	Frequency band	Within the 860 to 960 MHz band of the UHF spectrum, and shall be readable within the frequency range 865 – 868MHz and/or 920 – 925MHz allocated by the Office of the Communications Authority (OFCA) of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.
4	Protocol	EPC global ISO 18000-6C (or equivalent).
5	IC	Higgs 3 (or equivalent).
6	EPC memory	96 bits (or above).
7	User memory	512 bits (or above).
8	Write cycles	100 000 (or above).
9	Storage environment	-40°C to +90°C (or wider range).
10	Wet clean	85°C (up to 60 minutes) (or equivalent). 120°C (up to 10 minutes) (or equivalent).
11	Iron	200°C (up to 10 seconds with press cloth) (or equivalent).
12	Security features	(a) The tags shall be compatible with the security scheme for product authentication. (b) Each tag shall be assigned a unique ID in EPC memory bank. Structure of the encoding and numbering scheme shall make reference to Item 13 below with details to be provided and confirmed by the Marine Department. (c) Each tag shall be protected by a locked access password to avoid unauthorised access (32 bits). (d) Each tag shall be protected by a locked kill password to avoid unauthorised access (32 bits). (e) Each tag shall be assigned an authentication code (96 bits) in user memory bank which will be updated during authentication process. (f) Data content of the security scheme for tag initialization.
13	Structure of the encoding in the UHF RFID tag (for reference)	(a) The code is AA99-999999, of which each “A” represents an alphabetic character from A to Z and each “9” represents a digit from 0 to 9. (b) The hyphen is fixed. (c) The prefix “MD” will be used in the RFID provided by the Marine Department. The RFID of other Common Lifejackets shall not use “MD” in the encoding.

2.1A.7 Oversized or Overweight Passengers/Personnel on Board

With reference to the LSA Code, restraining straps should be provided on board to assist overweight or oversized passengers/personnel to secure their lifejackets as they are

unable to don the standard-compliant lifejackets.

- 2.1A.8 The life-saving appliances including their types and quantity for class I vessels shall be provided according to the Survey Regulation Schedule 3. The electronic version is available at the URL below:

<https://www.elegislation.gov.hk/hk/cap548G!en-zh-Hant-HK/sch3>

In determining the number of lifejackets required to be provided on board according to the regulation, the number of lifejackets shall be rounded up if the calculation results are decimal numbers.

- 2.1A.9 *(Repealed)*

- 2.1A.10 *(Repealed)*

- 2.2 Radiocommunications equipment shall have a licence issued by the Communications Authority (CA), Hong Kong.

- 2.3 One lifebuoy must be able to support two adult persons.

- 2.4 Each of the buoyant lifeline, self-igniting light and self-activating smoke signal required by the Survey Regulation shall be attached to a lifebuoy and be placed in proximity of the vessel's both sides.

- 2.5 Lifebuoys shall be marked on both sides with the name (as that shown on the hull of vessel) or Certificate of Ownership number of the vessel on which they are carried.

- 2.6 *(Repealed)*

- 2.7 Donning instructions shall be posted in the appropriate areas in the vessel.

3 Replacement of Life-Saving Appliances

Any item of life-saving equipment marked with an expiry date shall be replaced on or before that date.

4 Operational Readiness, Maintenance, Inspections and Servicing

- 4.1 Whenever a local vessel is being used or operated, every life-saving appliance carried on board the vessel shall be –

- (a) in working order;
- (b) ready for immediate use; and
- (c) placed in an easily accessible position.

- 4.2 Every inflatable liferaft and hydrostatic release unit shall be serviced at a service station accepted by the Director at intervals not exceeding 12 months or a period as permitted by the Director.

5 Survival Craft Muster and Embarkation Arrangements

- 5.1 Survival craft shall be stowed as close to accommodation and service areas as possible.
- 5.2 Muster and embarkation stations of survival craft shall be readily accessible from accommodation and work areas.
- 5.3 Alleyways, internal and external stairways and exits giving access to the muster and embarkation stations of survival craft shall be lighted.

6 Stowage of Survival Craft and Buoyant Apparatus

- 6.1 Each survival craft shall be stowed –
 - (a) in a way that neither the survival craft nor its stowage arrangements will interfere with the operation of any other survival craft at any other launching station;
 - (b) as near to the water surface as possible provided that it is safe and practicable; in serious situations where a fully loaded survival craft has an angle of trim or heel up to 20° or the weather deck starts to be flooded, etc., the embarkation point should be at least 2 m above the waterline;
 - (c) in a state of continuous readiness so that two crew members can carry out preparations for embarkation and launching in less than 5 minutes;
 - (d) in a fully-equipped manner;
 - (e) in a secure and sheltered area as far as practicable to prevent any damages that may be caused by fire and explosions.
- 6.2 Liferafts shall be so stowed as to permit manual release from their securing arrangements.
- 6.3 Liferafts shall be so stowed as to be readily transferable for launching on either side of the vessel unless liferafts are stowed on each side of the vessel.
- 6.4 Every liferaft shall be stowed with its painter permanently attached to the vessel and with a float-free arrangement so that the liferaft can float free and, if inflatable, can inflate automatically when the vessel sinks.
- 6.5 Each buoyant apparatus shall be stowed -
 - (a) as to be readily transferable for launching on either side of the vessel;
 - (b) with a float-free arrangement so that the apparatus can float free when the vessel sinks.

7 Launching Stations

Launching stations shall be in such positions as to ensure safe launching having particular regard to the clearance from the propeller and steeply overhanging portions

of the hull with the object of ensuring that so far as practicable, the survival craft can be launched down on the straight side of the vessel.

8 Survival Craft Launching Arrangements

Means shall be available to prevent any discharge of water onto the survival craft during abandonment.

9 Stowage of Lifebuoys

9.1 Lifebuoys shall be so distributed as to be readily available on both sides of the vessel and as far as practicable on all open decks extending to the vessel's side. At least one lifebuoy shall be placed in the vicinity of the stern.

9.2 Lifebuoys shall be so stowed as to be capable of being rapidly cast loose, and not permanently secured in any way to allow float free.

9.3 Except as otherwise provided, one lifebuoy shall be fitted on each side of the vessel with a buoyant lifeline attached.

9.4 Except as otherwise provided, lifebuoys with self-igniting lights and those with self-igniting lights and self-activating smoke signals shall be equally distributed on both sides of the vessel and shall not be the lifebuoys provided with buoyant lifeline.

10 Stowage of Lifejackets

10.1 Lifejackets shall be so placed as to be readily accessible and their positions shall be plainly indicated.

10.2 The additional lifejackets, when provided, shall be stowed in conspicuous places on deck or at muster stations.

10.3 If a lifejacket is individually stored in a plastic bag, and –

(a) where the plastic bag is completely transparent, the plastic bag shall be easily ripped open; and

(b) where the plastic bag is opaque or is not completely transparent –

(i) the plastic bag shall be easily ripped open; and

(ii) there shall be clear indication at a conspicuous place on the outside of the plastic bag that the plastic bag contains a lifejacket.

10.4 If one or more lifejackets are stored in an enclosed space (for example: a cabinet, a bag) which is opaque or is not completely transparent, there shall be a clear indication at a conspicuous place on the outside of the enclosed space that the enclosed space contains a lifejacket.

11 Operating Instructions for Survival Craft and their Launching Controls

Posters and signs provided on or in the vicinity of survival craft and their launching controls shall illustrate the purpose of controls and the procedures for operating the appliance and give relevant instructions.

12 Manning of Survival Craft

There shall be a sufficient number of crew members to operate the survival craft and launching arrangements for abandonment by all the people on board. The crew should be acquainted with their duties.

13 Lifejackets of Class I Vessels

Apart from the other lifejacket requirements in the Code, lifejackets shall comply with the following requirements:

- (i) The name of the vessel (in Chinese or English, as that shown on the hull of the vessel) or the Certificate of Ownership number shall be printed on each of the lifejackets on board. For lifejackets of the minimum sizes, the Chinese characters shall be 12 mm in height and 8 mm in width, while the English letters and numerals shall be 8 mm in height and 5 mm in width. A Common Lifejacket having a Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) electronic tag attached with a unique identification serial number is regarded as complying with this requirement. For adult lifejackets, children lifejackets and infant lifejackets without RFID electronic tags and unique identification serial numbers, the vessel name (in Chinese or English, as shown on the hull) or the Ownership Certificate number must be marked on every one of them.
- (ii) Sufficient signs indicating the locations of lifejackets should be displayed on board;
- (iii) Demonstration (by crew or through video or posters displayed on board) of how lifejackets are donned should be given;
- (iv) At the piers used for passenger embarkation and disembarkation, videos or posters demonstrating the donning of lifejackets should be played or put up (applicable only to operators with designated piers for passenger embarkation and disembarkation); and
- (v) It is not required to print the vessel's name or its Certificate of Ownership number on spare children lifejackets provided for use under special circumstances.

CHAPTER VIII

LIGHTS, SHAPES AND SOUND SIGNALS

1 General

- 1.1 Unless indicated otherwise, this chapter (including amendments made therein) applies to all vessels with effect from 1 July 2016.
- 1.2 Lights, shapes and sound signals provided for navigational purpose must be in accordance with the provisions of the Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Signals of Distress and Prevention of Collisions) Regulations, Cap. 369 sub. leg. N, which gives effect to the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea 1972 (COLREG), as amended.
- 1.3 All lanterns and sound signals must be of the type approved/certified by the Marine Department, or the Maritime Administration of a convention country.
- All lanterns and sound signals fitted on new vessel^{Note 1}; or replacement of these lights/signals on existing vessel must be of the type approved/certified by the Marine Department, or the Maritime Administration of a convention country or an authorized organization (definition in Ch. I/3.1 refers). Each navigation light must be accompanied by a type-approval certificate with unique serial number.
- 1.4 Where applicable special signals as required in the International Code of Signals published by the International Maritime Organization must be exhibited.
- 1.5 For ease of reference for meeting relevant provisions of the Regulations mentioned in section 1.1, the following sections, tables or diagrams indicate the signal appliances a vessel must exhibit when underway/towing/being towed, of type and length as indicated.

2 Definitions

For the purpose of this chapter, except where the context otherwise requires:

- (a) The words "length (L)" and "breadth" of a vessel mean her length overall and extreme breadth (as defined in Ch. I/3.1).
- (b) The term "height above the hull" means height above the uppermost continuous deck. This height must be measured from the position vertically beneath the location of the light.

3 Alternative Lights

- 3.1 All vessels of $L \geq 24.4$ metres must carry a complete set of alternative (standby) lanterns for the masthead lights, side lights (P. and S.) and stern light. The alternative lanterns may be either electric or oil type.
- 3.2 One set of spare bulbs (one per light) must be carried for the electric lanterns. A set of spare chimneys (one per light) must be carried for the oil lanterns.

^{Note 1} Applicable to a vessel which is when the reference to "the commencement date" of the Survey Regulation in the definition of "new vessel" under section 2 of the Survey Regulation is substituted by "3 March 2017".

4 Lights and Sound Signals

4.1 Power Driven Vessels $L \geq 50$ m

Item	No. Req'd	Intensity/Size	Remark
Masthead Light	1 fwd 1 aft	visibility 6 n. miles	
Side Light (P&S)	1 set	" 3 n. miles	
Stern Light	1	" 3 n. miles	
Anchor Light	1 fwd 1 aft	" 3 n. miles	all round white
N.U.C. Light	2	" 3 n. miles	all round red
Black Ball	2	0.6 m diameter	
Black Diamond	1	0.6 m diameter, 1.2 m height	
Whistle	1	Audibility range $50 \text{ m} \leq L < 75 \text{ m}$ 1 n. mile $75 \text{ m} \leq L < 200 \text{ m}$ 1.5 n. mile	
Bell	1	0.3 m mouth diameter	
Gong	1		for $L \geq 100$ m

4.2 Power Driven Vessels $20 \text{ m} \leq L < 50$ m

Item	No. Req'd	Intensity/Size	Remark
Masthead Light	1	visibility 5 n. miles	
Side Light (P&S)	1 set	" 2 n. miles	
Stern Light	1	" 2 n. miles	
Anchor Light	1	" 2 n. miles	all round white
N.U.C. Light	2	" 2 n. miles	all round red
Black Ball	2	0.6 m diameter	
Black Diamond	1	0.6 m diameter, 1.2 m height	
Whistle	1	audibility range 1 n. mile	
Bell	1	0.3 m mouth diameter	

4.3 Power Driven Vessels $12 \text{ m} \leq L < 20$ m

Item	No. Req'd	Intensity/Size	Remark
Masthead Light	1	visibility 3 n. miles	
Side Light (P&S)	1 set	" 2 n. miles	may be combined lantern
Stern Light	1	" 2 n. miles	
Anchor Light	1	" 2 n. miles	all round white
N.U.C. Light	2	" 2 n. miles	all round red
Black Ball	2	dimensions commensurate with size of vessel	
Black Diamond	1	ditto	
Whistle	1	audibility range 0.5 n. miles	
Sound Signal	1	means of making efficient sound signal	

4.4 Power Driven Vessels $L < 12$ m

Item	No. Reqd	Intensity/Size	Remark
Masthead Light	1	visibility 2 n. miles	may exhibit an all-round white
Stern Light	1	" 2 n. miles	light instead ^{Note A}
Side Light (P&S)	1 set	" 1 n. miles	may be combined lantern
Anchor Light	1	" 2 n. miles	all round white
N.U.C. Light ^{Note B}	2	" 2 n. miles	all round red
Black Ball ^{Note B}	2	dimensions commensurate with size of vessel	
Black Diamond ^{Note B}	1	ditto	
Sound Signal	1	means of making efficient sound signal	

Note

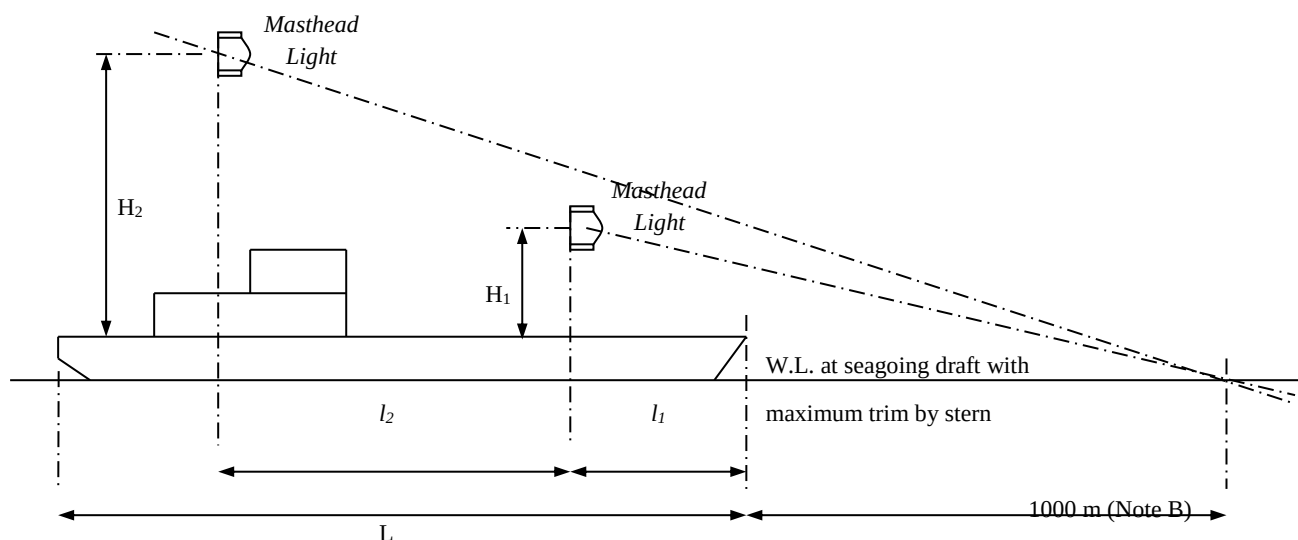
- (A) The masthead light or all-round white light may be displaced from the fore and aft centreline of the vessel if centreline fitting is not practicable, provided that the sidelights are combined in one lantern which must be carried on the fore and aft centreline of the vessel or located as nearly as practicable in the same fore and aft line as the masthead light or the all-round white light.
- (B) Except those engaged in diving operations, the subject lights and shapes must not be required.

- 4.5 Power driven vessel with $L < 7$ m and maximum speed not exceeding 7 knots may in lieu of the lights prescribed in 4.4 above, exhibit an all round white light and must, if practicable, also exhibit sidelights.

5 Positioning of Light Signals

Except in special cases, the masthead light, side lights and stern light must be so placed as to be above and clear of all other lights and obstructions.

5.1 Masthead Light



Ship Length L (m)	L < 12 (Note A)	12 ≤ L < 20 (Note A)	20 ≤ L < 50 (Note A)	L ≥ 50
l_1	As far forward as is practicable	As far forward as is practicable	≤ 0.5L	≤ 0.25L
l_2	--	--	--	≥ 0.5 L
H_1	may be < 2.5 m (Note D,F)	≥ 2.5 m (Note C,F)	≥ 6 m or ship's breadth (whichever is greater), but need not > 12 m (Note F)	
H_2	--	--	--	≥ ($H_1+4.5$) (Note E,F)

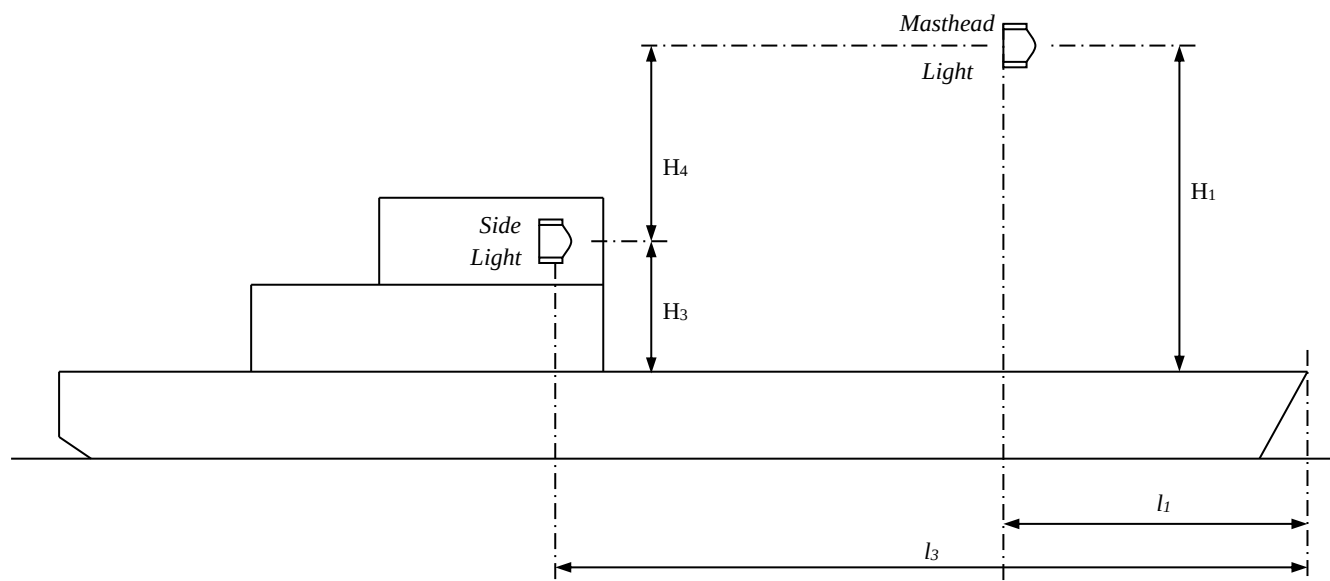
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- (A) On vessels of L < 50 m only one masthead light is required.
- (B) The vertical separation of masthead lights of power-driven vessels must be such that in all normal conditions of trim the after light will be seen over and separate from the forward light at a distance of 1000 m from the stem when viewed from sea level.
- (C) On vessels of 12 m ≤ L < 20 m the height is measured from gunwale.
- (D) Vessels of L < 12 m may carry the uppermost light at a height of less than 2.5 m above the gunwale. When however a masthead light is carried in addition to side lights and a stern light or the all-round lights prescribed in the regulation is carried in addition to side lights, then such masthead light or all-round light must be carried at least 1 m higher than the side lights.
- (E) One of the two or three masthead lights prescribed for a vessel when engaged in towing or pushing another vessel must be placed in the same position as either the forward masthead light or the after masthead light; provided that, if carried on the after mast, the lowest after masthead light must be at least 4.5 m vertically higher than the forward masthead light.
- (F) The masthead light of a high speed vessel may be placed at a height related to the breadth of the vessel lower than that prescribed for H_1 , provided that the base angle of the isosceles triangles formed by the sidelights and masthead light, when seen in end elevation, is not less than 27°. For the dimension of vertical separation between foremast and mainmast light on a high speed vessel of L ≥ 50m, paragraph 13 in Annex I of the Schedule to Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Signals of Distress and Prevention of Collisions) Regulations refers.

5.2 Side Light

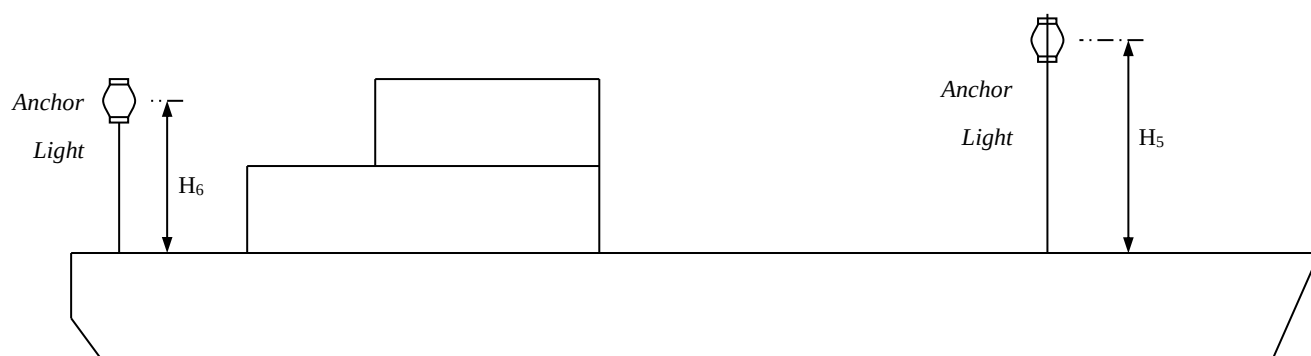
- 5.2.1 The side lights of vessels of L ≥ 20 m must be fitted with inboard screens painted matt black and meet the requirements with respect to horizontal sectors. On vessels of L < 20 m the side lights, if necessary to provide with horizontal sectors, must be fitted with inboard matt black screens. With a combined lantern, using a single vertical filament and a very narrow division between the green and red sections, external screens need not be fitted.
- 5.2.2 Side lights must not be so low as to be interfered with by deck lights. They must be placed at or near the side of the vessel (recommended not more than 0.1 ship's breadth from shipside).
- 5.2.3 The sidelights, if in a combined lantern and carried on a power-driven vessel of less than

20 m in length, must be placed not less than 1 m below the masthead light.



Length (m)	$L < 20$	$20 \leq L < 50$	$L \geq 50$
l_3	no requirement	$> l_1$ (i.e. side light not to be in front of masthead light)	$> l_1$ (i.e. side light not to be in front of forward masthead light)
H_3	$\leq 0.75 H_1$		
H_4	in the case of combined lantern, $\geq 1\text{m}$	--	--

5.3 Anchor Light

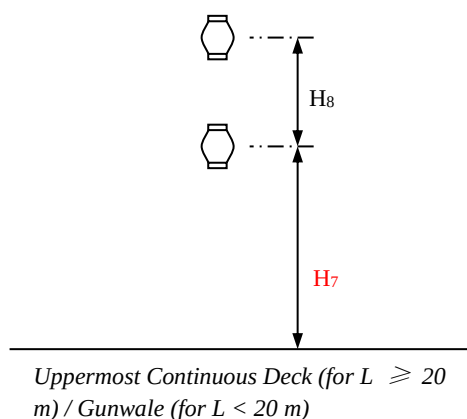


Length (m)	$L < 50$ (Note)	$L \geq 50$
H_5	Position can best be seen	$\geq 6\text{ m}$
H_6		$\leq (H_5 - 4.5)$

Note

On vessels of $L < 50$ m, only one anchor light is required.

5.4 Vertical Spacing of Lights fitted in a Vertical Line



Length (m)	$L < 20$	$L \geq 20$
H_7	≥ 2 m (except where a towing light is fitted)	≥ 4 m (except where a towing light is fitted)
H_8 ^{Note}	≥ 1 m	≥ 2 m

Note When 3 lights are carried they must be equally spaced.

5.5 Electric Light Vertical Sectors

The lights must be so positioned such that:

- (i) at least the required minimum intensity is maintained at all angles from 5° above to 5° below the horizontal; and
- (ii) at least 60% of the required minimum intensity is maintained from 7.5° above to 7.5° below the horizontal.

CHAPTER IX

TONNAGE MEASUREMENT

PART 1 General

1 Application

- 1.1 Subject to section 1.2, this chapter shall apply to **new vessels (see definition in Ch. I/3.1)**.
- 1.2 The following vessels are not required to be measured in accordance with this chapter:
- (a) any vessel the tonnage of which has been measured in accordance with the Merchant Shipping (Registration)(Tonnage) Regulations and is issued with the relevant tonnage certificate;
 - (b) any vessel in possession of International Tonnage Certificate issued in accordance with the International Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships, 1969; or
 - (c) **any existing vessel the tonnage of which has been measured in accordance with the previous methods of tonnage measurement.**

2 Method of Tonnage Measurement

- 2.1 The gross and net tonnages shall be determined in accordance with Part 2 of this chapter provided that in the case of novel types of vessel with constructional features which render the application of the provisions of Part 2 unreasonable or impracticable, the gross and net tonnages shall be determined as required by the Director.
- 2.2 All measurements used in the calculations of volumes shall be taken and expressed in metres to the nearest centimetre.
- 2.3 Gross and net tonnages shall be expressed as whole numbers, decimals being rounded off downwards.
- 2.4 All volumes included in the calculation of gross and net tonnages shall be measured, irrespective of the fitting of insulation or the like, to the inner side of the shell (below Main deck) or structural boundary plating (above Main deck) in ships constructed of metal, and to the outer surface of the shell (below Main deck) or to the inner side of the structural boundary surfaces (above Main deck) in ships constructed of any other material.
- 2.5 The total volume shall include volumes of appendages (e.g. rudder, kort nozzle, skag, propeller shaft bossings, etc.) but exclude the volumes of spaces open to sea. Volumes within the hulls of ship, such as split-hull barges and dredgers, shall be retained in V and V_c notwithstanding that the space within the hull is temporarily open to the sea when discharging cargo.

- 2.6 Enclosed spaces above the main deck not exceeding 1 m³, air trunks having a cross-sectional area not exceeding 1 m² are not to be measured.
- 2.7 Masts, cranes and container support structures, which are completely inaccessible and above the main deck, separated on all their sides from other enclosed spaces are not to be included in the total volume of all enclosed spaces. All mobile cranes are exempted.

PART 2 Ascertainment of Tonnage

3 Vessels of 24 Metres in Length and Above

- 3.1 Except primitive vessels (kaitos), tonnage of vessels of 24 metres in length and above shall be ascertained in accordance with Part II of the Merchant Shipping (Registration)(Tonnage) Regulations..

4 Primitive Vessels (kaitos), and Other Vessels of Less Than 24 Metres in Length

- 4.1 The tonnage of primitive vessels (kaitos) of any length; and all vessels of less than 24 m in length shall be ascertained in accordance with this section.

- 4.2 Gross tonnage

- 4.2.1 The gross tonnage (GT) shall be determined by the following formula:

$$GT = K_1 (V_1 + V_2)$$

where: $K_1 = 0.2 + 0.02 \log_{10} V_1$

$V_1 = V_H$, total volume of all enclosed spaces under the main deck, in m³; which shall be obtained from section 4.2.2 (in catamaran, $V_1 = 2 \times V_H$).

V_2 = total volume of all enclosed spaces above the main deck, in m³; which shall be obtained from section 4.2.3.

- 4.2.2 V_1 shall be determined by the following formula:

$$V_1 = L_m B D C \quad m^3$$

where: L_m = length of the main deck, m;

B = in vessels of other than wooden construction, the moulded breadth (in catamaran, the moulded breadth of one hull); and in wooden vessels, the breadth measured to the outer planking of the hull, m;

D = moulded depth, m;

C = coefficient obtained from the following table depending on the type of vessel:

Main deck is the deck which form the top of the enclosed space of the hull.

Vessel and Type of Vessel	Propulsion	Basic Hull Form	Hull Form Factor (C)
Class I Vessel			
Launch Ferry Vessel	with Propulsion engine	ship	monohull 0.55
			catamaran 0.50
Primitive vessel (Kaito)		junk	0.60

4.2.3 V_2 shall be determined by the following formula:

$$V_2 = \Sigma l \times b \times h \quad \text{m}^3$$

where l , b , h are respectively the mean length, mean breadth and mean height of each tier of the enclosed spaces above the main deck, in m.

4.3 Net Tonnage

The net tonnage (NT) shall be determined by the following formula (for all types of vessels):

$$NT = 0.5 \times GT$$

where: GT = gross tonnage calculated by section 4.2.1 above.

CHAPTER XI

HIGH SPEED CRAFT

(Added G.N. 7604 of 2021)

PART A GENERAL

1 Definition

"dynamically supported craft (DSC)" means a craft which is operable on or above water and which complies with either of the following characteristics:

- (a) the weight, or a significant part thereof, is balanced in one mode of operation by other than hydrostatic forces;
- (b) the craft is able to operate at speeds such that the function $v / \sqrt{gL}$ is equal to, or greater than 0.9. Where "v" is maximum speed (m/s), "L" is the waterline length (m) and "g" is the acceleration due to gravity (m/s^2);

"high speed craft (HSC)" means a craft capable of a maximum speed equal to or exceeding -

$3.7 \nabla^{0.1667}$ (m/s); or

$7.19 \nabla^{0.1667}$ (knot)

where ∇ is the volume in m^3 of the craft's maximum operational weight;

"maximum speed (v)" means the speed (m/s) achieved at the maximum continuous propulsion power for which the craft is certified at maximum operational weight and in smooth water;

"maximum operational weight" means the overall weight (metric ton) up to which operation in the intended mode is permitted;

"HSC Code" means the International Code of Safety for High Speed Craft adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee of the International Maritime Organization by resolution MSC. 97(73) (2000 HSC Code), as may be amended by the Organization from time to time.

2 Application

2.1 This chapter shall apply to any new DSC ^{Note 1} and HSC ^{Note 1} operating solely within the waters of Hong Kong.

2.2 Any HSC shall, according to its passenger carrying capacity and maximum speed, meet the following requirements and the applicable requirements relating to construction of vessel stipulated in the other chapters of this Code:

- (a) newly built vessel having normal operating speed of 20 knots or above and carrying more than 200 passengers shall meet the requirements of 2000 HSC Code in full, except items under exemptible clauses (refer to Annex AB);
- (b) newly licensed existing vessel (i.e. a "new vessel" in the definition under section 2 of the Survey Regulation) disregarding speed and carrying capacity, passengers shall meet the requirements of 2000 HSC Code in full, except items under exemptible clauses (refer to Annex AB);

^{Note1} Applicable to a DSC / HSC which is a new vessel when the reference to "the commencement date" in the definition of "new vessel" under section 2 of the Survey Regulation is substituted by "3.12.2021".

- (c) vessel referred in subparagraph (b) above having age over 15 years shall in addition classed to a recognized classification society;
- (d) vessel other than subparagraph (a)~(c) shall be assessed on case by case basis.

2.3 Construction of DSC will be specially considered.

Example figures for the determination of a HSC:

$$M_{\text{maximum Speed}} v = 3.7 \nabla^{0.1667}$$

Maximum Operational Weight (metric ton)	Demarcation Speed (knot)
10	10.51
20	11.80
30	12.62
40	13.24
50	13.75
70	14.54
100	15.43

A vessel with weight 47.5 ton capable of a speed of 13.63 knot is deemed to be a HSC.

CHAPTER XII

VESSEL SAFE OPERATION AND OPERATOR REQUIREMENTS

1 General

Every vessel that is fitted with propulsion engine shall be controlled by the following appropriate complement when underway -

- (a) coxswain; and
- (b) engine operator, except that specified in Schedule 3 of the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Certification and Licensing) Regulation (Cap. 548 sub. leg.).

2 Certificate Classes and Validity

- 2.1 Local certificates of competency issued before, and after commencement of the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels)(Local Certificates of Competency) Rules, (Local Certificates of Competency Rules), and its validity limitations are shown in the following table :

Certificates issued before the commencement of Local Certificates of Competency Rules	Certificates issued under Local Certificates of Competency Rules	Vessels Applicable
Local Certificate of Competency as Master of a vessel of 300 tons and under; Local Certificate of Competency as Trawling Master	Coxswain Grade 1	Up to and including 1600 gross ton ^{Note 1}
Local Certificate of Competency as Master of a vessel of 60 tons and under	Coxswain Grade 2	Up to and including 24 m length ^{Note 2} , and 26.4 m length overall ^{Note 3}
Local Certificate of Competency as Master of a Fishing Vessel;	Coxswain Grade 3	Up to and including 15 m length ^{Note 2} , and 16.5 m length overall ^{Note 3}
Local Certificate of Competency as Ferry engineer; Local Certificate of Competency as Engineer for a vessel with engine power over 150 BHP	Engine Operator Grade 1	Up to and including 3000 kW aggregate power ^{Note 4}
	Engine Operator Grade 2	Up to and including 1500 kW aggregate power ^{Note 4}
Local Certificate of Competency as engineer of a vessel with engine power up to 150 BHP; Local Certificate of Competency as Engineer of a Fishing Vessel	Engine Operator Grade 3	Up to and including 750 kW aggregate power ^{Note 4}

Note

- 1 If vessel's gross tonnage is greater than 1600 or vessel's total propulsion power is greater than 3000kW, special consideration may be sought from the Director.
- 2 "Length", as defined in Ch. I/3.1.
- 3 "Length overall", as defined in Ch. I/3.1.

- 4 “Aggregate power” (總功率), according to Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Local Certificates Of Competency) Rules, means the total power of all the vessel’s propulsion engines as specified in the certificate of survey or certificate of inspection issued to the vessel in accordance with the provisions of the Survey Regulation.
- 2.2 Local certificate of competency as master restricted to operate a craft of not more than 10 metres in length and fitted with either a petrol outboard engine of not more than 12 kW power or a diesel engine of not more than 38kW power within limits of permitted areas issued before the commencement of the Local Certificates of Competency Rules shall, unless earlier suspended or cancelled-
- (a) continue in force until the date of its expiry;
 - (b) valid for operation within the limits of the permitted areas as shown shaded on the map in Schedule 3 of the Local Certificates of Competency Rules; and
 - (c) subject to the conditions except the geographic operational limits as endorsed in the original certificate.
- 2.3 Local certificate of competency as master restricted to operate in typhoon shelters only issued before the commencement of the Local Certificates of Competency Rules shall, unless earlier suspended or cancelled-
- (a) continue in force until the date of its expiry;
 - (b) valid for operation in typhoon shelters only; and
 - (c) subject to the conditions as endorsed on the original certificate.
- 3 Vessel Permitted to be Operated by Combined Coxswain and Engine Operator**
- 3.1 Except the types of vessels stated in section 3.2, and subject to the condition stated in section 3.3, vessels equipped for unattended machinery space operation as required in Ch. IIIA/18 when operating within Hong Kong waters may be operated under the command of a person who is a holder of both valid coxswain certificate and valid engine operator certificate (i.e. "combined coxswain").
- 3.2 The following types of mechanically propelled vessels while underway are not allowed to be controlled by only a combined coxswain:
- (a) vessel permitted to carry more than 100 passengers;
 - (b) vessel of length exceeding 24 metres;
 - (c) vessel of total propulsion engine horsepower exceeding 1,000 kW (1,340 BHP);
 - (d) any other type of vessel as considered by the Director not suitable to be operated by only a combined coxswain.
- 3.3 On a vessel commanded by only a combined coxswain, there shall be at least one crew member with common engineering knowledge on board to assist the combined coxswain while the vessel is underway.

4 Radar Operator

A ferry vessel operating a franchised service or a licensed service as it is defined in the Ferry Services Ordinance (Cap. 104) and plying outside the boundaries of the Victoria Port, is required to be fitted with a radar of approved type and to have on board, at all times when underway, a radar operator who has successfully completed a radar

training course approved by the Director for the operation of the radar.

5 Reporting of Accidents

It is a statutory requirement for the owner or coxswain or agent of any local vessel to report accidents relating to collisions and fires etc. as required in Part XI of the Ordinance.

6 Observance of Safe Navigational Speed, Carrying Certificated Operators and Adequate Number of Crew

- 6.1 When any vessel is under way, the coxswain shall ensure the vessel is proceeding at a safe navigational speed, and diligently comply with the speed limits in the relevant operating areas and the relevant operational requirements as promulgated in Marine Department notices from time to time.
- 6.2 Any owner or coxswain of the vessel shall observe any specified licensing conditions on vessel operator requirements, including those indicated in Ch. IIIA/18, IIIB/13, XII and Annex U-4 of this Code, in order to cope with operational needs including helping out emergency measures etc.

7 Third Party Risks Insurance Coverage

It is the obligation of the owner and agent of any local vessel to ensure compliance with the relevant requirements of the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Compulsory Third Party Risks Insurance) Regulation.

8 Duties Relating to Owner and Agent of Vessel

- 8.1 It is the responsibility of the owner and agent of any vessel:-
 - (a) to ensure that the vessel is properly maintained, surveyed and certificated in accordance with the requirements of the Ordinance and regulations as mentioned in Ch. XII/2 above, in addition to this Code; and
 - (b) to ensure that the vessel is built and constructed with adequate strength and stability, adequacy in safety for machinery, electrical and in safety arrangement and equipment for vessel's intended purpose through statutory survey and certification.
- 8.2 It is the responsibility of the owner, agent and the coxswain of any to observe applicable duties as indicated in the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels)(General) Regulation and Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels)(Certification and Licensing) Regulation, and in particular relating to restrictions imposed under section 6 and operators holding relevant certificates of competency etc. required on any vessel specified under sections 46 to 50 of the latter Regulation.

9 Operational Safety Requirements on Cleanliness

- 9.1 The owner of a vessel and his agent shall ensure that vessel is kept clean at all times as specified under s. 29 of general regulation.
- 9.2 The owner or master of a vessel shall ensure the vessel is in a proper state of cleanliness and repair, its equipment and appliances to be maintained in good order and kept in readiness for immediate use.

10 Minimum Safe Number of Crew for Ferry Vessels and Launches

- 10.1 Annex U-6 sets out the guideline on the minimum safe number of crew for ferry vessels and launches. The indicative minimum safe number shall be derived, depending on its own circumstances, a total score from the factors and corresponding scores set out in Part A of Annex U-6. On the basis of the total score, Part B of Annex U-6 indicates the corresponding indicative minimum safe number of crew.
- 10.2 When an emergency drill (including situations of collision, grounding, fire and abandonment of vessel) is carried out during a survey of the vessel (Ch. II/Table 7-3 refers), the number of crew participating in the emergency drill –
- (a) shall not be less than the indicative minimum safe number derived from the above section 10.1;
 - (b) shall be the minimum safe number should it be equal or more than that derived under the above section 10.1.
- 10.3 The Marine Department specifies the minimum safe number of crew of a ferry vessel or launch on the operating licence and the certificate of survey of the vessel in accordance with the above sections 10.1 or 10.2(b), as appropriate. Such number of crew with specified duties shall be indicated on the muster list prepared under item (B)(3) of Ch. II/Table 5-1.

11 Assistance in Look-out

- 11.1 A vessel licensed to carry more than 100 passengers shall have a crew to assist look-out in addition to the coxswain during the hours of darkness or in reduced visibility. A high speed craft^{Note} shall have a crew to assist look-out in addition to the coxswain at all times during normal navigation. The coxswain of the above vessel or craft shall deploy a crew member to carry out such look-out. If the crew is deployed to assist look-out outside the wheelhouse, appropriate communication device shall be provided to maintain effective communication between the coxswain and the crew.

Note

“High speed craft” means a craft capable of a maximum speed in metres per second equal to or exceeding $3.7\Delta^{0.1667}$, where Δ = displacement corresponding to the design waterline (m³); and is constructed and operated in accordance with the requirements in Ch. XI of the Code of Practice.

- 11.2 If a crew who is assigned to assist look-out is not the holder of a valid certificate of competency as a coxswain on a local vessel, the crew shall meet the eyesight standards as that for coxswain (refer to the Examination Rules for Local Certificates of Competency) and hold a certificate issued by a registered medical practitioner or registered optometrist attesting that the eyesight standards have been attained by the crew. Eyesight test shall be conducted at intervals not exceeding five years.

12 First Aid Kit

Every vessel shall be provided onboard first aid kit. Refer to the following table for the complement of each kit.

	Name	Description	Quantity required
1	Triangular of Calico	110cm x 110 cm x 127 cm	8 offs
2	Conforming bandage	5cm x 2m	2 rolls
3	Bandage (ordinary or elastic type)	5cm x 5.5m	2 rolls
4	Bandage (ordinary or elastic type)	7.5cm x 5.5m	2 rolls
5	Tape	Assorted, sterile, adhesive	20 offs
6	Dressings	Sterile paraffin gauze	10 offs
7	Dressing strip	2.5cm x 5m	2 rolls
8	Absorbent cotton wool	35 gm	2 packs
9	Safety pins	Rustless, size 5cm	1 dozen
10	Scissors	Stainless steel throughout	1 pair
11	Disinfectant		0.2 Litre

Notes:

- (1) The first aid kit shall be regularly replenished as and when it is used up.
- (2) At least the following numbers of first aid kits shall be carried on each vessel:-
 - (i) not less than 1 first aid kit for passenger capacity of not more than 100 .
 - (ii) not less than 2 first aid kits for passenger capacity of more than 100.
- (3) The first aid kit(s) shall be placed in conspicuously marked and easily accessible container(s)
- (4) Ship owner/coxswain may add more contents to first aid kit to meet the need of their operations.

CHAPTER XIII

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR BATTERY POWERED VESSELS

1 Application to Battery Powered Vessels

- 1.1 This chapter applies to local vessels that use electric power for the propulsion or general electrical loads with an installed battery capacity greater than 600Wh using cells and batteries containing alkaline or other non-acid electrolytes. Such vessels shall comply with the requirements of this chapter in addition to any other applicable requirements of this code of practice.

2 Requirements for Battery Powered Vessels

- 2.1 Batteries shall be constructed and tested in accordance with the relevant IEC Publications or equivalent where applicable.
- 2.2 Any lithium-ion batteries and battery systems with a capacity greater than 600 Wh installed a local vessel shall comply with the Technical Specification Small Craft – Lithium-ion batteries (ISO/TS 23625:2021) or equivalent.
- 2.3 Any local vessels of 24 meters or above, or any of the vessel type listed below, shall comply with the relevant rules published by an Authorized Organization for Electric Propulsion Systems or equivalent.
- Class I vessels;
 - Dangerous goods carrier;
 - Oil / Noxious liquid substance / Gas carriers;
 - Special purpose vessels;
 - Mobile fishing vessels; and
 - Any Class II vessels that may navigate within river trade limits.
- 2.4 Any local vessels which do not belong to the vessels in paragraph 2.3 shall comply with the following:
- (a) Vessels shall be constructed to the International Standards – Small Craft – Electric Propulsion System (ISO 16315:2016) and Small craft — Fire protection (ISO 9094), or their equivalent.
 - (b) Batteries shall be positioned aft of the collision bulkhead.
 - (c) Boundaries of battery compartment which is part of a vessel's structure or enclosures shall be of equivalent structural integrity and A-60 fire integrity.
 - (d) A battery compartment shall be fitted with fire/heat detectors or detection system where suitable.

- (e) A battery compartment with combined stored energy over 50 kWh in lithium ion batteries shall be equipped with a type of fixed fire extinguishing system recommended as suitable for suppressing battery fire by the battery maker of that batteries.

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR CLASSIFICATION OF VESSELS APPLICABLE TO LOCAL VESSELS

1 American Bureau of Shipping (ABS)

- (i) Rules for Building and Classing Steel Vessels under 90 metres in Length
- (ii) Rules for Building and Classing High Speed Craft
- (iii) Rules for Building and Classing Steel Barges
- (iv) Steel Vessels for Service on Rivers and Intracoastal Waterways (for vessels operating within smooth waters)

2 Bureau Veritas (BV)

- (i) Rules for the Classification of Steel Ships
- (ii) Hull Structure and Arrangement for the Classification of Cargo Ships less than 65 m and Non Cargo Ships less than 90 m
- (iii) Hull Arrangement, Stability and Systems for Ships less than 500 GT
- (iv) Hull in Composite Materials and Plywood, Material Approval, Design Principles, Construction and Survey
- (v) Hull in Aluminium Alloys, Design Principles, Construction and Survey
- (vi) Rules for the classification of high speed craft

3 China Classification Society (CCS)

- (i) Rules for Classification of Sea-going Steel Ships
國內航行海船建造規範
- (ii) Rules for the Construction and Classification of Coastal Boats (applicable to vessels of length not exceeding 20 metres)
沿海小船入級與建造規範
- (iii) Rules for the Construction and Classification of Sea-Going High Speed Craft
海上高速船入級與建造規範
- (iv) Rules for Classification of Inland Waterways Steel Ships (applicable to vessels of length equal to or greater than 20 metres, operating in waters of Hong Kong or River Trade Limits not exceeding 5 km from coast)
鋼質內河船舶建造規範

4 DNV - AS

- (i) DNV Rules for Classification of Ships
- (ii) DNV Rules for Classification of High Speed, Light Craft and Naval Surface Craft

5 Lloyd's Register of Shipping (LR)

- (i) Rules and Regulations for the Classification of Ships
- (ii) Rules and Regulations for the Classification of Special Service Craft
(applicable to high speed craft, light displacement craft, multi-hull craft, yachts of overall length 24 m or greater and craft with draught to depth ratio less than or equal to 0.55)

6 Nippon Kaiji Kyokai (NK)

- (i) Rules and Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships
- (ii) Rules and Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Passenger Ships
- (iii) Rules and Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Inland Waterway Ships
- (iv) Rules and Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Ships of Fibreglass Reinforced Plastics
- (v) Rules and Guidance for High Speed Craft

7 Register of Fishing Vessel of the People's Republic of China (RFV)

The following are applicable to fishing vessel/fishing sampan

- (i) Regulation for Statutory Surveys of Fishing Vessels of the PRC – River Trade, GRP, Wooden Sea-going and Small Steel Fishing Vessels Statutory Surveys and Technical Regulations
《漁業船舶法定檢驗規則——內河、玻璃鋼、海洋木質及小型鋼質漁業船舶法定檢驗技術規則》
- (ii) Rules and Regulations for Construction of Sea-going Steel Fishing Vessel
《鋼質海洋漁船建造規範》
- (iii) Rules and Regulations for Statutory Inspection of Fishing Vessel
《漁業船舶法定檢驗規則》
- (iv) Rules and Regulations for Construction of Glass Reinforced Fibre Fishing Vessel (applicable to fishing sampan only)
《玻璃纖維增強塑料漁業船舶建造規範》

Note

- (1) The lists include the current rules and regulations applicable to local vessels issued by 7 classification societies/recognized authority and are not exhaustive. Rules and regulations issued by other authorized organizations; and alternative standards may be considered.
- (2) Hull scantlings and engine shafting calculations shall be verified and stamped by the respective Classification Society/Recognized Authority.

APPROXIMATE DETERMINATION OF STABILITY

Part 1 Simple Inclining Test

1 General

- 1.1 The simple inclining test is to ascertain the angle of heel a vessel would occur when 2/3 of the persons distributed on one side of the vessel and 1/3 on the other side. The objective being that it should be ensured that no angle of heel exceeding 7° will arise as a result of the movement of persons from one side of the vessel to the other side.

2 Test Procedure

- 2.1 The vessel should be tested with weights to represent the fully laden service condition.
- 2.2 The weights should be disposed, as far as practicable, with their centres of gravity in the correct vertical and lateral positions having regard also to those vessels where persons should be taken as congregated at 0.3 m² each on the uppermost deck or decks to which they have access.
- 2.3 The test should be carried out in the following manner: -
- (a) the vessel is to be loaded with weights as described above,
 - (b) calculate a heeling moment equal to 1/12th the weight of the persons (W) multiplied by the extreme breadth (B) of the vessel (WB/12),
 - (c) transfer weights from one side of the vessel to the other side in 3 equal increments such that the final heeling moment is equal to WB/12, the same vertical CG of the whole being maintained.

The weights and the distance that are moved together with the angle of heel should be recorded for each of the 3 moves.
 - (d) restore all the weights to their original positions and record angle of heel when they are restored,
 - (e) repeat (c) moving weights from opposite side,
 - (f) repeat (d),
 - (g) if the angle of heel exceeds 7° during the test, the owner might add ballast weight and to repeat the test procedures (c), (d), (e) and (f). The weight and position of such ballast should be recorded.

3 Acceptance of Stability

- 3.1 As a general rule, no vessel will be accepted where the angle of heel exceeds 7° as a result of a heeling moment of WB/12 or any greater heeling moment that could be expected to arise in service.
- 3.2 In any case where an angle of heel exceeding 4° has arisen as a result of a heeling

moment of WB/12, the seating and other arrangements of the vessel should be examined to see whether a heeling moment greater than WB/12 could be expected to arise in service. If this is found to be so, proper measure should be taken to avoid an angle of heel greater than 7° would arise as a result of this heeling moment.

Part 2 Rolling Period Test

4 General

The rolling period is the duration for one complete oscillation, i.e. starting from the extreme end of a roll to one side of the vessel, moves right across to the other extreme side and returns to the original starting point.

5 Test Procedure

- (a) The test should be conducted in harbour, in smooth water with the minimum interference from wind and tide.
- (b) The mooring should be slack. A reasonable clearance at the sides of the vessel should be maintained to avoid making any contact during its rolling.
- (c) Weights which are liable to swing or liable to move (e.g. a drum) should be secured against such movement. The free surface effects of slack tanks should be kept as small as is practicable.
- (d) The vessel is made to roll (e.g. by rhythmically lifting up and putting down a weight far off middle-line; by people running athwartships in unison; or by any other means). As soon as this forced rolling has commenced the vessel is allowed to roll freely and naturally.
- (e) By means of a stopwatch, the time is taken for not less than about five complete oscillations.
- (f) After allowing the roll to completely fade away, repeat the operations in paragraphs (d) and (e) twice and time recorded.

6 Determination of Metacentric Height (GM)

- (a) From the total time for the total number of oscillations made, calculate the mean time (say T seconds) for one complete oscillation.
- (b) The metacentric height GM_0 is to be determined from the following formula:

$$GM_0 = (0.77 B/T)^2$$

where

B = extreme breadth of vessel in metres

(Note: the formula is valid for motor dry cargo vessel of length not more than 24 metres in lightweight condition).

DAMAGED STABILITY REQUIREMENTS for LAUNCHES, FERRY VESSELS

PART 1 Damaged Stability Requirements

- (1) (a) Every vessel to which sub-section (1)(b) or (c) applies shall be subdivided by bulkheads, which shall be watertight up to the bulkhead deck, into compartments the maximum length of which shall not exceed the length permitted by the required freeboard and stability as calculated in accordance with parts 2 and 3 of this Annex.

- (b) Every vessel shall comply with the following subdivision standard:

No. of Passengers Carried	Subdivision Standard (Refer to para. (6) for the assumed extent and character of damage)
≤ 400	Any one main compartment
> 400 ^{Note1}	Any two adjacent main compartments

- (c) Any launch or ferry vessel which meets the conditions required in Ch. V/3.3 and plies outside the Victoria port, shall meet the requirement of damage stability for two-compartment flooding.
- (2) Every vessel shall be so constructed as to keep asymmetrical flooding, when the vessel is in a damaged condition, at the minimum consistent with efficient arrangements.

PART 2 Assumptions on which calculations are to be based

The stability of every vessel shall be determined by calculation in accordance with the following conditions and assumptions-

- (3) Applicable vessel size and arrangement:
- (a) no passenger is carried underdeck;
 - (b) the vessel is fitted with plane bulkheads and no stepped bulkhead between main compartment is fitted;
 - (c) no partial subdivision above margin line is provided; and
 - (d) no cross-flooding fitting is provided.
- (4) The vessel shall be assumed to be in the worst service conditions as regards stability which is likely to be experienced having regard to the intended service of the vessel, or damage calculations shall be made over the operational draught range as a basis for curves of required metacentric height (GM) values or permissible vertical centre of gravity (KG) values.

^{Note1} Applicable to any vessel which is when the reference to “the commencement date of the Survey Regulation” in the definition of “new vessel” under section 2 of the Survey Regulation is substituted by “3 March 2017”.

- (5) The permeabilities shall be assumed to be as follows-

Spaces	Permeability (%)
Appropriated for stores but not occupied by substantial quantities thereof, void spaces	95
Appropriated as passenger, crew accommodation	95
Appropriated for machinery	85
Appropriated for liquids	0 or 95, whichever results in the more onerous requirements

- (6) The extent and character of damage shall be assumed as follows-

- (a) longitudinal extent: 3 metres plus 3% of the length of the vessel, or 11 metres or 10% of the length of the vessel, whichever is the least, including the following spaces;

(A) one compartment subdivision standard,

- (i) fore peak space (irrespective of the longitudinal extent prescribed above);
- (ii) space between aft end of vessel and adjacent watertight transverse bulkhead;
- (iii) anywhere in the vessel's length between adjacent watertight transverse bulkheads;

(B) two compartments subdivision standard,
anywhere in the vessel's length.

Where the damage envisaged would involve transverse watertight bulkheads, such bulkheads shall not be considered effective unless they are spaced at a distance at least equal to the longitudinal extent of the assumed damage specified in sub-paragraph (a). Where such bulkheads are spaced at a lesser distance, one or more of these bulkheads within such extent of damage shall be assumed to be non-existent for the purpose of determining which compartments are flooded.

- (b) transverse extent: 20% of the breadth of the vessel, measured inboard from the vessel's side at right angles to the centre line at the level of the deepest subdivision load waterline taken parallel to the keel;
- (c) vertical extent: from the base line upwards to main deck;
- (d) if any damage of lesser extent than that indicated in sub-subparagraphs (a) or (b) and (c) would result in a more severe condition regarding heel or loss of metacentric height, such damage shall be assumed for the purposes of the calculation.

- (7) Where the vessel is fitted with decks, inner skins or longitudinal bulkheads of sufficient tightness to restrict the flow of water, regard shall be had to such restrictions in the calculation.

PART 3 Sufficiency of Stability in the Damaged Condition

The intact stability of the vessel shall be deemed to be sufficient if the calculation specified in Part 2 shows that, after the assumed damage, the condition of the vessel is as follows-

(8) In the final stage after damage -

- (a) the positive residual righting lever curve shall have a minimum range of 15° beyond the angle of equilibrium;
- (b) the area under the righting lever curve shall be at least 0.015 metre radians, measured from the angle of equilibrium to the lesser of-
 - (i) flooding angle (the angle at which progressive flooding occurs);
 - (ii) 22° (measured from the upright);
- (c) a residual righting lever is to be obtained within the range specified in subparagraph (8)(a) and (b), taking into account the greater of the following heeling moments-
 - (i) the crowding of all passengers towards one side;
 - (ii) due to wind pressure as calculated by the formula-

$$GZ = \frac{\text{heeling moment}}{\text{Displacement}} + 0.04 \quad (\text{m})$$

However, in no case is this residual righting lever to be less than 0.10 metres;

- (d) for the purpose of calculating the heeling moments in sub-subparagraph (c), the following assumptions shall be made-
 - (i) moments due to crowding of passengers-
 - (aa) 4 persons per square metre;
 - (bb) a mass of 75 kg for each passenger;
 - (cc) passengers shall be distributed on available deck areas towards one side of the vessel on the decks where muster stations are located and in such a way that they produce the most adverse heeling moment;
 - (ii) moments due to wind pressure-
 - (aa) a wind pressure of 120N/m² to be applied;
 - (bb) the area applicable shall be the projected lateral area of the vessel above the waterline corresponding to the intact condition;
 - (cc) the moment arm shall be the vertical distance from a point at one half of the mean draught corresponding to the intact condition to the centre of gravity of the lateral area;
- (e) in intermediate stages of flooding the maximum righting lever shall be at least

- 0.05 metre and the range of positive righting levers shall be at least 7°. In all cases only one breach in the hull and only one free surface need to be assumed.
- (9) The final condition of the vessel after damage shall be as follows-
- (a) in the case of symmetrical flooding there shall be a positive residual metacentric height of at least 50 mm as calculated by the constant displacement method;
 - (b) in the case of asymmetrical flooding the angle of heel for one-compartment flooding shall not exceed 7°. For the simultaneous flooding of two or more adjacent compartments a heel of 12° shall not be exceeded.
 - (c) in no case shall the margin line be submerged in the intermediate stages or final stage of flooding.
- (10) Other than the requirements prescribed in above sections (8) and (9), Marine Department accepts the standard applicable to vessels operating within sheltered waters, as stipulated in the Technical Regulation for the Survey of Coastal Boats promulgated by Maritime Safety Administration of the People's Republic of China (MSA); or the equivalent. For vessels of $L \geq 20\text{m}$ carrying ≤ 100 passengers, the Department accepts the standard appropriate for vessels operating in Hong Kong waters, as promulgated by the MSA.

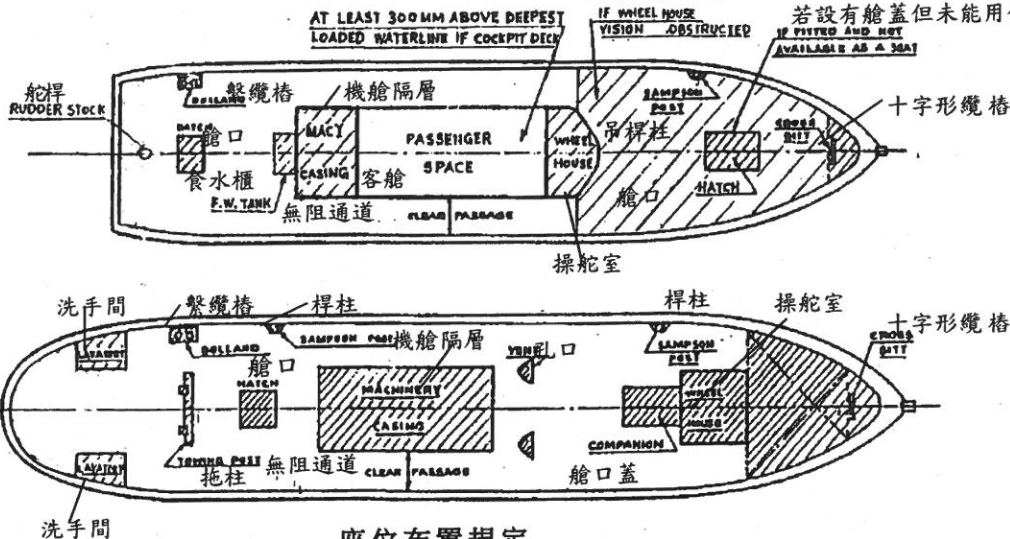
釐定第 I 及 II 類別船隻 乘客艙間的指引圖

(圖示  的範圍不包括在內)

若為座艙甲板，須最少在最
深載重水線以上 300 mm

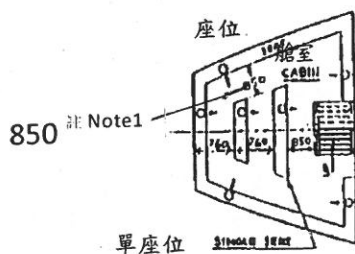
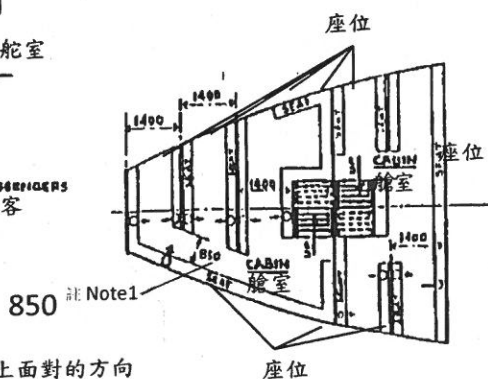
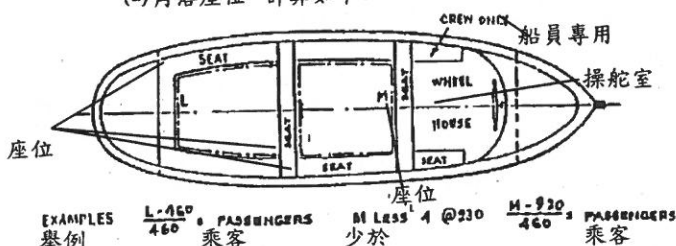
倘操舵室視線受阻

若設有艙蓋但未能用作座位
IF FITTED AND NOT
AVAILABLE AS A SEAT



座位布置規定
(以 mm 為量度單位)

- (a) 最小闊度 460
- (b) 最小距離
 - (i) 面對面的座位 1400
 - (ii) 面向同一方向的座位 760
- (c) 最小伸腳空間
 - (i) 一行不超過 6 個座位 250
 - (ii) 一行超過 6 個座位 300
- (d) 角落座位，計算如下：



箭嘴所示為乘客在座位上面對的方向
MARKED SHOWING THE
DIRECTION OF PASSENGERS
ON THE SEAT.

^{註1} 適用於在《檢驗規例》第 2 條“新船隻”的釋義中，對於《檢驗規例》“生效日期”的提述，以“2017 年 3 月 3 日”替代的船隻。

Note¹ Applicable to a vessel which is when the reference to “the commencement date” of the Survey Regulation in the definition of “new vessel” under section 2 of the Survey Regulation is substituted by “3 March 2017”.

VISIBILITY REQUIREMENT FOR WHEELHOUSE

Regarding navigation bridge visibility, new vessels of 45m and over in length shall comply with the Regulation 22, Chapter V of the SOLAS; new vessels of 12m to 45m in length shall comply with the following paragraphs 1 to 12; new vessels of under 12m in length should comply as far as practicable to the requirements for larger vessels as set out in this Code of Practice.

Requirements for new vessels of 12m to 45m in length are as follows.

1. The view of the sea surface from the conning position (it is defined in this Code of Practice as the main steering position controlled by the coxswain in wheelhouse) shall not be obscured by more than two ship lengths, or 500 m, whichever is the less, forward of the bow to 10 degrees on either side under all conditions of draught, trim, deck weight and cargo handling gear. Attention should be drawn on the blind sector created on tankers whilst in lightweight condition.
2. No blind sector caused by cargo, cargo handling gear or other obstructions (e.g. securing bars fitted on window) outside of the wheelhouse forward of the beam which obstructs the view of the sea surface as seen from the conning position, shall exceed 10 degrees. The total arc of blind sectors shall not exceed 20 degrees. The clear sectors between blind sectors shall be at least 5 degrees. However, in the view described in para. 1, each individual blind sector shall not exceed 5 degrees;
3. The horizontal field of vision from the conning position shall extend over an arc of not less than 225 degrees, that is from right ahead to not less than 22.5 degrees abaft the beam on either side of the ship.
4. From each bridge wing the horizontal field of vision of vision shall extend over an arc of at least 225 degrees, that is from at least 45 degrees on the opposite bow through right ahead and then from right ahead to right astern through 180 degrees on the same side of the ship.
5. From the main steering position the horizontal field of vision shall extend over an arc from right ahead to at least 60 degrees on each side of the ship.
6. The ship's side shall be visible from bridge wing.
7. The height of the lower edge of the wheelhouse front windows above bridge deck should be kept as low as possible. In no case shall the lower edge present an obstruction to the forward view.
8. The upper edge of the wheelhouse front windows shall allow a forward view of the horizon, for a person with a height of eye of not less than 1600 mm above the deck at the conning position, when the ship is pitching in seas.
9. Framing between the wheelhouse windows shall be kept to a minimum and not be installed immediately forward of any workstation.

10. To help avoid reflections, the bridge front windows shall be inclined from the vertical plane top out, at an angle of not less than 10 degrees and not more than 25 degrees.
11. Polarized and tinted windows shall not be fitted.
12. At all time, regardless of weather conditions, at least two of the forward windows shall provide a clear view, and in addition depending on the wheelhouse configuration, an additional number of windows shall provide a clear view.
13. On ships of unconventional design which, in the opinion of the Director, cannot comply with this Annex, arrangements shall be provided to achieve a level of visibility that is as near as practical to that prescribed in this Annex.

Requirement for existing vessels

It is required that existing vessels have a clear view ahead from the steering position and where practicable, comply with the requirements in this Code.

Checklist for Engine Inspection

Annex I-2

(to be completed by Engine Workshop except Part 3)

[Note : This form is applicable to mechanized vessels installed with propulsion and generator engines]

Name of Vessel : _____ C.O.O. No.: _____
Type of Engine : _____
Engine Model : _____
Engine Serial No.: _____ Engine Mark Code: _____

Part 1 : Inspection item	Yes	No	N/A	Remarks
Cylinder head				
Valves, inlet/exhaust				
Liners and jackets				Hydraulic test
Pistons and gudgeon pins				
Bottom end bearings				
Cooling system				Hydraulic test
Injectors				Injectors calibration report shall be submitted
Fuel system				Fuel pump calibration report shall be submitted
Crankshaft/main bearing/Camshaft system				Inspection report shall be submitted
Governors				
Turbocharger				Inspection report shall be submitted
Lubrication system				
Starting system				
Electrical system				
Control system				
Instrumentation and monitoring system				
Mounting and alignment				
Detailed engine maintenance report attached				

Part 2 : Maintenance Workshop Particulars

Name of Responsible Person : _____ Tel.: _____
Position / Rank : _____ Date : _____
Responsible Person's Signature : _____ Tel : _____
Name of Engine Workshop : _____ Company Chop : _____
Company Address : _____
Business Registration No. : _____

Part 3: Vessel Owner Declaration

I have inspected the open up and overhaul of engine on _____

Actual Completion date: _____ Signature/Chop: _____
Name of Owner/Coxswain/Engine Operator _____
Telephone No. : _____

Note : (1) Please use separate sheets if inspections are conducted by more than one workshop.
(2) Officers of Marine Department or Authorized Surveyors/Organizations reserve the right to inspect and dismantle the engine if necessary.

Checklist for Gearbox Inspection

(to be completed by Maintenance Workshop except Part 3)
 [Note : This form is applicable to mechanized vessels installed with gearboxes for propulsion]

Name of Vessel : _____ C.O.O. No.: _____

Type of Gearbox : _____

Gearbox Model : _____

Gearbox Serial No.: _____

Part 1 : Inspection item	Yes	No	N/A	Remarks
Casing				
Gears and shafts				
Disc				
Clutch system				
Bearings				
Gasket and seal				
Gearbox control system				
Cooling system				Hydraulic test
Hydraulic system				
Lubrication system				
Instrumentation and monitoring system				
Mounting and alignment				
Other items				
Detailed gearbox maintenance report attached				

Part 2 : Maintenance Workshop Particulars

Name of Responsible Person : _____ Tel.: _____

Position / Rank : _____ Date : _____

Responsible Person's Signature : _____ Tel : _____

Name of Maintenance Workshop : _____ Company Chop : _____

Company Address : _____

Business Registration No. : _____

Part 3: Vessel Owner Declaration

I have inspected the open up and overhaul of gearbox on _____

Actual Completion date: _____ Signature/Chop: _____

Name of Owner/Coxswain/Engine Operator _____

Telephone No. : _____

Note: (1) Use separate sheets if inspections are conducted by more than one workshop.
 (2) Marine Department Officers or Authorized Surveyors/Organizations reserve the right to inspect and dismantle the gearbox if necessary.

PERFORMANCE SPECIFICATIONS FOR RADAR

The radar should:

1. Have a display of the raster scan type and may be either in colour or monochrome. The display should be capable of being viewed in either daylight or darkness without the use of hoods.
2. Have at least the display modes of “Head-up” and “Course-Up” in addition to any other modes which may be available.
3. Be stabilized by a compass input from either a gyro compass, a transmitting magnetic compass, or a fluxgate compass.
4. Have a screen display of not less than 280 millimetres (11 inches diagonal).
5. Have means for suppressing precipitation returns, which may be of the FTC type or of the video processor type and the control of which may be either progressive or on-off type.
6. Have means suppressing sea clutter returns, the control of which must be progressive and which may be of swept gain type or the video processor type.
7. Have a clearly identifiable heading marker capable of being suppressed temporarily by a spring loaded switch or similar device.
8. Have at least one variable range marker with a clearly displayed digit readout of range.
9. Be equipped with a switchable fixed range rings of an accuracy such that the range of an object on a range ring may be determined to within 1.5% of the range scale in use or 75 metres whichever is the greater.
10. Be equipped with either a rotating cursor with parallel lines marked on it or with an electronic bearing marker having an adjustable origin.
11. Have a facility for displaying the historical relative tracks of all echoes. The echo tracks must be capable of being removed and restarted afresh on demand.
12. Have a horizontal beam width of not more than 2.5 degrees measured between the half power points (-3dB).
13. Have a pulse length on range scales up to 1.5 miles of not greater than 0.08µsec.
14. Have a power output not less than 3 kilowatt.
15. Have an antenna system capable of sustained operation in relative wind speeds of 50 knots or greater.
16. Be equipped with a means of ascertaining that the receiver is correctly tuned.

17. Be capable of determining whether any risk of collision exists, as required by section 80(2) of the Survey Regulation.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF MAIN ENGINE

1 Document/Data/Drawing to be Submitted

- 1.1 Proof of sales of the new / used engine;
- 1.2 Type Approval Certificate / Maker Certificate certified Marine Type of the new/used engine;
- 1.3 The added weight, vertical centre of gravity (VCG) and longitudinal centre of gravity (LCG) of new new/used main engine and its accessories;
- 1.4 The percentage of the added weight based on the lightship weight;
- 1.5 Engine Seating Arrangement for approval (if any modification);
- 1.6 Piping Arrangement for approval (if any modification);
- 1.7 When replacing engine power output is more than 130kW, it shall comply with requirements in Annex I-10.

2 Devices to be Provided and Fitted

- 2.1 Main engine automatic shut-off and alarm arrangements (chapter IIIA / 8.4 refers; applicable to new vessels carrying more than 60 passengers of launches or ferry vessels);
- 2.2 Main engine emergency stopping device in the wheelhouse (all vessels);
- 2.3 A silencer or expansion chamber should be fitted on the exhaust pipe (all vessels);
- 2.4 Existing gearbox and shafting system should be in acceptable condition (all vessels).

3 Fee and Form to be Done by Owner

- 3.1 Appropriate fees are to be paid in advance and surveys are to be arranged at appropriate stages;
- 3.2 "Form Survey 6B" is to be completed and returned to this office for further action.

4 Inspection/Measurement to be Taken

- 4.1 Inspection of device of para. 2.3 and noise level measurement at passenger accommodation should not exceed 85 dB(A) for all Class I Category A vessels;
- 4.2 Testing of all safety devices of 2.1, 2.2 and general inspection of 2.4;
- 4.3 Lightship weight verification (inclining experiment if required);
- 4.4 Inspection of modified items; and
- 4.5 The engine should be stripped down and inspected by MD officer/authorized inspecting personnel (used engine only).

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF GENERATOR SET

1. Document/Data/Drawing to be Submitted

- 1.1 Proof of sales of the new generator set;
- 1.2 Maker Certificate certifying that the new/used generator set is of Marine Type;
- 1.3 The added weight, vertical centre of gravity (VCG) and longitudinal centre of gravity (LCG) of new new/used main engine and its accessories;
- 1.4 The percentage of the added weight based on the lightship weight;
- 1.5 Engine Seating Arrangement for approval; (if any modification);
- 1.6 Piping Arrangement for approval; (if any modification);
- 1.7 Electrical Arrangement / Revised Electrical Arrangement; (if any modification);
- 1.8 Main Switchboard Wiring Diagram; (if any modification);
- 1.9 A.C. Electrical System Diagram. (if any modification);
- 1.10 When replacing engine power output is more than 130kW, it shall comply requirements in Annex I-10.

2. Devices to be Provided and Fitted

- 2.1 A silencer or expansion chamber should be fitted on the exhaust pipe (all vessels).

3. Fee and Form to be Done by Owner

- 3.1 Appropriate fees are to be paid in advance and surveys are to be arranged at appropriate stages;
- 3.2 "Form Survey 6B" is to be completed and returned to this office for further action.

4. Inspection/Masurement to be Taken

- 4.1 Inspection of device 2.1 and noise level measurement at passenger accommodation should not exceed 85 dB(A) for all Class I Category A vessels.
- 4.2 Lightship weight verification (inclining experiment if required).
- 4.3 Inspection of modified items.
- 4.4 The engine should be stripped down and inspected by MD officer/authorized inspecting personnel (used engine only).

**REQUIREMENTS FOR WAIVING INCLINING EXPERIMENT
AFTER THE ADDITION / REPLACEMENT OF ENGINE(S)
OR MINOR ALTERATION**

1 Technical Requirements

In general speaking, the Inclining Experiment can be waived subject to the total increased/decreased weight of the engine and its accessories or minor alteration do not exceed 2% of lightship weight (which was measured in the last inclining test) and the following conditions:

- (a) Heel is not more than 5 degree;
- (b) Ship's trim in any probable loading condition does not make the passenger deck less than 300mm above deepest loaded waterline;
- (c) The intact and damage stability (where applicable) comply with the requirements of Ch. IV/1.3 and 2 respectively;
- (d) Minimum freeboard complies with the requirements of Ch. IV/1.2.
- (e) Comply with the applicable requirements of this Code.

2 Information to be Submitted

- (a) The added/decreased weight, vertical centre of gravity (VCG) and longitudinal centre of gravity (LCG) of engine and its accessories or proposed alteration.
- (b) The lightship weight and longitudinal centre of gravity (LCG) calculation with the percentage change.

HARMFUL ANTI-FOULING SYSTEMS

The Merchant Shipping (Control of Harmful Anti-Fouling Systems on Ships) Regulation (Cap. 413N) which comes into effect on 1 January 2017 is to implement the International Convention on Control of Harmful Anti-Fouling Systems on Ships, 2001. The requirements of the Regulation are highlighted as follows:

- (1) Any vessel must not, on or after the commencement date of the regulation, bear any organotin compounds that act as biocides in the anti-fouling system of the vessel. If a vessel bore any organotin compounds that act as biocides in its anti-fouling system before the commencement date, it must, as from that date, bear a coating that forms a barrier to the compounds.
- (2) Any vessel of 400 gross tonnage or above and engaged in international voyages must be subject to survey for the issue / endorsement of International Anti-Fouling System Certificates.
- (3) Any vessel of 24 meters or more in length, less than 400 gross tonnage and engaged in international voyages, the owner and the master of which must ensure that a declaration that is made in respect of anti-fouling system of the vessel is kept on board the vessel.

**Implementation of the Requirements of
Annex VI of MARPOL 73/78 to Locally Licensed Vessels**

The new Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Air Pollution) Regulation, CAP 413P has entered into force on 1 July 2016. The regulation is to implement the requirements of MARPOL Annex VI in Hong Kong. The Marine Department Notice (MDN) No. 39 of 2016 promulgated on 6 April 2016 gives details of the relevant requirements applicable to local vessels under the regulation. The MDN 39 of 2016 is available at the following URL:
<http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/notices/pdf/mdn16039.pdf>

ALTERATION TO LOCAL VESSELS

Ship owners, agents, operators and repairers shall take relevant responsibilities with respect to alteration intended to be made on a licensed local vessel which is issued with a Certificate of Survey (COS) or a Certificate of Inspection (COI):

1. Alteration that will cause a local vessel be regarded as a new vessel

If the intended alteration is so substantial that it causes the vessel to fall within the definition of “New Vessel” described in paragraph (b) under the section 2 of the Survey Regulation, the vessel needs to be issued with a new license and shall comply with all the latest applicable requirements.

2. Alteration that requires permission

If the intended alteration is of such an extent that will render the particulars stated in any documents referred to in section 75(a) of the Survey Regulation inaccurate, but not to the extent that it will render the vessel a new vessel, the owner shall follow the provision of section 76 or section 77 of the Survey Regulation to apply for a written permission before making any alteration to the vessel. If an alteration is made without the required written permission, the person who makes or causes the making of the alteration commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine at level 3. The altered vessel will be required to be restored to the condition it was in immediately before the alteration. Vessel’s certificates may be suspended before the required restoration work is completed.

3. Other alteration

Under section 28(2)(a)(v) of the Survey Regulation, COS or COI of a vessel may be suspended or cancelled if any material change occurs after the survey leading to the issue of the COS or COI.

4. Application required to be made by the owner or his agent

- 4.1 Owner or his agent shall apply to MD according to the procedure of licensing a new vessel if the intended alteration of his vessel falls in paragraph 1.
- 4.2 Owner or his agent shall make an application for alteration using the specified form if the intended alteration of his vessel falls in paragraph 2 or 3. The application form for alteration can be downloaded from the website of MD. The application form should be submitted to MD or an authorized surveyor (AS) depending on the type of certificate that the vessel is issued with:
 - (a) if the certificate is a COS, the application form shall be submitted to the Local Vessels Safety Section of MD;
 - (b) if the certificate is a COI, the application form shall be submitted to the AS who issued the COI.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS OF INITIAL SURVEY FOR
LICENSING OF NEWLY BUILT WOODEN VESSELS**

1. General Requirement

Due to the difference in hull form and the structure pattern, if the arrangement of main longitudinal structural component and the section scantling satisfy the total section area of the various components in the midship region, it is allowed to adequately adjust the section scantling of various components in the deck and the ship's bottom part (below bilge keel).

2. Inspection before Commencement of Work

2.1. Examination of raw material

2.1.1. Examine whether the material quality, strength and performance of primary structural components for the construction of ship are conformed to the requirements of drawings, rules and standards.

2.1.2. Besides the natural contorted material used in the curving shape structure, the timber wood used on ship should be fully exsiccated.

2.1.3. According to the toughness of different types of tree, it may be divided into hard wood (如坤甸、紅稠、柞、櫟、榆、水曲柳、黃菠蘿、樟、槐、柚、柯、梢等) and soft wood (如紅松、落葉松、馬尾松、杉柏、桉等) two major types.

The components of bulkhead base, stem, stern frame, rudder post, stern centre girder, stern side girder, bracket, bulkhead stiffeners etc should used hard wood. Keel plate, side planking and engine bed plate should used hard wood or high quality pine wood

2.1.4. Whether it is planking or batten, the front side should be facing outward when installed. And the reverse side (tree ring side) should be facing inward

2.1.5. Defects and limitation of usage of timber material can refer to the relevant requirements of recognized classification societies or flag administrations.

2.2 Building yard should submit the important construction workmanship to Marine Department for approval.

2.3 Examine the workshop for pre-fabrication of frames and ensure the workshop is neat and solid.

3. Hull Inspection

3.1. According to approved drawing, inspect whether the material and dimensions of all

components and shell plate are conformed to the approved drawing or the relevant requirements of recognized classification societies or flag administrations. Keel plate, engine bed and rubbing strake should use hard wood. If good quality pine wood is to be used, permission from Marine Department to be obtained.

- 3.2. When laying the keel, surveyor should check the size and type of the joint. Also check whether two hard wood treenails are effectively piled at the centre line of the joint.
- 3.3. To inspect the structural style of stem, stern frame structural style, and whether the connections of other components are fasten and reliable.
- 3.4. Spot check the quality of the constitution of frames, the deviation of the half breadth of the frames at waterline should not be greater than 3mm. The quality of the joint should conform to the relevant requirement.

To survey the position of the frame installed on the keel and the deviation of the level of left and right, the deviation should not be greater than 4mm. If distortion appeared after the installation, corresponding corrective process should be carried out before the construction can continue.

- 3.5. The end of the joints of longitudinal structure, side shell and deck plating, except there is limitation in the structure, should fit in the transverse aggregate and fastened by bolts. The contact face must be closely fitted. The shifted distance between planks in way of the joints should satisfy the relevant requirements of recognized classification societies or flag administrations.
- 3.6. The side shell plating and frame should be closely fitted; the contact area should not be less than 90% of the total contact area. The contact face should be spread with putty. The gap of plank seam between every plate should meet the requirements of recognized classification societies or flag administrations.
- 3.7. The joints of garboard plate and sub-garboard plate should avoid placing under the engine base, the connection to the two sides of the keel plate should be suitably process and closely fitted.
- 3.8. Deck plating and beams should be closely fitted. The contact face should be spread with putty. The gap of plank seam between every plate should meet the requirements of recognized classification societies or flag administrations.
- 3.9. According to the approved drawings, inspect the installation position of the engine bed plate. The deviation should not be greater than 5mm. If the installation position changed, permission must be obtained from surveyor.

The lower surface of engine bed plate and the upper surface of side shell frame should be closely fitted. The un-contact face of each side shell frame should not be more than 30% of the total contact face. The thickness of the outside engine base plate should not be less than 60mm.

4. The Installation and Process of Hull Components

- 4.1. Inspect the condition of the process of the surface of the hull main components, the smooth finish of the surface should conform to the relevant requirement.
- 4.2. Mast post, rudder stock and others round shape components should be fine processed.
- 4.3. The adjoining plane of stern frame and stern tube, mutual adjoining plane of parts of combination stern tube should be precise processed, the surface can be rough machining.
- 4.4. Engine bed plate surface should be precise processed, other surface allow fine processed.
- 4.5. Measurement of main components of hull dimensions, the tolerances should not be more than the following required value:
 - a) The allowable deviation of material of keel, keelson, stem, stern frame, rudder stock, stern tube: length is $\pm 0.3\%$; wide is $\pm 1\%$; thickness (height) is $\pm 1\%$
 - b) The allowable deviation of material of garboard plating, ship side planking, deck planking, longitudinal girder, beam stringer: width is ± 5 mm; thickness is ± 4 mm.
 - c) The allowable deviation of deck beam, hatch end beam, half beam, hatch side girder, hatch coaming, engine base plate, deck plate, side planking: width is ± 4 mm, thickness is ± 2 mm.
 - d) The allowable deviation of the height of side frame is $\pm 3\%$
- 4.6. The allowable deviation of the hull principal dimensions:
 - a) The allowable deviation of ship length (L) is $\pm 0.3\%$
 - b) The allowable deviation of ship breadth (B) is $\pm 0.3\%$
 - c) The allowable deviation of ship depth (D) is $\pm 0.4\%$
 - d) The allowable deviation of stem, centre line of stern frame and centre line of keel should not be greater than 5mm
 - e) The allowable deviation of centre line of tailshaft and centre line of rudder stock should not be greater than 3mm
 - f) The width of side frame at waterline level should not be greater than 0.3% of the width of waterline

5. Inspection of Nails, Screws and Bolts

- 5.1. Examine the strength performance test report of the connection of material, verify the whether the machined dimension of the connecting piece conform to the requirements.
- 5.2. Check whether the number and arrangement of nails, screws and bolts for connection of each component are conforming to the relevant requirements.

- 5.3. Check whether the size of the hole drilled for nails and bolts during fabrication with diameter 1mm less than the diameter of the nails and bolts to be fitted. Check whether the nails and bolts inserted into each component are fastened.
- 5.4. When using nails and bolts, gasket (rove) should be added. Before insert, the head should wrap with 2 to 3 layer of yarn (or rattan) soaked with putty. The nut of the bolts should be in the inboard of the hull.
- 5.5. The end of the joints of longitudinal structure, side shell and deck plating, except there is limitation in the structure, should fit in the transverse aggregate and fastened by bolts. The contact face must be closely fitted.
- 5.6. Except due to special condition in the structure, all nails, ends of bolts and the top surface of screws installed on board should be embedded 3mm to 10mm under the surface of components, and plastered by putty.

6. Caulk and Watertight

- 6.1. General requirement of caulking of hull
 - 6.1.1. Caulking must not be carried out on any components when nails, screws and bolts are not in fasten condition or the timber is in wet condition.
 - 6.1.2. The seam of all components such as hull plating, deck plating, deck house, bulkhead of superstructure and watertight transverse bulkhead, etc after caulking and all nails, screw and bolts should be plastered to ensure the watertightness and surface smoothness of the hull.
 - 6.1.3. In the important watertight position, such as side planking, deck plating, watertight transverse bulkhead and water tank, etc, “clinch” and “spike nail” for connection of seam should be applied at suitable distance (about 100mm).
 - 6.1.4. When the depth of crackle on the hull surface components exceeds 1/10 the thickness of the material, repair by caulking should be carried out. When there is decay, borer or other defects on components, patch should be applied (remove all the defected timber and inert the filler material of the caulk) to bridge and fill up. For larger area, should gouge and clinching, and then patch to increase the adhesive strength.
 - 6.1.5. The edge of the seam of the two plank should be beveled, the seam should be in “V” shape when place in position together.
 - 6.1.6. The seam between two planks should be as close as possible. If the thickness of plank is less than 60mm, the outside gap of the seam should not be greater than 5mm, the inside gap of the seam should not be greater than 3mm. If the thickness of the plank is greater than 60mm, the outside gap of the seam should not be greater than 8mm, the inside gap of the seam should not be greater than 3mm.

6.1.7. The gap of the seam of hull plating, deck plating cannot meet the about requirement, it is allowed to use clinching to process.

6.2. The requirements of caulking technique

6.2.1. Caulking layer included bottom putty, filling material and top putty three parts. The bottom putty should be a smaller amount and evenly spread, do not put excessive putty. The filling material should be shredded into small piece and squeezed into the seam. After squeezed into the seam should have a recess of 2 ~ 5 mm. After the external area of the filler about 30% ~ 35% desiccated, the seam should be plastered by putty. The putty should be leveled with the surface of the plank.

6.2.2. The overlapping of the same putty connection should not be less than 100mm and should be repeatedly kneaded.

6.2.3. For double side caulk, caulking to be carried out in the inboard side before the outboard side. The depth of the caulk of the seam in the inboard side should be 10% ~ 20% of the plank thickness. The depth of the caulk of the seam in the outboard side should be 50% ~ 60% of the plank thickness. For single side caulk, the depth of the caulk should be 60% ~ 70% of the plank thickness.

6.2.4. If the putty is not congealed 15 days after the completion of the caulking of the hull, the reason to be find out and take necessary action.

6.3. Inspection of caulking material

6.3.1. Examine whether the yarn, gauze, rattan and putty are conforming the requirements of recognized classification societies or flag administrations.

6.3.2. Examine the certificate of the product of wood oil, whether the physical properties are conforming the requirements of recognized classification societies or flag administrations. The following simple testing methods can be used during survey to verify:

a) Smell: Whether there is a special odour of the wood oil;

b) Colour: Whether the oil is clear. The colour of good oil is pure and no impurity;

c) Viscosity: Use a rod to soak some oil and drop into still and clear water. Check whether the oil will congregate into a circular droplet and not diffuse. If the oil quickly diffused into the water, it means water content is high and it fake oil;

d) Boil: Put a spoon of wood oil into an iron pan, heat to 250°C ~ 290°C temperature. If the oil can form a honeycomb shape solid, the wood oil is pass.

6.4. Hull Tightness Test

6.4.1. After all the putty of the vessel dried up, tightness test is to be carried out before launching of the vessel. Surveyor can deem necessary the condition of the vessel to decide which part to be tested. During the test, no leakage occur in the part tested is

considered acceptable.

6.4.2. There are three types of tightness test, flood test, hose test and spray test:

- a) Flood test: the height of the flooding to be up to maximum loaded draught for not less than 1 hour;
- b) Hose test: The nozzle diameter for the test should not be less than 16mm. During the test, the height of the water jet should not be less than 10m and the distance between the nozzle and the testing area should not be greater than 3m;
- c) Spray test: Use water spray to testing area and simulate the windy and rainy weather condition.

6.4.3. Flood test is applicable for the hull shell plate and water tank bulkhead; hose test is applicable for deck plate, deck house bulkhead and hatch cover; spray test is suitable for skylight of engine room, windows and doors of bridge and other windows and doors to open area.

6.4.4. When it is difficult to carry out tightness test when the vessel is on slipway, the tightness test can be carried out after the launching of the vessel with the approval from the surveyor.

7. Special Requirements and Inspection of Machinery and Electrical Installation

7.1. Inspection of main engine and gearbox installation

7.1.1. Main engine and gear box seating should have adequate strength and rigidity. The roughness of upper and lower contact area of seating should not exceed $6.3 \mu\text{m}$, and the tolerance of the total length of plane should not exceed 0.10mm. The holding down fitted bolts of engine should not be less than 15% of the total bolts and minimum should have 4 fitted bolts. At least 2 fitted bolts are to be fitted for gearbox.

7.1.2. The foundation and the engine bed plate should be uniformly contact, the contact area should not be less than 75%.

7.1.3. One to three layer of metallic liners may be used for adjusting the space between the engine bed plate and foundation, and preventive measure is to be provided to avoid loosen of fitted bolts.

7.1.4. The gap between side frame and the casing of main engine and gear box shall not be less than 25 mm.

7.1.5. If the main engine has been installed on the slipway, the main engine and the shafting system to be re-examined after 48 hours of the launching of the vessel.

7.2. Inspection of lightning protection system

7.2.1. All wooden fishing vessels should be fitted with lightning protection.

- 7.2.2. Air terminals should be made from copper rod of not less than 12mm diameter or iron rod of not less than 25mm diameter, and project at least 150mm above the top of the vessel (or fittings).
- 7.2.3. Down conductors should have a minimum cross sectional area of 70mm² for copper tape or 100mm² for iron tape. The tape shall be solidly connected between air terminal and earth plate.
- 7.2.4. Down conductors should be securely connected between air terminal and earth plate. The earth plate shall be installed on exterior of hull shell plate and ensure the plate remain immersed when the vessel is rolling. The earth plate shall be of copper and the area shall not be less than 0.2m². The earth plate shall not be painted.
- 7.3. Inspection of earthing of electrical appliance

All electrical appliances should be earthed. The requirements of main earth plate and lightning earth plate are the same. However, the two systems shall not be connected to the same earth plate.

Note: The above are made reference to the relevant requirements of “The ‘Ocean Fishing Vessels Statutory Survey Standard 2003’ of Register of Fishing Vessels of the People’s Republic of China”

HULL INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS (OPERATION INSPECTION) OF WOODEN VESSEL

1. General Requirements

- 1.1. If the components or parts of the hull of wooden vessel under operation, exceed the required erosion (decay) limitation as specified in the following Table. The repair or renewal shall be carried out according to the requirements of original building.

Limitation of erosion (decay) of main components of hull

Serial No.	Components	Type of erosion, decay	Allowable erosion limit
1	Keel, keelson	Normal borer, decay	Depth exceeding 20% of the thickness; Partial depth exceeding 30% of the thickness
2	Hull shell plate	Borer, decay, wear down	Depth exceeding 25% of the thickness
3	Deck plate	Wear down, decay	Depth exceeding 25% of the thickness
4	Stem, rudder stock, deck beam, hatch side girder	Rotten	Depth exceeding 35% of the thickness
5	Side frame and its stiffeners	Erosion	Partial depth exceeding 25% of the thickness; Area of erosion more than 25% of the surface

- 1.2. On hull shell plate, main deck and other external and internal longitudinal components. If the depth and area of the wear and tear or decay affect the fastening function of the nails and bolts or cannot carry out caulking and there is leakage. The repair or renewal shall be carried out according to the requirements of original building.
- 1.3. Before docking of the vessel, the fuel tank, cargo hold, fish hold, refrigerating hold and water tank, etc should be emptied. Blocking should be properly arranged to avoid local concentration of loading.
- 1.4. Inspect of hull of wooden vessel also need to conform the relevant requirements of Chapter II of this Code.

2. Annual Survey

- 2.1. In general external inspection of each part of the hull is to be carried out. Particular attention will be paid on the main structural components of amidship and forward side planking (planking), rubbing strake, bulwark stay, bulwark stringer, fwd and aft handrail, deck longitudinal, etc. Also the technical condition of the caulk will be checked.

- 2.2. All opening and hatch arrangement to be inspected and tested. The relevant requirements of Load Line survey shall refer to Chapter IV of this Code.

3. Intermediate Survey

- 3.1. The inspection items, contents and requirements of intermediate survey shall include the annual survey items. In addition, the survey of hull bottom is to be carried out.
- 3.2. Intermediate survey shall normally carry out on slipway. External inspection of keel, garboard plate, bottom plate, bilge keel, stem, stern frame, rudder stock and keel band shall be carried out. The caulk of the underwater hull part to be carefully examined. When crack appear on caulk of seam, the caulk to be partially gouged out for inspection if necessary. Inspection shall also include the effectiveness of the coating for the prevention of borer, decay and anti-fouling.
- 3.3. The underwater hull inspection shall also include the examination of propeller, rudder, oil sealing arrangement of tail shaft and the examination and measurement of the rudder pintle clearance and tail shaft bearing clearance.

4. Renewal Survey

- 4.1. Renewal survey shall be carried out on slipway together with the repair works of the vessel if possible. Surveyor shall carry out survey together with the ship owner and the shipyard. According to the results of the survey and the requirements of Table at para. 1.1 of this Annex, verify the repair items of the vessel.
- 4.2. After docking of the vessel, the bottom sheathing and any sundries inside the fish hold, refrigerating hold and water tank etc. shall be removed. The paneling, insulation and other obstacle shall be partially removed, if necessary, to facilitate the inspection of the technical condition of the covered hull structure.
- 4.3. For vessel less than 10 years of age, inspection shall concentrate on the hull shell plate, keel band, deck plate, bulwark, cargo hold or fish hold, including the components near the insulation and the condition of the joints, tabled-scarf, caulk and coating, etc.
- 4.4. For vessel more than 10 years of age, more thorough inspection shall be carried out on main components of the vessels such as keel, stem, stern frame, side frame, deck beam, internal longitudinal girder, bulkhead, etc. To check the level of borer, decay, wear and tear and contact damage. If the damages exceeding the required limit, repair or renewal shall be carried out.
- 4.5. Full inspection shall be carried out for all the caulk below waterline. For vessels more than 8 years old, all caulk of the hull shall be gouged and renewed. In general the outer gap of the seam should not be greater than 15mm; the inner gap of the seam shall be closely fitted. Otherwise, it shall not carry out caulking. If the width of the seam is large and not suitable for caulking, the plank shall be replaced to reduce the width of the seam.

All caulk shall be subject to tightness test after repair or renewal.

- 4.6. When examine the condition of the stern structure, pay attention to distortion in the joints of components, leakage in seam, variation in shaft line of tailshaft, increase in vibration, etc. If abnormality find, repair shall be carried out. If the variation of the shaft line of tailshaft is due to insufficient hull strength, repairs shall combine with partial reinforcement of the strength and rigidity of the hull.

5. Hull Repair Requirements

- 5.1. When the main components of the hull exceeding the erosion (decay) limit prescribed in the Table at para. 1.1, the component shall be replaced. If the limit is not excess, the borer and decay part shall be removed. Use patch method to gouge and fill up. For wider area, rabbet shall be bored or clinching and patch to increase the adhesive strength.
- 5.2. If transverse cracks or broken damages appear in the components of the hull, the component shall be renewed.
- 5.3. If the joint in side shell, longitudinal components, strengthened deck plate, transverse framing of amidship area find loosen or crack or distortion appear in the seam. Repair and reinforcement of the structure shall be carried out.
- 5.4. In the seam and tabled-scarf area at the end face of the important components. If cross crack appear and the colour of the component near the crack changed to black, the component shall be replaced. Under the condition that the strength and watertightness are not affected, the main plank can be partially renewed.
- 5.5. The requirements for the precision of machining, tolerance after machining, connection method, the shifted distance between planks, choice of nails, screw or bolts, etc shall follow the relevant requirements of recognized classification societies or flag administrations.
- 5.6. The old caulking material shall be removed and re-filled with new caulking material in caulk required for repair. The bevel edge of the plank shall not be damage during the removed of old caulking material. The caulk shall be smooth, clean and grease free.
- 5.7. For scattered worm holes with diameter less than 5mm. The worm shall be removed and fill up with putty and gauze. For diameter less than 10mm, bore hole in way of the worm hole and remove the worm. Plug the hole with treenail and interlace the surrounding gap with gauze and cover with putty.
- 5.8. For exposed nuts, depend on the condition of the surrounding timber. Interlace with gauze and plaster with putty, if necessary. Not caulking shall be carried out if the bolt is not fastened.

6. Prevention of Worm and Decay

6.1. The periodical requirements of worm and decay preventive measure on main structural components:

- a) The wooden structural components below fully loaded waterline shall carry out a worm prevention process every four years (in line with renewal survey).
- b) The surface of all steel components below fully loaded waterline and weather exposed area shall be coated every year, can be in line with annual survey.
- c) Anti-fouling coating for the vessel bottom shall be re-coated every year.
- d) Asphalt type coating for under water hull below the fully loaded waterline and coating for the hull surface above fully loaded waterline and components inside accommodation. Shall be re-coated every two years together with renewal survey or intermediate survey.

Note: The above are made reference to the relevant requirements of “The ‘Ocean Fishing Vessels Statutory Survey Standard 2003’ of Register of Fishing Vessels of the People’s Republic of China”

SURVEY SCHEDULE FOR MEDIUM SPEED ENGINES
(for the extension to 3 year interval)

1. This requirement may apply to ferries and launches carrying not less than 100 passengers fitted with medium speed engines (i.e. engines with 300~1400 rpm (according to definition given in IACS Unified Requirements No. M71). Vessels other than the above should comply with the survey schedule prescribed in chapter II.
2. The medium speed engine survey interval may be extended from 2 years to 3 years on owners request provided with documentary information of Maker's recommended maintenance practices for the fully opened up overhaul to be carried out at period exceeding 3 years and that owner undertakes the following conditions :-
 - (a) the running hours of each year and the total accumulated running hours will be recorded continuously and that the engine will be maintained and inspected in full compliance with Maker's recommended practice in respect to accumulative running hours or period with proper record.
 - (b) the engine will be opened up for inspection and overhauling per para. (c), (d) and (e) below after 2 years running is due.
 - (c) a 25% (or more, at the discretion of the inspection officer) of total cylinder number are to be opened up for inspection. Wear down of these components will be measured and confirmed to be within the tolerance based on the criteria given by the engine maker for comparison.
 - (d) photographs are taken to record condition of major components;
 - (e) when the condition of the engine is found to be satisfactory from the above inspection, an inspection report (issued by the concerned engine workshop) attached with a confirmation of safe operation for further year of operation will be issued by owner;
 - (f) after 3 years running the engine will be fully opened up, inspected and overhauled.

During the inspection as mentioned in para. 2.(f), if the wear-down of all key components are found within the tolerances recommended by the maker, a 3 year inspection and overhaul interval shall apply and no further request for extension is required thereafter. The relevant inspection and maintenance items are mentioned in para. 2.(a) to 2.(f).

**Extension of Survey Intervals for Main Engines, Gear Boxes, Tail Shafts, etc.
of Class IA Vessels carrying more than 60 Passengers**

1. Owners of Class IA vessels carrying more than 60 passengers may apply for a 12-month extension of the survey interval for the main engine, gear box, tail shaft, propeller, rudder and rudder stock which are listed under items 1, 2, 3 and 10 of No. C&D in Table 2 under paragraph 7 of Chapter II of the current “Code of Practice - Safety Standards for Class I, II and III Vessels”, provided that:
 - (a) the running hours of the main engine and gear box, when they are due for a survey, have not reached the time for overhaul recommended by the manufacturers or in other materials;
 - (b) the main engine and gear box have been overhauled within the 24 months preceding the survey due date; or
 - (c) the main engine and gear box have been completely renewed within the 24 months preceding the survey due date.
2. An extension will only be granted provided that the following conditions are met:

A. Main Engine and Gear Box

- (A1) In the case that the running hours of the main engine and gear box, when they are due for a survey, have not reached the time for overhaul recommended by the manufacturers or in other materials
 - (a) the shipowner shall submit to MD a written application at least one week before the survey due date;
 - (b) the shipowner shall submit to MD information on overhaul intervals provided by the manufacturer or other sources;
 - (c) the shipowner shall provide the repair and maintenance records kept in accordance with the recommendations of the manufacturer or the maintenance manual for at least the past 24 months, including the date and report of last overhaul;
 - (d) the shipowner shall provide records on running hours in respect of the main engine and gear box for the past 24 months;
 - (e) the shipowner shall provide the estimations which show that the remaining running hours of the main engine and gear box can last for 12 months and the time between overhaul period recommended by the manufacturer or in other materials will not be exceeded;
 - (f) the main engine and gear box shall pass the visual inspection and running test conducted by MD during the periodical survey;

(g) the shipowner shall sign a declaration to confirm the following:

- (i) the main engine and gear box, which are working properly, have been repaired and maintained in accordance with the recommendations of the manufacturer or the maintenance manual, and no broke-down has occurred in the past 24 months;
- (ii) the running hours (including those to be accumulated in the following 12 months) of the main engine and gear box are estimated to be within the limits of the time between overhaul period recommended by the manufacturer or in other materials; and
- (iii) the main engine and gear box shall be stripped down for overhaul and inspection when they are due for the next survey (i.e. 12 months later).

(A2) In the case that the main engine and gear box have been overhauled within the 24 months preceding the survey due date

- (a) the requirements set out in (A1) above, with the exception of item (A1) (g), are applicable;
- (b) the shipowner shall provide the following documents:
 - (i) a report on the inspection and overhaul of the main engine and gear box after they have been stripped down, which shall include results of the hydraulic test of coolers (including air, lubricating oil and cooling water), main engine cylinder heads and water jackets; and a report on the inspection and repair of fuel oil pumps and fuel nozzles;
 - (ii) photos (with dates) showing, inter alia, the hydraulic test of coolers (including air, lubricating oil and cooling water), main engine cylinder heads and water jackets; and components of the main engine after it has been stripped down for overhaul and inspection; and
 - (iii) relevant delivery notes and/or invoices issued by contractors;
- (c) the shipowner shall sign a declaration to confirm the following:
 - (i) the main engine and gear box have been overhauled in accordance with the recommendations of the manufacturer or the maintenance manual with satisfactory results;
 - (ii) the main engine and gear box have been working properly and no broke down has occurred subsequent to the overhaul;
 - (iii) the running hours (including those to be accumulated in the coming 12 months) of the main engine and gear box are estimated to be within the limits of the time between overhaul period recommended by the

manufacturer or in other materials; and

- (iv) the main engine and gear box shall be stripped down for overhaul and inspection when they are due for the next survey (i.e. 12 months later).

(A3) In the case that the main engine and gear box have been completely renewed within the 24 months preceding the survey due date

- (a) the requirements set out in (A1) above, with the exception of item (A1) (g), are applicable;
- (b) the shipowner shall provide the following documents:
 - (i) a copy of the manufacturer's product certificate and the type approval certificate acceptable to MD; and
 - (ii) relevant delivery notes and/or invoices issued by the manufacturer or supplier;
- (c) the shipowner shall sign a declaration to confirm the following:
 - (i) the main engine and gear box after renewal have been repaired and maintained in accordance with the recommendations of the manufacturer or the maintenance manual and have been working properly, and no broke down has occurred in the past 24 months;
 - (ii) the running hours (including those to be accumulated in the following 12 months) of the main engine and gear box are estimated to be within the limits of the time between overhaul period recommended by the manufacturer or in other materials; and
 - (iii) the main engine and gear box shall be stripped down for overhaul and inspection when they are due for the next survey (i.e. 12 months later).

B. Tail Shaft, Propeller, Rudder and Rudder Stock

- (a) An application for a 12-month extension of the survey interval for survey items relating to the tail shaft, propeller, rudder and rudder stock may be made together with that for the main engine and gear box, provided that the last survey and past maintenance records are submitted by the shipowner, and that a pass has been obtained for the visual inspection and running test conducted by MD during the periodical survey.
- (b) MD inspectors will, as appropriate, take photos of the components of the main engine, gear box, tail shaft, propeller, rudder and rudder stock for filing purposes. Shipowners are required to notify MD immediately if an accident relating to the above components happens during the extension period, and a report detailing the circumstances and causes of the incident and subsequent corrective actions shall be submitted. The survey interval will not be allowed to be further extended upon the expiry of the extension period and the main engine, gear box, tail shaft, propeller, rudder and rudder stock must be stripped down for overhaul and inspection

according to the requirements currently applicable to surveys conducted at two-year intervals.

- (c) Shipowners must concurrently apply for a 12-month extension of the survey interval for both the main engine and gear box. If the survey interval for either of them (i.e. the main engine or gear box) cannot be extended, the main engine and gear box are to be surveyed once every two years as currently required.
- (d) Shipowners should note that the above proposal on extension of survey intervals may incur extra work and disrupt the arrangements for other mandatory survey items not covered by the proposal. However, they cannot for this reason request for a deferral of the survey schedule, simplification of procedures, or exemption from the survey or procedures regarding other mandatory survey items.
- (e) If some of the survey items regarding the internal hull which are subject to a two-year survey interval have not been thoroughly surveyed (e.g. the survey of the engine and steering compartments of the internal hull) due to the above proposed extension, a re-survey of those items should be conducted together with other periodical survey items upon the expiry of the extended survey interval for the engine, gear box, etc. (i.e. 12 months later).

GUIDANCE ON MACHINERY AND HULL WEAR DOWN OR CORROSION TOLERANCE LIMITS AND OTHER INSPECTION ITEMS

Note: If a vessel is classed with a recognized classification society (AO), the corresponding technical guidance of the classification society may be applied to such vessel.

(A) Hull

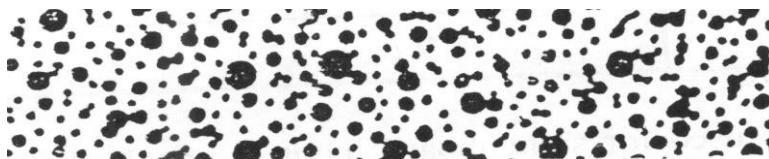
1. Repairing of Corroded Hull and Structural Member

- 1.1 The thickness reduction of hull envelope plating and internal structural members caused by corrosion shall not be more than the specified percentage of the original built thickness as shown in the following table (in the case of increased thickness from minimum requirement will be separately considered):

Material	Corrosion Limit (%)	
	Steel	Aluminium
Deck Plating Shell Plating	30	15
Internal Structural Member	30	20
Seating for Main Engine, Crane, Windlass, etc.	25	15

When the corrosion exceeds the above limit, the relevant plate or structural member shall be cropped and renewed.

- 1.2 Local scar corrosion: the corroded member shall be cropped and renewed if the width of the scar exceeds 50mm or the depth of the scar exceeds 40% of the fabricated thickness.
- 1.3 Pitting corrosion: the corroded member shall be cropped and renewed if the depth of the pitting exceeds the limit of paragraph 1.1 and the pitted area exceeds 30% of the concerned area. (see following diagram for reference).



- 1.4 According to the requirements of paragraphs 1.1 to 1.3, the renewed plating shall be a minimum dimension of 150mm x150mm and the structural member shall be minimum 150mm in length.

- 1.5 Scattered pitting: pitting, which diameter between 15mm to 50mm and depth exceeds 50% of the fabricated thickness, generally may be repaired by welding. Prior to the repair the surface shall be properly cleaned; and after repair, the rebuilt areas shall be smoothed and ground to normal thickness.
- 1.6 For significant worn out structural member or suspected area, ultra-sonic test or other equivalent method may be required.

2. Other Requirement for Inspection of Structural Member

2.1 Buckling of plating(deformation of plating between framing)

Maximum allowable deflection $= 0.06s$;

Where s = frame spacing at indents area (mm)

2.2 Indent of framing structure (deflection of combined framing and plating)

Maximum allowable deflection $= 6l + 10\text{mm}$;

Where l = span (m)

- 2.3 Buckling of plating and indent of framing structure are generally to be rectified by hot work; and if failed to return to original to be cropped and renewed.
- 2.4 Crack is not allowed in any case on hull envelope plating and structural members below main deck.
- 2.5 No buckling is allowed at bracket. Mis-alignment between beams and frames shall not exceed the frame thickness.

3. Water Tank & Oil Tank Tightness Test Pressure

3.1 Initial Inspection

Item	Type Of Tank	Water Pressure Head (m)
1	Fore / Aft Peak Tank, Deep Tank, Cofferdam	Top of air pipe
2	Fuel Tank, Liquid Cargo Tank	2.5m above highest point of tank top or to the height of the overflow whichever is the higher

3.2 Periodical Inspection

For all tanks, pressure test, which may be carried out using liquid of the tank carries, to top of air pipe or 2.5m above highest point of tank top as appropriate, or air test to 0.14kg/cm^2 .

4. Requirements for the Inspection of Water Tightness by Hose Test

- 4.1 The water jet pressure shall not be less than 2 kgf/cm^2

4.2 Nozzle shall not be more than 1.5m from the test item

4.3 Nozzle diameter shall not be less than 13mm for vessels of length below 90 m.

5. Mooring Equipment

5.1 Wear down of chain cable and related parts shall not exceed 85% of the original diameter.

5.2 Loss of anchor weight shall not exceeds 20 % of original weight.

6. Wear Down Limit of Steering System and Tightness Test

6.1 Wear down tolerance for rudder

No.	Items	Wear Limit
(a)	Rudder stock	7 % of rule diameter
(b)	Kort nozzle, Rudder	30 % of design thickness
(c)	Flange	10 % of design thickness
(d)	Rudder chain	10 % of design diameter

Defect of steering component may be repaired by welding.

6.2 Kort nozzle and double plate rudder tightness test

(i) Hydraulic test - 0.25 kg/cm^2

(ii) Air test - 0.20 kg/cm^2

(B) Machinery & Electrical

7. Air Receiver

7.1 Corrosion limit of plating for air receiver shall not exceed 10% of original thickness.

7.2 Air receiver and piping system shall be hydraulic tested to the pressure specified in the IIIA/15.6.

8. Tail Shaft and Bearing

8.1 Polishing may be used to remove defect on tail shaft, however, the diameter of the tail shaft shall not be less than rule requirement after surface finishing.

8.2 Clearance limit between tail shaft and bearing

Tail Shaft Diameter (Mm)	Bearing Material	Lignum Viatae, Layered Rubber	White Metal Alloy		Cast Rubber
	Clearance Limit (mm)		Oil lubricated	Water lubricated	
<100		4.0	1.50	2.0	3.5
100~<150		4.4	1.65	2.2	4.4
150~<200		4.8	1.80	2.4	4.8
200~<250		5.2	1.95	2.6	-

9. Minimum Allowable Insulation Resistance Value

For the electrical circuit of nominal voltage over 50V, the insulation resistance shall not be less than 1.0 MΩ.

Note: The insulation resistance shall be measured by a 500V megger tester.

第 I 或 II 類別船隻的最高可運載人數的計算及/或檢驗證明裝置是適合由一名“兼任輪機員船長”操控

**Determination of maximum number of persons to be carried and / or Survey
Certification on installation suitable for “combined coxswain” operation of a Class I or II vessel**

Name of Vessel.....Certificate of Ownership No:.....Class/ Cat Vsl:.....		
船名 :.....擁有權證明書編號 :.....船隻類別/分類:.....		
Type of vessel 船隻類型:.....		
1 (a) 最高可運載量和座椅 Maximum Carrying Capacity and Seating		
船隻的最高可運載量(包括乘客和船員在內)的計算方法如下:(參照第 V 章相關的要求) The maximum carrying capacity (including passengers and crew) are determined as follows:(Chapter V refers)		
[]	(i) 第二類別機動船隻在特定遮蔽水域 Mechanized Class II vessel operating in specified sheltered water	
	0.35 x L x B passenger numeral	所得乘客人數 () ≤ 10
	Minimum number of crew	最少船員名額 () ≤ 4
	Determined Total No. of Persons	計算總人數 ()
[]	(ii) 圍蔽式甲板船隻 enclosed deck vessel	
	總人數 total number of persons = L x B x Cnp	(Cnp : 0.35~ 0.85)
	計算總人數 Determined Total No. of Persons	()
	及/and 船東指示要求最少船員名額 Owner's indicated the requested minimum number of crew	= ()
	式中 where L : 船隻(甲板)的總長(米) vessel's (deck) length overall in metres	= ()
	B : 船隻的最大寬度(米) vessel's maximum breadth in metres	= ()
(b)	乘客坐椅的形狀、設計與固定在甲板的狀況須足以應付所需服務。第 I/4.2 節所述高速船隻的坐椅結構和安全帶須遵守第 XI 章所訂明的相關規定。乘客坐椅安置及要求應按照第 V/3 及 4.2.2 節的相關規定。 The form, design and attachments to the deck of passenger seats should be adequate for the intended service. The seating construction and safety belts on high speed vessels as stated in Ch. I/4.2 should comply with the relevant requirements specified in Ch. XI. Seating arrangement and requirements should be as per Ch V/3 and 4.2.2 as relevant.	不適用 Not applicable
(c)	運載乘客的船隻之乘客空間的標記 Marking in Passenger Space for vessel carrying passengers 須在乘客上船的顯眼位置, 以中、英文註明每層甲板可載運的乘客人數, 如以下所示 The number of passengers in which each deck can accommodate should be indicated, in a conspicuous location, at all spaces where passengers will be embarking, in Chinese and English :-	
	上層甲板 Upper level ()	不適用 Not applicable
	主甲板 Main Deck ()	
	等等 Etc. ()	
	最高乘客名額 Maximum number of passengers ()	
	最少船員名額 Minimum number of crew ()	已標記 / 未有標記
	最高運載量 Maximum carrying capacity ()	Marking Completed / Marking Not Done
2.	證明這船隻裝置是適合由一名“兼任輪機員船長”操控 Certification on installation suitable for “Combined Coxswain” operation for this vessel	不適用 Not applicable
	以此證明這船隻的無人操作機器艙間備有適合由一名“兼任輪機員船長”操控的配備並經檢驗及測試滿意, 包括艙底水警報, 主要的主機控制、儀錶、主機及發電機故障警報裝置, 主機、發電機及抽氣扇的遙控關閉, 煙霧偵測及警報裝置等裝置。(參照第 IIIA/18 節及第 XII 章相關的要求) This is to certify that this vessel has appropriately equipped, inspected and tested satisfactory, including fittings of bilge alarm, essential main engine controls, indicators and main / generator engines abnormal warning alarms, remote shutdown of main / generator engines and ventilation fans, and a fire or smoke detection system etc., as appropriate, for unattended machinery space requirements suitable for “combined coxswain” operation. (Refers to relevant requirements in Ch. IIIA/18 and Chapter XII) - 裝置 / 額外詳細資料 Installation / Additional Details: -	適合 / 不適合 Suitable / Not suitable

備註 Remark : (如有需要可另加頁數 additional sheet if required)

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簽署 Signature 日期 Date

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Approval Plans / 審批圖則			Remark / 備註
(A) <u>General Plans / 一般圖則</u>			
1. 簡單圖則 Plan(Simp)-G-01 General Arrangement Plan (Owner to provide necessary information on layout, decks etc.) 一般佈置圖則 (船東提供所需資料如外形、甲板層數等)			Yes / No / Not Applicable * 有 / 沒有 / 不需 *
2. 簡單圖則 Plan(Simp)-G-02 /11 (Only applicable to vessel carrying more than 4 passengers /只適用載乘客 4 人以上) Passenger Space (shelter)/ Seating Arrangement & Position / Freeboard Mark Diagram 乘客艙(遮閉安排) / 座位佈置及座位設置 / 吃水標示意图則			Yes / No / Not Applicable * 有 / 沒有 / 不需 *
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<u>(B) Hull and Safety Equipment Plans / 船殼及安全設備圖則</u>			
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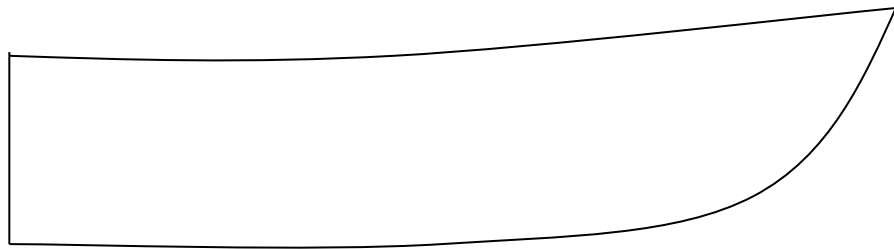
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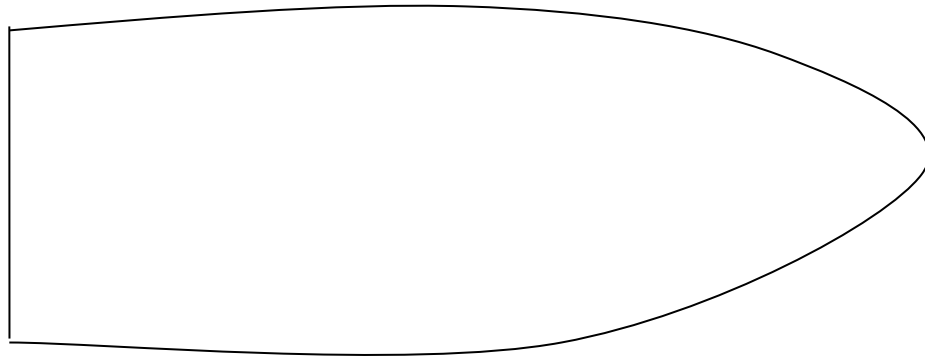
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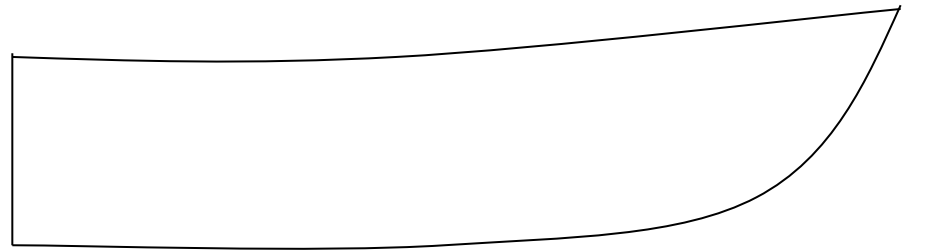
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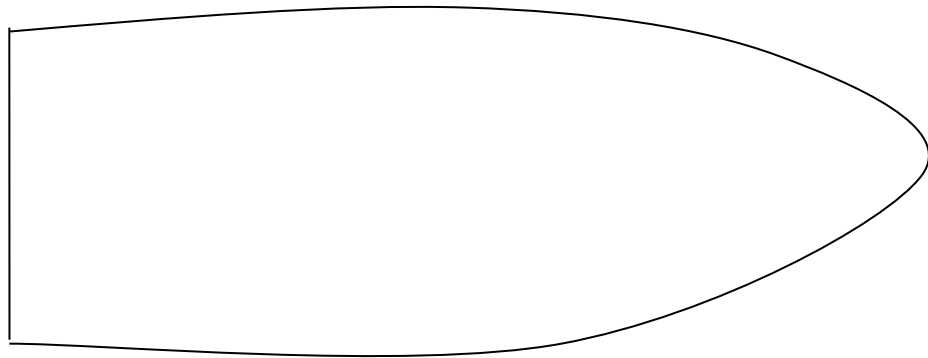
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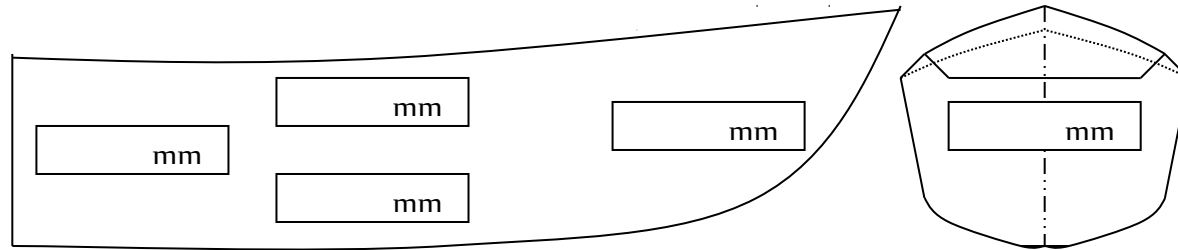
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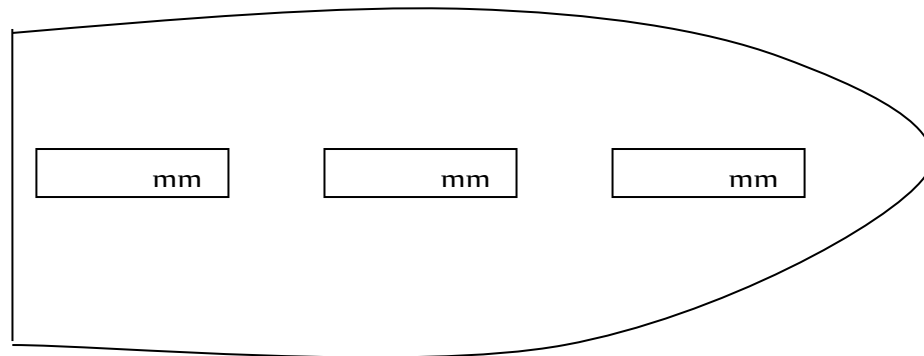
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船旁及船底板
SIDE & BOTTOM PLATING

船尾板圖
TRANSOM



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9. Number of Long. Girder/Keelson/ Frame 縱龍骨/邊龍骨/直隔擋數目	
10. Number / Size of Buoyancy Space 浮艙數目及容量 ____ / ____ (Please show location/ 請顯示位置)	
11. Hull design / construction standards /rules adopted 應用的船殼/結構標準/規則	
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Vessel Particulars and Basic Hull and Deck Plate Thickness Diagram

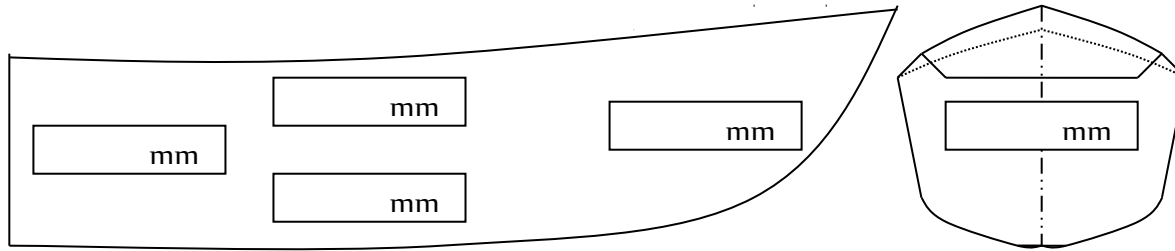
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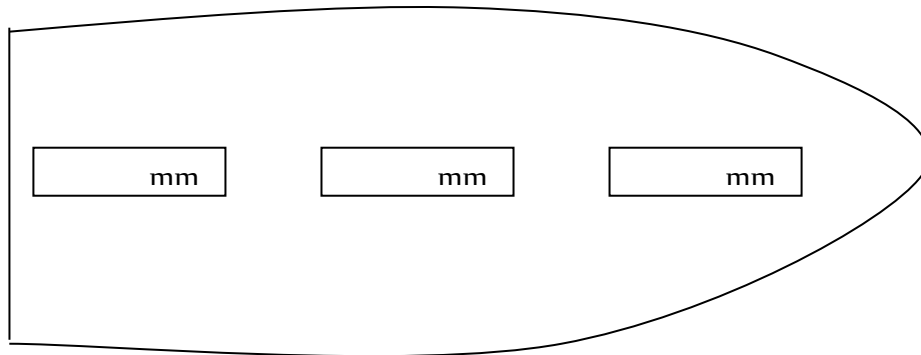
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簡單圖則 Plan(Simp)-HS-07

**Inclining Experiment Report/Rolling Period /
Simple Inclining - Test Report**
傾斜試驗／橫搖週期 / 簡單傾斜- 測試報告

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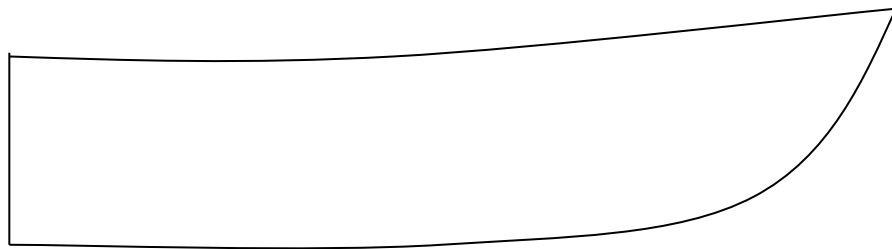
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LSA & FFA Installation and Arrangement Diagram

救生及救火設備及佈置示意圖則

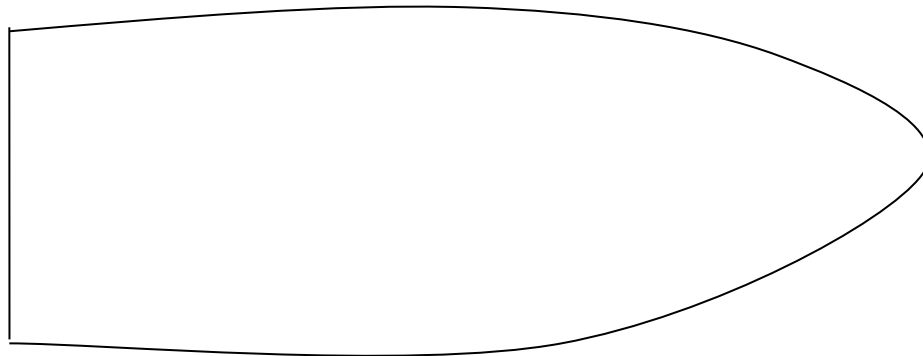
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3. Escape routes can be shown in this plan or in separate sheets.
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4. LSA & FFA installation 救生及救火設備		(Please show location/ 請顯示位置)	
Item	No		
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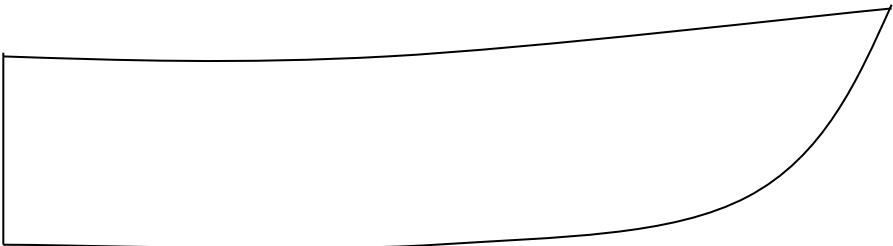
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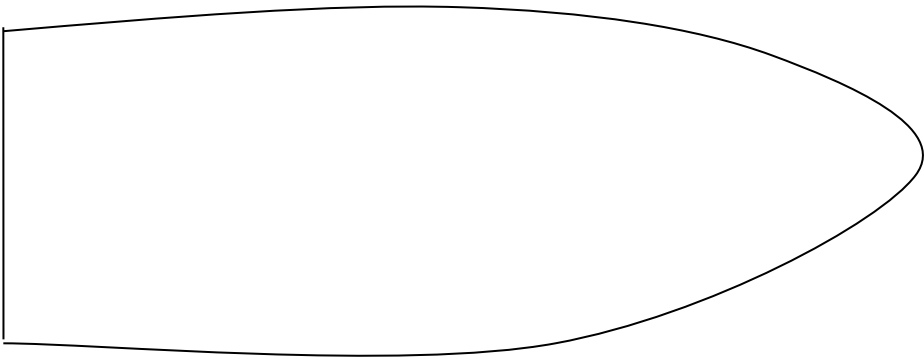
逃生設備及佈置示意圖則

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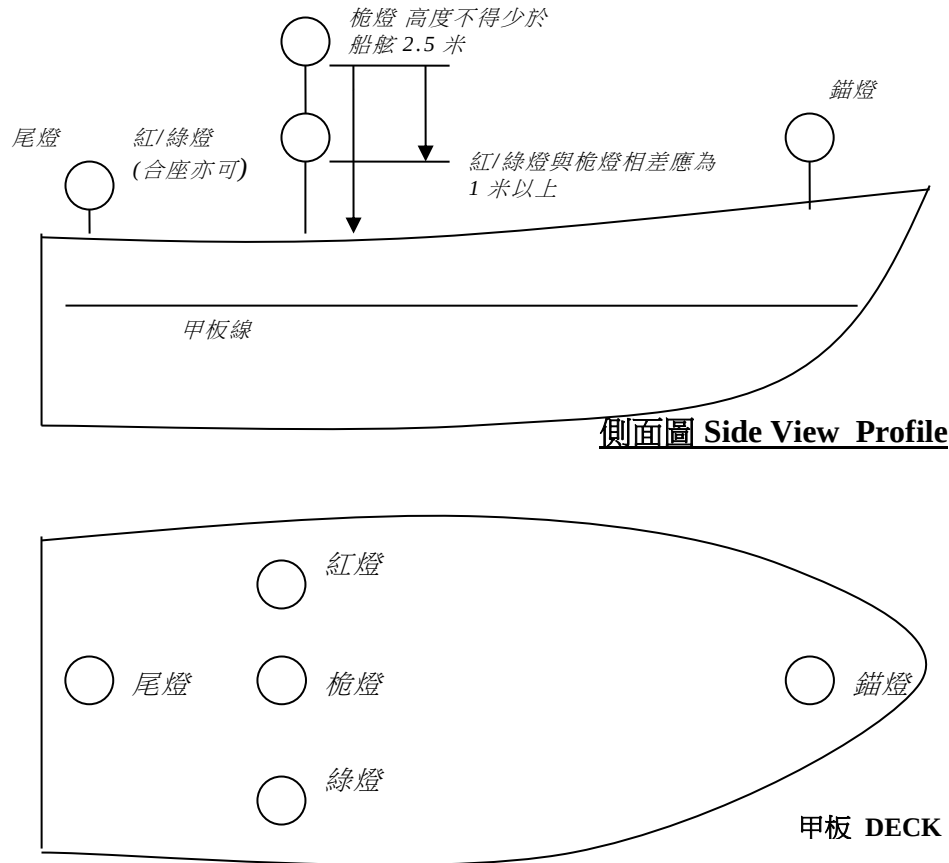
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Lights, Shapes & Sound Signals Installation and Arrangement Diagram

號燈、號型、聲號設備及佈置示意圖則

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註: 1) 長度未滿 7 米, 最大航速不超過 7 節, 只需環照白(錨燈)一盞。如條件許可, 亦需裝設紅及綠燈。
 2) 長度滿 7 米至小於 12 米, 需加 3 個黑色球體, 1 個黑色菱形體及一個能發出有效聲號器具。
 3) 長度滿 12 米至小於 20 米, 需加 2 支環照紅(失控燈), 1 個黑色菱形體及 3 個黑色球體, 號笛及號鐘各一個。

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Machinery Installation Plans 機器及其系統設備圖則

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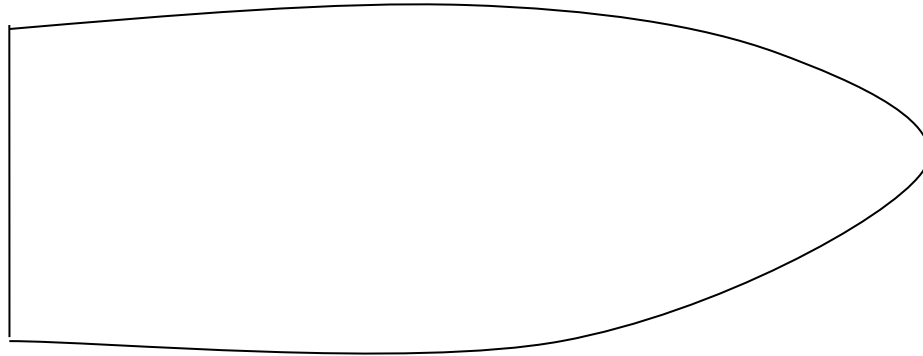
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5. Main engine maker /type. 主機製造商/型類	
6. Main engine serial number. 主機號碼	
7. Total engine power (kW)/ RPM. 主機總功率 (千瓦) / 轉速	
8. Fuel type/ tank no./ total capacity 燃油類 / 油缸數量 / 總容量	
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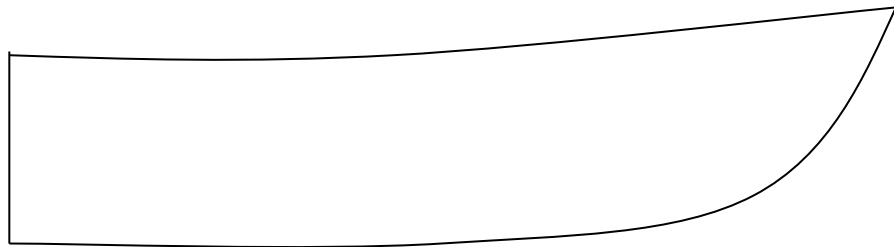
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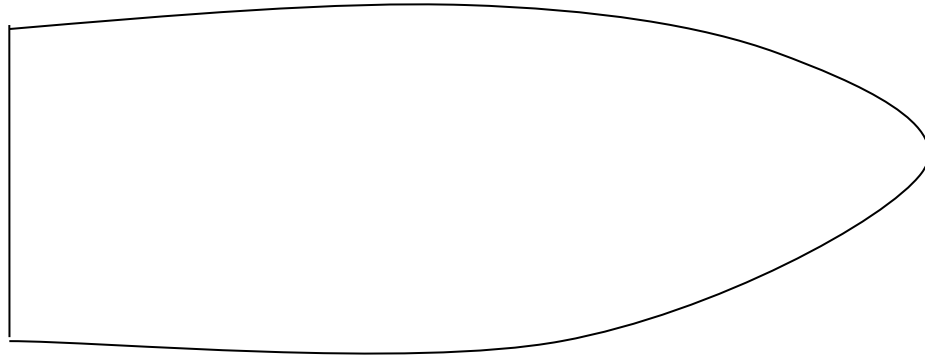
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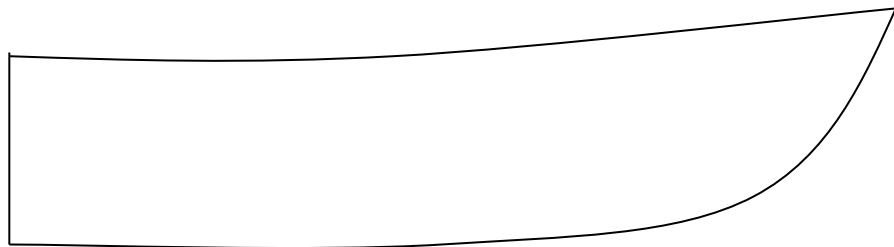
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機器與電器及其系統設備圖則

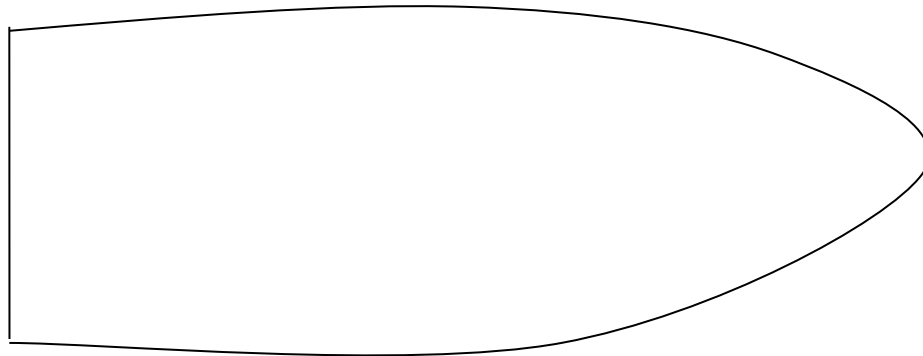
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Side View Profile



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DOMESTIC LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS INSTALLATION

1 Marking

- 1.1 Liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) cylinders shall be clearly marked of the name of their contents.

2 Properties of LPG

- 2.1 Possible dangers arising from the use of LPG appliances include fire, explosion and asphyxiation due to leakage of gas from the installation, etc.
- 2.2 LPG is heavier than air and, if released in a space with coaming, may travel some distance whilst seeking the lowest part of that space and its adjoining spaces. The accumulation of LPG probably poses dangerous consequence and fatality when triggered by inadvertent spark or ignition.

3 Storage

- 3.1 No more than 50 kg (or combined water capacity 130 litres) of LPG shall be carried on board.
- 3.2 LPG cylinders and expended cylinders shall as far as practicable be stowed on open decks. The cylinders and all valves, pressure regulators and pipes leading from such cylinders shall be properly secured, protected against mechanical damage, and excessive variations in temperature and direct rays of the sun. The cylinders shall be installed upright to prevent liquid from flowing into the pipes.
- 3.3 The LPG cylinder storage locker, and associated pipes and joints shall be readily accessible for the check of suspected leaks; and shall be as far away from any air pipes, ventilators, hatchways, etc. and close to the cooking appliances as practicable.
- 3.4 Except as necessary for service within the space, electrical wiring and fittings shall not be permitted within compartments used for the storage of LPG. Where such electrical fittings are installed, they shall be to the satisfaction of the Department for use in a flammable atmosphere. Sources of heat shall be kept clear of such spaces and "不准吸煙 No Smoking" and "不准明火 No naked light" notices shall be displayed in a prominent position.
- 3.5 Compartments used for the storage of LPG shall not be used for storage of other combustible products nor for tools or objects nor part of the gas distribution system. The LPG locker shall be marked with "LPG" on the door of the locker.

4 Installation

4.1 LPG pipes-

- (a) LPG pipes shall be of solid drawn copper alloy or stainless steel pipes, with appropriate compression or screwed fittings.
- (b) Flexible connections shall be avoided. Should they be used, an approved type of synthetic rubber hose connection shall be fitted. When used with flexible connections, appliances shall be controlled from the nearest isolating valve fitted on metallic pipe.

4.2 LPG cylinder storage locker

- (a) For storage above main deck-
 - (i) ventilation openings shall be provided on top and bottom of locker;
 - (ii) when LPG pipe is arranged to pass through bulkhead, the opening on bulkhead shall be of suitable size and height, to avoid the gas being leaked into the accommodation. If the LPG pipe is a synthetic rubber hose, precaution shall be taken to prevent the hose being chafed. A protecting conduit shall be fitted when necessary.
- (b) For storage below main deck-
 - (i) the locker bulkhead shall be of gastight construction. Bulkhead piece shall be fitted when LPG pipe is arranged to pass through bulkhead;
 - (ii) adequate ventilation shall be provided at top and bottom of locker and be led overboard;
 - (iii) gas detectors shall be fitted to detect any accumulation of LPG in the bilge.

- 4.3 Newly fitted or replaced gas consuming appliances shall be of type approved by Gas Authority, EMSD and marked with “GU” on them. Existing Gas consuming appliances (e.g. stove, water heater etc.) are recommended to be fitted with automatic gas shut-off device to stop the gas supply in the event of flame failure.



批准氣體用具GU標誌

5 Maintenance

- 5.1 Changing cylinders shall be done according to instructions of gas dealers. If it is suspected that either a cylinder or valve is faulty, put it ashore as quickly as possible, and in the meantime keep it in the open air, clear of any gratings, hatches or other openings leading below decks.
- 5.2 Sufficient ventilation shall be provided at the cooking space to displace the products of combustion and respiration.

6 Inspection

- 6.1 The vessel's crew or operator shall regularly examine joints of the LPG installation. If a leakage is suspected, the cylinder stop valve shall be turned off immediately; the vessel's engine shall be stopped, no switch on/off of electrical appliances and no other means of ignition allowed until it is certain that the vessel is clear of gas. Never put an appliance back into use without the leak having been found and rectified.

[Table-1] Minimum Safe Manning Requirements for Hong Kong Licensed Vessels**operating in Hong Kong Waters and River Trade Limits** [Remark (1), (2) and (3)]

(These requirements on Minimum Safe Manning are based on vessels meeting unmanned engine room installation requirements)

Minimum Safe Manning Standards			Mechanically Propelled Class II Vessels - Types and Length Limits						
Persons onboard	Trading Area/ Vessel Length (L)	No. of Persons	Tug		Dry Cargo Vessel ^(c) and Oil Carrier/Tanker ^(f)				
			L < 24m	24m ≤ L < 35m	L < 24m	24m ≤ L < 35m	35m ≤ L < 50m	50m ≤ L < 75m	75m ≤ L < 100m
Coxswain (a) (h)	Hong Kong Waters	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	River Trade Limits ^(b)	2 (g)	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Engine Operator ^(a)	Hong Kong Waters or River Trade Limits	1 ^(e)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Deck crew ^(d)	Hong Kong Waters or River Trade Limits	as below							
	24m ≤ L < 35m	+1	-	1	-	1	1	1	1
	35m ≤ L < 50m	+1	-	-	-	-	1	1	1
	50m ≤ L < 75m	+1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
	75m ≤ L < 100m	+1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Hong Kong Waters: Minimum Manning Scale			2	3	2	3	4	5	6
River Trade Limits: Minimum Manning Scale			3	4	3	4	5	6	7

Remarks: (1) These requirements are made under section 11 of Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (General) Regulation. The minimum safe manning scales are prescribed for practical guidance of owners and coxswains to ensure sufficient crew onboard with appropriate skills and experience, having regard to vessel size, speed, power, duration and nature of voyage or trade area, equipment and machinery commonly adopted for different types of vessels, for the purpose of maintaining general surveillance and safe navigation, mooring and unmooring operation safety, safe of carriage of cargo during transit, measures on prevention of fire and pollution of environment and the handling of general emergency situation. For vessel types or operation condition or situation outside the above basic scope would require consideration or assessment on case by case basis by Marine Department. In general, the manning crew number would be expected higher for additional work or tasks to be taken by crewmember on repair maintenance and business/cargo handling etc. The requirements in this Annex should be complied together with those specified in Ch. XII of this Code.

(2) For Class I vessels including passenger ferries or high speed ferries operating in Hong Kong waters, the manning requirements would depend on their operational needs. Marine Department will prescribe the minimum safe manning requirement individually through making reference to necessary assessment including fire and emergency drills etc. during final inspection of the vessel. Refer to Annex U-6 for “Guideline on the Minimum Safe Number of Crew for Ferry Vessels and Launches”.

(3) On HK licensed fishing vessels operating in mainland waters, all crewmembers (including coxswain & engine operator) shall carry “four mini certificates” and maintain necessary watchkeeping duties and minimum manning as required by mainland authority. In Hong Kong waters, owner and Master / Coxswain should observe the practice indicated in Note (h) below with particular consideration of safe navigation and the size and length of the vessel.

Notes: (a) Crew of Vessels should hold relevant basic maritime safety training certificates (see Remark (3) above and Note (d) below). Types of Local Certificates of Competency as required under statutory requirements are indicated in Table-2 of this Annex.

(b) River Trade Limits is defined in section 2 of the Survey Regulation.

(c) Also applicable to Class II vessel types: edible oil carrier, water boat, work boat and pilot boat. The minimum manning of these are treated same as dry cargo vessel.

(d) Deck and engine crew (other than certificated coxswain and engine operator) of mechanically propelled Class II vessels operating in mainland waters should hold the basic maritime safety training certificates issued by Hong Kong Maritime Services Training Institute- Basic Safety Training for Local Vessels' Crew Certificate (Yellow Card), or “Fire fighting Certificate” plus “Personal Survival Techniques Certificates”.

(e) If the navigation time of the vessel is exceeding 12 hours within any 24 hours operation and the vessel does not meet unmanned engine room requirements, one additional engine operator is required for vessels of length exceeding 24 metres.

(f) Coxswain, engine operator and crewmembers working onboard oil tankers/carriers should hold relevant oil tanker/carrier safety training certificates. For oil tankers/carriers, noxious liquid substance carriers and dangerous goods carriers, one extra deck crew is required to assist with deck operational and emergency measures.

(g) (i) Alternative, the arrangement of one coxswain and one assistant coxswain are acceptable provided that the assistant coxswain must hold a Certificate of Competency of one grade lower than the coxswain relevant to the type of vessel and have gained not less than 12 months practical experience relating to River Trade Limits / mainland waters operation and have familiar with watchkeeping duties to assist the Coxswain.

(ii) For those vessels trading to close limits to neighbouring ports of Hong Kong, including Macau, Zhuhai, Shenshen Yantian in Mirs Bay and Shenzhen Shekou in Deep Bay, one assistant coxswain could be waived.

(h) Master /Coxswain should ensure adequate hands of ship's crew available for mooring and unmooring /berthing and unberthing operations as required.

**[Table-2] Statutory Requirements on Local Certificates of Competency for
Hong Kong Licensed Vessels operating in Hong Kong Waters or River Trade Limits**

Post onboard	Before LVO ⁽ⁱ⁾ being in force		After LVO ⁽ⁱ⁾ being in force	
	Size of Vessel - Tonnage (NT) or Main Engine Power (HP)/ (kW)	Local Certificate of Competency required (see Remarks (v))	Size of Vessel - Gross Tonnage (GT)/ Length (m) or Total Main Engine Power (kW)	Local Certificate of Competency required
Master/ Coxswain	Vessel Tonnage: 60 NT and under	Master [60 NT and under]	Vessel Length: not more than 15m and 16.5 m length overall	Coxswain Grade 3
	Vessel Tonnage: Exceeded 60 NT But vessel length < 24m and Tonnage < 300 NT	Master [60 NT and under] + Exemption or Master [300 NT and under]	Vessel Length: not more than 24m and 26.4 m length overall	Coxswain Grade 2
	Vessel Tonnage: More than 300 NT But not more than 1600 NT	Master [up to 300 NT] ⁽ⁱⁱ⁾ + Tonnage Endorsement	Vessel Tonnage: Not more than 1600 GT	Coxswain Grade 1 ^(iv)
Engineer/ Engine Operator	Power of one single engine: Up to 150 HP	Engineer [for engine power up to 150 HP]	Main engine total power: Up to 750kW	Engine Operator Grade 3
	Power of one single engine: Over 150 HP, but total main engine power not more than 750 kW	Engineer [for engine power up to 150 HP] + Exemption		
			Main engine total power: Not exceeded 1500kW	Engine Operator Grade 2
	Power of one single engine: Over 150 HP	Engineer [for engine power over 150 HP] ⁽ⁱⁱⁱ⁾	Main engine total power: Up to 3000kW	Engine Operator Grade 1 ^(iv)

Remarks

- (i) LVO means [Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) Ordinance]. Local Certificates of Competency issued under LVO, except those endorsed with restrictions, would be valid for use on relevant size of Class I, II or III vessels.
- (ii) After the enforcement of LVO, holder of the Local Certificate of Competency as Master – [up to 300 NT] issued before LVO with Tonnage Endorsement could operate vessels not exceeded 1600 GT.
- (iii) After the enforcement of LVO, the Local Certificate of Competency as Engineer – [for engine power over 150 HP] issued before LVO would be applicable to vessels with main engine total power not more than 3000kW.
- (iv) Based on experience and/or oral/practical assessment, Director may consider application for endorsement to relevant Grade 1 Local Certificate of Competency to allow the holder to operate vessels more than 1600 GT or main engine total power more than 3000kW.
- (v) Local Certificates of Competency issued before LVO mentioned in above table, including Local Certificates of Competency as Ferry Engineer, would continue to be valid for use on relevant size or type of Class I or II vessels. Local Certificates of Competency as Master of a Fishing Vessel, “Restricted Master” Certificates of Competency and Local Certificates of Competency as Engineer of a Fishing Vessel would continue to be valid for use on the relevant size/type of Class III vessels. If a Local Certificate of Competency is obtained through examination held by Marine Department, the holder of:
 - (1) a Local Certificate of Competency as Master of a Fishing Vessel issued before LVO may apply with prescribed fee paid for the issue of a Local Certificate of Competency as Coxswain Grade 3. If the holder has more than 1 year experience as the master of a fishing vessel or vessels other than pleasure vessel within 3 years before application, he may apply, within 2 years after the commencement date of the new legislation, for a Grade 2 Certificate that is endorsed to the effect that the holder may also act as the coxswain on a fishing vessel of more than 24 metres in length overall.
 - (2) A Local Certificate of Competency as Engineer of a Fishing Vessel issued before LVO may apply with prescribed fee paid for the issue of a Local Certificate of Competency as Engineer Operator Grade 3 or for examination of Grade 2 certificate under LVO.
 - (3) a Local Certificate of Competency as Ferry Engineer issued before LVO may apply with prescribed fee paid for the issue of a Local Certificate of Competency as Engineer Operator Grade 1 under LVO.

**SAFETY BRIEFING FOR CLASS I AND CLASS II VESSELS
ENGAGED IN VOYAGE CARRYING PASSENGERS**

1. The coxswain shall brief at least one other crew or assistant who will be sailing with the vessel regarding the following: -
 - (a) Procedures for the recovery of a person from the sea;
 - (b) Location of first aid kit, if any;
 - (c) Procedures and operation of radios carried on board, if any;
 - (d) Location of navigation light switches and other light switches;
 - (e) Location and use of fire-fighting equipment;
 - (f) Method of starting, stopping, and controlling the main engine; and
 - (g) Handling emergency situations and communication arrangements.
2. Safety guide plates or cards will be considered to be an acceptable way of providing the information required in paragraph 1 above.

Guideline on the Minimum Safe Number of Crew for Ferry Vessels and Launches

Part A: Factors and Scores

			Weighting	Score
Design	Designed number of allowable damaged compartments	2	high	6
		1		12
	Number of deck	1	middle	4
		2		8
		≥3		12
	Maximum number of passengers permitted on board	≤100	high	6
		101-200		12
		201-300		18
		301-425		24
		426-500		30
		501-1000		36
		≥1001		42
	Number of access points for the concurrent embarkation and disembarkation of passengers while the vessel is at berth	1 access point	high	6
		2 access points		12
Size	Length overall	≤16.5m	middle	4
		>16.5m, but ≤26.4m		8
		>26.4m		12
Speed	Maximum operation speed	≤15 knots (kt)	middle	4
		>15kt, but ≤20kt		8
		>20kt		12
Total power	Total power of engine	≤750kW	middle	4
		>750kW, but ≤1500 kW		8
		>1500kW, but ≤2050 kW		12
		>2050kW		16

			Weighting	Score
Machinery and control mechanism	Location of engine control mechanism for propulsion engine	Bridge (more than 2 propulsion engines)	low	2
		Bridge (not more than 2 propulsion engines), or next to engine (more than 2 propulsion engines)		4
		Next to engine (not more than 2 propulsion engines)		6
Equipment	Fire-fighting equipment	Equipped with fixed fire-fighting system	middle	4
		Equipped with power-driven fire pump only		8
		Equipped with manual fire pump only		12

Weighting : high – with an initial score of 6, which is increased by 6 for each increment.

 middle – with an initial score of 4, which is increased by 4 for each increment.

 low – with an initial score of 2, which is increased by 2 for each increment.

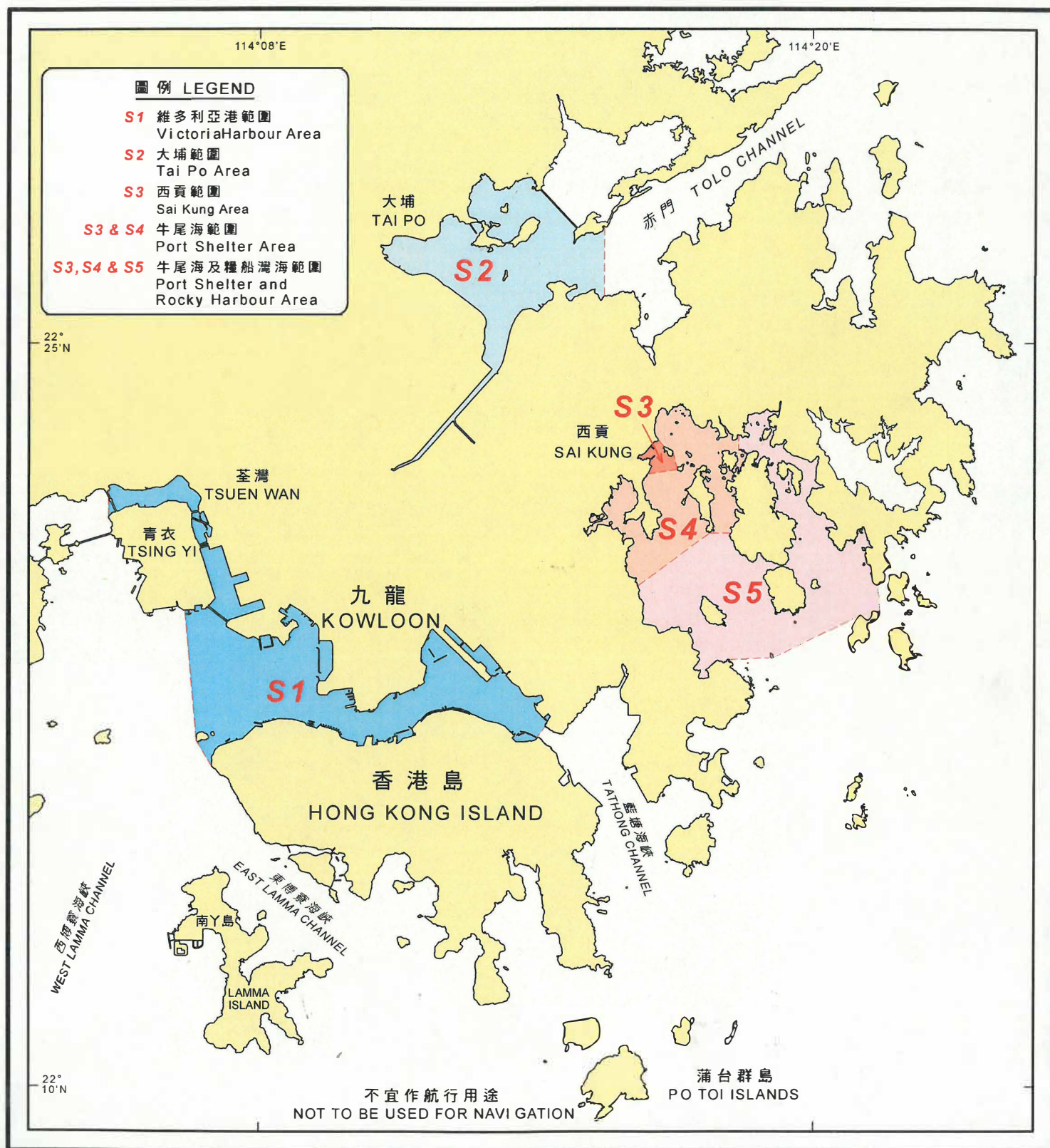
Part B: Total Score and the Corresponding Indicative Minimum Safe Number of Crew

Total Score	Indicative Minimum Safe Number of Crew
≤ 80	2
81 - 86	3
87 - 91	4
92 - 108	5
109 - 113	6
114 - 119	7
> 119	8

Certificates Relevant to Local Vessels

1. Apart from the certificates listed in Chapter II, the following plan approval, surveys and/or issuance of certificates or record document, which may be for operational purpose or requirements specified under legislations outside the Ordinance, Cap 548, are also relevant to local vessels if applicable:
 - (1) Minimum Safe Manning document;
 - (2) International Tonnage Certificate;
 - (3) International Load Line Certificate;
 - (4) International Oil Pollution Prevention Certificate;
 - (5) International Pollution Prevention Certificate for the Carriage of Noxious Liquid Substances in Bulk;
 - (6) International Air Pollution Prevention Certificate or HKAPP Certificate.
2. For the issuance of items 1.(1) and (5) of the above, owners shall apply to Marine Department directly. For initial certificate, application must be enclosed with relevant application details/plans for assessment.
3. For items 1.(2), (3), (4) and (6), the indicated International Convention certificates may be issued by recognized classification societies directly to the owner, together with survey records in accordance with the requirements of the relevant Convention. A copy of such certificate and record is required to be submitted to Marine Department.

香港水域範圍內指明遮蔽水域 Specified Sheltered Waters within Hong Kong Waters



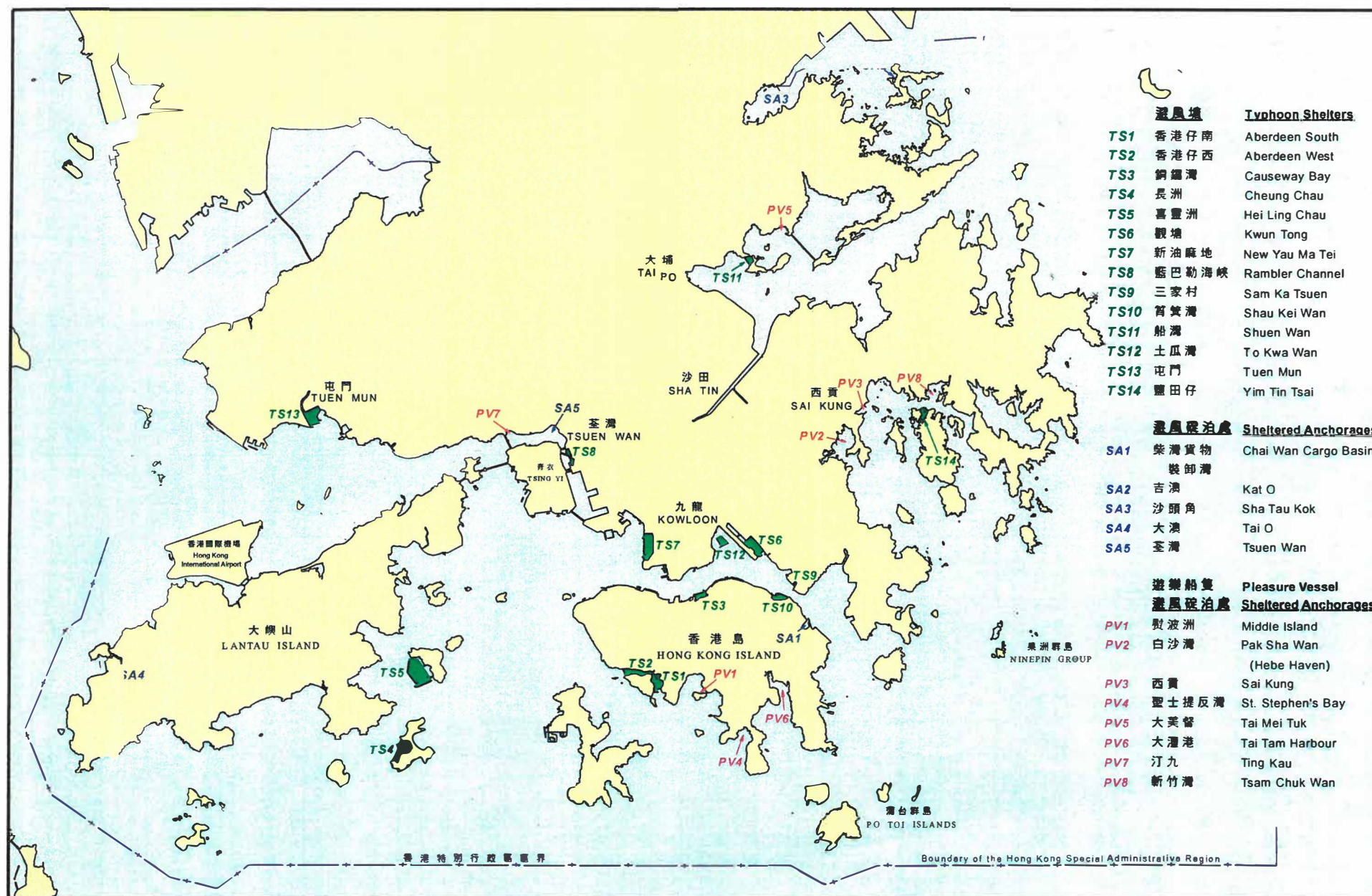
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避風塘及避風碇泊處位置圖

Location Plan of Typhoon Shelters and Sheltered Anchorages



Owner's Declaration of Permanent Ballast

Annex Y

Note: You must fill in the information required and sign the owner's declaration below the table.

COO/AIP No.		Vessel Class	*I	*II	*III	*IV	Vessel Name	
			* Please delete as appropriate					

This is to certify that the positions of all permanent ballast installed on board this vessel are:

- ☐ as shown in the table below and the sketch on a separate sheet.
☐ as shown in the approved permanent ballast plan enclosed.

Note: ① The positions, quantity, materials, unit weight, etc. of permanent ballast should be the same as the information stated in the stability information booklet (the owner may seek advice or assistance from the Marine Department). Inclining experiment or other methods for confirming the installation positions and quantity of permanent ballast may be required.

② The positions of permanent ballast should be the same as those shown in the photos submitted earlier.

No.	Position				Material	Unit Weight (kg)	Quantity (Pcs)	Total Weight (kg)	Serial Number	Remarks
	Longitudinal: The frame number or forward bulkhead frame number of the position of the front point of the ballast	Transverse: Distance between the outer edge of the ballast and the shipside (m)	Vertical: Distance between the bottom of the ballast and the bottom of the vessel (m)	Tier						
1										
2										
3										
4										
5										

The owner should ensure that the correct quantity of ballast is fixed (or stowed in a way that it is not movable while at sea) at the positions specified above at all times.

Owner's Declaration

	Signature of the owner/ owner's representative	Grade of survey	Date
1st year		A/B/Others	
2nd year		A/B/Others	
3rd year		A/B/Others	
4th year		A/B/Others	
5th year		A/B/Others	
(Endorsement in the 5th year is only applicable to classed vessels)			

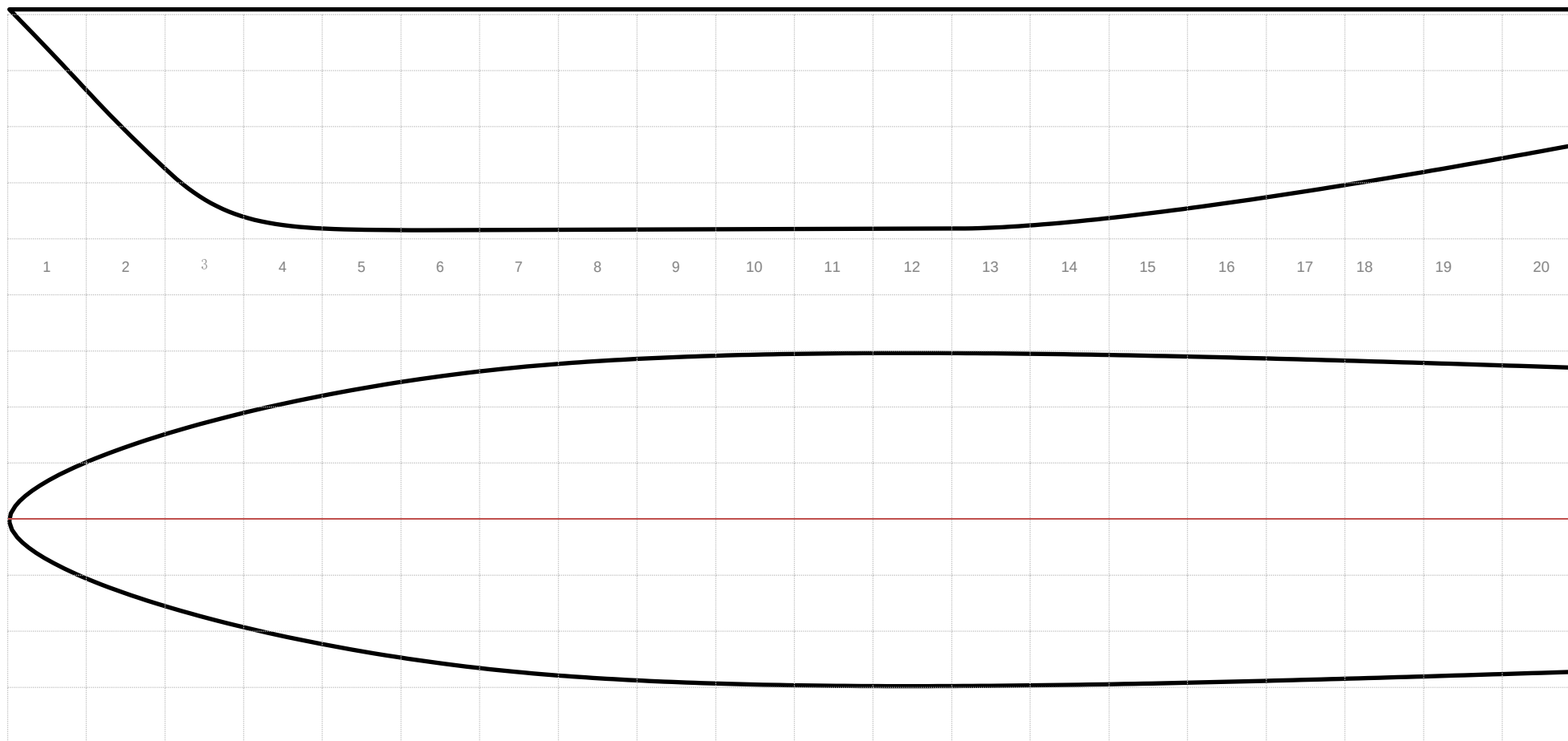
Application for Grade B survey for the vessel's next full survey (if applicable)

This is to certify that in the Grade B survey of this vessel, no excessive corrosion (1/2 or above of the corrosion limit stated in Annex M of the Code of Practice) was found at the bottom of the hull where the ballast was stowed and on the internal structural members, etc., and the coating was in good condition with no obvious damage.
Signature of the owner/owner's representative and date
[This part is applicable to vessels surveyed by competent surveyors]
Name of the surveying officer and his/her organisation/company
Signature and date confirm that the above is true
Comments of the Marine Department [Approve/Not Approve]
Signature and date

COO/AIP No.

Owner's Declaration of Permanent Ballast

Annex Y



Please mark the positions of permanent ballast on the sketch

**Exemptible Clauses in accordance with the International Code of Safety for
High Speed Craft, 2000 applicable to Local High Speed Craft**

(Added G.N. 7604 of 2021)

Clauses	Provision	Condition of Exemption
2.6.9.2.1 .1&.2	Extent of bottom damage in areas vulnerable to raking damage: two different longitudinal extents shall be considered separately	The longitudinal extent of bottom damage in areas vulnerable to raking damage shall be considered in accordance with 2.6.10.2.1
2.6.12.1	For craft other than amphibious air-cushion vehicles, after flooding has ceased and a state of equilibrium has been reached, the final waterline is below the level of any opening by at least 50% of the significant wave height corresponding to the worst intended conditions	The final waterline shall be below the level of any opening by 300mm
2.6.12.2	For amphibious air-cushion vehicles, after flooding has ceased and a state of equilibrium has been reached, the final waterline is below the level of any opening by at least 25% of the significant wave height corresponding to the worst intended conditions	The final waterline shall be below the level of any opening by 300mm
7.4.4.4	In public spaces, crew accommodation, services spaces, control stations, corridors and stairways, air spaces enclosed behind ceilings, paneling or linings shall be suitably divided by close-fitting draught stops not more than 14 m apart.	A single public space to be arranged
7.7.3.3.1	The quantity of gas used for fire extinguishing shall be sufficient to provide two independent discharges. The second discharge into the space shall only be activated manually from a position outside the space being protected.	One discharge of sufficient quantity of gas for the fixed fire extinguishing installation shall be provided.
7.9.2	A duplicate set of fire control plans or a booklet containing such plans shall be permanently stored in a prominently marked weathertight enclosure outside the deckhouse	--
7.9.3.3 .1 ~.10	Requirements with respect to fire doors bounding areas of major of hazard and stairway enclosures	The design and arrangement of the fire doors shall be of simple, open and manually operated type

Clauses	Provision	Condition of Exemption
7.10.1, 7.10.1.1 & .2	The requirements with respect to firefighter's outfits, personal equipment and water fog applicator	--
7.13	Fixed sprinkler system	--
8.2.1.2	Radar transponder	--
8.2.3.1	Portable daylight signaling lamp	--
8.2.3.2	Rocket parachute flares (12 pieces)	--
8.3.1	Lifebuoy with self-activating smoke signal	Lifebuoy with buoyant lines of at least 30 m in length shall be provided.
8.3.8	Immersion suit or anti-exposure suit	--
8.7.8	Two sources of power supply for the davit or crane of launching systems for rescue boats on category B craft	--
8.8	Line-throwing appliance	--
8.10.1.2	Additional survival craft with sufficient aggregate capacity to accommodate not less than 10% of the total number of persons the craft is certified to carry	Open reversible inflatable liferafts in association with the slide set-up per 8.10.1.1; and lifebuoys per Survey Regulation shall be provided
8.10.1.3	Sufficient survival craft to accommodate the total number of persons the craft is certified to carry, even in the event that all the survival craft to one side of the craft centerline and within the longitudinal extent of damage defined in 2.6.7.1 are considered lost or rendered unserviceable	open reversible inflatable liferafts of sufficient aggregate capacity to accommodate the total number of persons the craft is certified to carry to be provided
8.10.1.4	Rescue boat	--
12.2.9	Any craft which is certified to carry more than 450 passengers, each part of the main busbars with its associated generators shall be arranged in separate compartments	sufficient emergency power supply to essential services shall be provided
12.7.3	In category A craft emergency power supply of the following specified durations shall be provided - ● 5 hours - for the following services: all emergency lighting, navigation lights, public address, craft radio facilities,	Emergency power supply of 2 hours and 3 hours to be provided for all services and "not under command" light respectively.

Clauses	Provision	Condition of Exemption
	essential electrically power instruments/ controls for propulsion machinery and fire alarm and detection system; ● 4 hours – for daylight signaling lamps and craft’s whistle; ● 12 hours – for “not under command” lights	
12.7.4	In category B craft emergency power supply of the following specified durations shall be provided - ● 12 hours - for the following services: all emergency lighting, navigation lights, “not under command” lights, public address, craft radio facilities, essential electrically power instruments/ controls for propulsion machinery and fire alarm and detection system; ● 4 hours – for daylight signaling lamps and craft’s whistle;	Emergency power supply of 2 hours and 3 hours to be provided for all services and “not under command” light respectively.
13.2.6	Passenger craft certified to carry more than 100 passengers shall in addition be provided with a gyro-compass	A GPS satellite compass or equivalent is to be provided
13.3.1	Craft shall be provided with a device capable of indicating speed and distance.	A Differential Global Positioning System (DGPS) that conforms to standard not inferior to those of IMO Res. A. 824(18) for measuring speed could be accepted as an equivalent. A distance measurement device is not required.
13.4.1	Echo sounder	--
13.7.1	Rate of turn indicator	--
13.8.1	Nautical charts and nautical publications or an electronic chart display and information system (ECDIS)	A chart-plotter or equivalent is to be provided
13.8.2	An electronic chart display and information system (ECDIS)	--
13.8.3	Back-up arrangements shall be provided to meet the functional requirements of 13.8.1, if	--

Clauses	Provision	Condition of Exemption
	this function is partly or fully fulfilled by electronic means.	
13.9.2	Portable daylight signaling lamp	--
13.10.1	When operational conditions justify the provision of night vision equipment, such equipment shall be provided.	--
13.11.3	Arrangements for supplying visual compass readings to the emergency steering position	Rudder angle indicator and intercom with operating compartment shall be provided at emergency steering position
13.12.1	Automatic pilot equipment	--
13.14	A sound reception system, or other means, shall be provided for totally enclosed bridge	--
13.15.2	Long-range identification and tracking system	--
13.16	Voyage data recorder	--
14.7.1.4	A receiver capable of receiving International NAVTEX service broadcasts	--
14.7.1.5	A radio facility for reception of maritime safety information by the INMARSAT enhanced group calling system	--
14.7.1.6	Satellite emergency position-indicating radio beacon (satellite EPIRB)	DSC and GPS installations shall be provided
14.7.2	Means for two-way on scene radiocommunications for search and rescue purposes using the aeronautical frequencies 121.5 MHz and 123.1 MHz	--
14.8.3	An EPIRB capable of transmitting a distress alert using DSC on VHF channel 70 and providing for locating by means of a radar transponder operating in the 9 GHz band.	DSC and GPS installations shall be provided

Clauses	Provision	Condition of Exemption
Chapter 14	All radiocommunication equipment other than that listed in the right handed column.	To be provided with the following installation per 14.7.1 - .1 a VHF radio installation capable of transmitting and receiving: 1.1 DSC on the frequency 156.525 MHz (channel 70). It shall be possible to initiate the transmission of distress alerts on channel 70; and .2 radiotelephony on the frequencies 156.300 MHz (channel 6), 156.650 MHz (channel 13) and 156.800 MHz (channel 16)
18.2.5.3	Record of name and gender of all persons on board	--
Annex 11 2.10	The number of persons which an open reversible liferaft shall be permitted to accommodate shall be equal to the lesser of - .1. the greatest whole number obtained by dividing by 0.096 the volume (m^3) of the main buoyancy tubes when inflated; or .2. the greatest whole number obtained by dividing by 0.372 the inner horizontal cross-sectional area of the open reversible liferaft (m^2) measured to the innermost edge of the buoyancy tubes.	The number of persons shall be determined by the lesser of the greatest whole number obtained by dividing by - 1) 0.075 the volume (m^3) of the main buoyancy tubes; or 2) 0.304 the inner horizontal cross-sectional area (m^2) of the open reversible liferaft

CODE OF PRACTICE ----

Safety Standards for Class II Vessels

(issued under Section 8 of the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) Ordinance, Cap 548)



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Marine Department, HKSAR
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This code of practice is issued under section 8 of the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) Ordinance, (Cap. 548). This code was first notified in the Gazette Notice on 29 December 2006 to take effect on 2 January 2007. Subsequent updating and amendments would be notified to the industry through further notice in the Gazette from time to time. This record sheet is intended for good record keeping of the amendment history of this code.

Amend. No.	Gazette No.	Gazette Date	Effective Date	Topic Areas / Pages
1	G.N.7136	29 November 2013	29 November 2013	revision of sections 7.2 and 8.2 of Chapter I / Page 17
2	G.N.7136	29 November 2013	29 May 2014	addition of new item 13 to “(A) GENERAL AND SAFETY” in the table under section 5 of Chapter II/ Page 5& 9
3	G.N.7136	29 November 2013	29 May 2014	addition of new sections 6.4 and 6.5 to Chapter II / Page 9
4	G.N.7136	29 November 2013	29 May 2014	addition of new section 2.7 to Chapter IIIA / Page 2
5	G.N.7136	29 November 2013	First annual survey after 1 March 2014	addition of new section 15 to Chapter VII / Page 5&6
6	G.N.7136	29 November 2013	section 10.2.1(i) and (ii) –first annual survey after 29 November 2014. section 10.2.1(iii) and section 10.2.2 – 29 November 2014.	addition of new section 10 to Chapter XII / Page 4&5
7	G.N.7136	29 November 2013	First annual survey after 1 March 2014	revision of section 1 of Annex U-5/Page 1
8	G.N.6640	21 November 2014	29 November 2014	revision of section 3.1 of Chapter I for – (i) addition of a new definition of “authorized organization” and “classification society”; (ii) repeal of the definition of “classification societies”; and (iii) addition of a new definition of “margin line”
9	G.N.6640	21 November 2014	29 November 2014	revision of sections 4.2, 4.3 and 6.1 of Chapter II;

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10	G.N.6640	21 November 2014	29 November 2014	revision of the heading of section 5 of Chapter II
11	G.N.6640	21 November 2014	29 November 2014	addition of a new provision on high risk vessel to section 5 of Chapter II
12	G.N.6640	21 November 2014	29 November 2014	revision of items 1, 8, 10 and 12 under “(A) GENERAL AND SAFETY” in the table under section 5 of Chapter II
13	G.N.6640	21 November 2014	29 November 2014	revision of items 1, 2 and 3 under “(B) HULL” in the table under section 5 of Chapter II
14	G.N.6640	21 November 2014	29 November 2014	revision of items 3, 4(a), 4(b), 5, 6 and 7 under “(C) MACHINERY INSTALLATION” in the table under section 5 of Chapter II
15	G.N.6640	21 November 2014	29 November 2014	revision of item 1 under “(D) ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION (including Emergency Power System)” in the table under section 5 of Chapter II
16	G.N.6640	21 November 2014	29 November 2014	revision of remark *7 on the table under section 5 of Chapter II
17	G.N.6640	21 November 2014	29 November 2014	repeal of remark *12 on the table under section 5 of Chapter II
18	G.N.6640	21 November 2014	29 November 2014	omission of remark *13 on the table under section 5 of Chapter II
19	G.N.6640	21 November 2014	29 November 2014	addition of a new section 6.1A to Chapter II
20	G.N.6640	21 November 2014	29 November 2014	omission of the remarks on sections 6.4 and 6.5 of Chapter II
21	G.N.6640	21 November 2014	29 November 2014	revision of items 1 and 12 under “(A) GENERAL AND SAFETY MEASUREMENT” in Table 1 under section 7 of Chapter II
22	G.N.6640	21 November 2014	29 November 2014	revision of remark *11 on Table 2 under section 7 of Chapter II
23	G.N.6640	21 November 2014	29 November 2014	revision of item 6 under “(A&B) GENERAL, HULL & SAFETY EQUIPMENT” in Table 3 under section 7 of Chapter II
24	G.N.6640	21 November 2014	29 November 2014	addition of a new item 6A under “(A&B) GENERAL, HULL & SAFETY EQUIPMENT” in Table 3 under section 7 of Chapter II
25	G.N.6640	21 November 2014	29 November 2014	addition of a new item 9A under “(C&D) MACHINERY AND ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION” in Table 3 under section 7 of Chapter II

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27	G.N.6640	21 November 2014	29 November 2014	omission of the remarks on section 2.7 of Chapter IIIA
28	G.N.6640	21 November 2014	29 November 2014	revision of the English text of section 3.5 of Chapter IIIA
29	G.N.6640	21 November 2014	29 November 2014	revision of section 10.2 of Chapter IIIA
30	G.N.6640	21 November 2014	29 November 2014	addition of new sections 21.5A and 21.5B to Chapter IIIA
31	G.N.6640	21 November 2014	29 November 2014	revision of sections 6.1, 9.1 and 9.2 of Chapter IV
32	G.N.6640	21 November 2014	29 November 2014	revision of sections 1.1(c), 3.1(a), 3.2, 3.4, 3.5, 7.1 and 7.2 of Chapter V
33	G.N.6640	21 November 2014	29 November 2014	addition of new sections 1.5, 3.6, 3.7, 3.8, 3.9 and 7.1A to Chapter V
34	G.N.6640	21 November 2014	29 November 2014	revision of section 10.1(a) of Chapter VI
35	G.N.6640	21 November 2014	29 November 2014	repeal of section 13.5.2 of Chapter VI
36	G.N.6640	21 November 2014	29 November 2014	revision of section 3.1 of Chapter XI
37	G.N.6640	21 November 2014	29 November 2014	revision of section 10 of Chapter XII
38	G.N.6640	21 November 2014	29 November 2014	addition of a new section 11 to Chapter XII;
39	G.N.6640	21 November 2014	29 November 2014	omission of paragraph 1 of Annex U-5
40	G.N.6640	21 November 2014	29 November 2014	revision of paragraph 2 of Annex U-5
41	G.N.6640	21 November 2014	29 November 2014	addition of a new Annex U-6
42	G.N.6824	28 November 2014	29 November 2014	revision of section 11.2 of Chapter XII
43	G.N.3790	29 May 2015	29 May 2015	revision of sections 1.2 and 2.1 of Chapter VII
44	G.N.4986	2 September 2016	2 September 2016	addition of new requirements to section 1.3 of Chapter III B
45	G.N.4986	2 September 2016	2 September 2016	omission of section 1.3(c) of Chapter III B

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46	G.N.4986	2 September 2016	2 September 2016	addition of new section 1.4 to Chapter IIIB
47	G.N.4986	2 September 2016	2 September 2016	revision of section 1.1 of Chapter IV
48	G.N.4986	2 September 2016	2 September 2016	revision of section 1.5 of Chapter V
49	G.N.4986	2 September 2016	2 September 2016	revision of section 1.6 of Chapter V
50	G.N.4986	2 September 2016	2 September 2016	revision of section 2.8 of Chapter VII
51	G.N.4986	2 September 2016	2 September 2016	addition of sections 10.3 and 10.4 to Chapter VII
52	G.N.4986	2 September 2016	2 September 2016	revision of sections 4.1 to 4.4 and 5.1[Note(F)] of Chapter VIII
53	G.N.4986	2 September 2016	2 September 2016	revision of Annex I-10
54	G.N.4986	2 September 2016	2 September 2016	addition of Annex K-2
55	G.N.4986	2 September 2016	2 September 2016	revision of Annex L
56	G.N.4986	2 September 2016	2 September 2016	addition of new requirements to Annex N- 4B
57	G.N.4986	2 September 2016	2 September 2016	addition of new requirements to Annex N- 4C
58	G.N.1134	3 March 2017	3 March 2017	the code is rewritten and partitioned into 3 volumes; namely Code of Practice – Safety Standards for Class I Vessels, Code of Practice – Safety Standards for Class II Vessels and Code of Practice – Safety Standards for Class III Vessels; and contents are comprehensively amended
59	G.N.5924	11 August 2017	11 August 2017	Chapter II amended: in the table of Guide on Periodical Survey Cycle for Class II Vessel, revision of items (1), (2),(3),(6),(7),(9),(10), (11A),(12A) and (13); in Table 5-1, omission of remark *9; revision of items (A)(1), (B)(1); addition of items (K)(1)~(3) and remarks *10, *11 and *12; in Table 7-1, revision of item (A)(2) and remark *1; in Table 7-2, revision of items (C)(4),(11) and (12); in Table 7-3, revision of items (D)(3), (F)(6), Remarks *7,*12
60	G.N.5924	11 August 2017	11 August 2017	In Chapter IIIA: revision of section 7.3 (English version only)
61	G.N.5924	11 August 2017	11 August 2017	In Chapter IIIB: revision of section 2.3

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62	G.N.5924	11 August 2017	11 August 2017	In Chapter VIII: revision of section 4.7
63	G.N.500	26 January 2018	26 January 2018	In Chapter V, revision of section 3.1(a) and addition of new paragraphs at end
64	G.N.500	26 January 2018	26 January 2018	Addition of new Annex W
65	G.N.6489	31 August 2018	31 August 2018	In Chapter II, Table 5-1, add in item (C)(8a) and remark *12; Table 7-1, add in item (D)(11) and remark *11; Table 7-2, add in item (B)(7) and remark *17; Table 7-3, amend remark *10
66	G.N.6489	31 August 2018	31 August 2018	In Chapter IV, add in subsection 7.2
67	G.N.6489	31 August 2018	31 August 2018	Addition of new Annex Y
68	G.N.8215	20 December 2019	20 December 2019	Chapter VII Section 1 –definition of “LSA Code” revised; Section 2 –subsection 2.1 and 2.3 revised; subsection 2.2 repealed and new subsection 2.1A and 2.2 inserted to specify the new and former lifejacket requirements
69	G.N.8215	20 December 2019	20 December 2019	New Annex AA added to specify the requirements of former regulations
70	G.N.6256	2 November 2020	2 November 2020	Chapter II: Section 2 – subsection 2.2 and 2.3 revised; Remarks in Table 7-3 – remark *4 repealed
71	G.N.7604	3 December 2021	3 December 2021	Chapter II: Section 3–all revised; Table 5-1 items (H)(1) and (2) revised; Table 7-1 items (F)(1) revised; Table 7-2 item (C)(13A) added, (D)(2) deleted; Remarks in Table 7-2 – remark *1 revised
72	G.N.949	10 February 2023	20 February 2023	Chapter I Section 2 – subsection 2.1 revised Section 3 – definitions of “certificate” revised Section 3 – update of name of Classification Society
73	G.N.949	10 February 2023	20 February 2023	Chapter II Section 5 –Table 5-1 item (D)(1) revised Section 7 – remark *1, *2, *3 and Guide on Periodical Survey Cycle for Class II

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74	G.N.949	10 February 2023	20 February 2023	Chapter III A Section 3 – subsection 3.4 revised Section 4 – subsection 4.3 revised Section 19 – subsection 19.2(d) revised Section 21– subsection 21.6 revised
75	G.N.949	10 February 2023	20 February 2023	Chapter IV Section 1 – subsection 1.1 and 1.2 revised
76	G.N.949	10 February 2023	20 February 2023	Chapter VI Section 2 – subsection 2.2 and 2.4 revised Section 2 - new paragraph 2.5 inserted Section 5 - new paragraph 5.5 inserted
77	G.N.949	10 February 2023	20 February 2023	Chapter VII Section 2 –subsection 2.1A.2, 2.1A.3 and 2.1A.8 revised; Section 2 –subsection 2.1A.1, 2.1A.9 and 2.1A.10 repealed;
78	G.N.949	10 February 2023	20 February 2023	Chapter X Section 7 – subsection 7.1 in part 3 revised
79	G.N.949	10 February 2023	20 February 2023	Chapter XII Section 2 – new Note*4 added in the Table 2.1 Section 3 – subsection 3.2(f) revised
80	G.N.949	10 February 2023	20 February 2023	Annex I-8 Note in part 1 deleted Section 2 and 3 in part 1 revised Section 4 in part 2 revised
81	G.N.949	10 February 2023	20 February 2023	Annex L – revised
82	G.N.949	10 February 2023	20 February 2023	Annex V-4 Section 1.(6) revised
83	G.N.949	10 February 2023	20 February 2023	Annex AA – deleted
84	G.N.2552	28 April 2023	5 May 2023	Chapter I Section 3 – subsection 3.1 revised Section 5 – table revised
85	G.N.2552	28 April 2023	5 May 2023	Chapter II Section 7 – table 7.2 revised and remark *11 of table 7.3 revised
86	G.N.2552	28 April 2023	5 May 2023	Chapter IIIA Section 7 – subsection 7.1 revised Section 8 – subsection 8.4 revised
87	G.N.2552	28 April 2023	5 May 2023	Chapter IV Section 1 – table in subsection 1.1 revised

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88	G.N.2552	28 April 2023	5 May 2023	Chapter XII Section 3 – subsection 3.2 revised
89	G.N.2552	28 April 2023	5 May 2023	New Chapter XIII added
90	G.N.2552	28 April 2023	5 May 2023	Annex I-5A Remark (vi) added
91	G.N.2552	28 April 2023	5 May 2023	Annex U-4 Table and note (f) revised
92	G.N.4206	19 July 2024	22 July 2024	New Chapter XIV added

FOREWORD

(1) The Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) Ordinance, Cap 548 (here below refers as “the Ordinance”), is to provide for the regulation and control of local vessels in Hong Kong and for other matters affecting local vessels, including their navigation and safety at sea (whether within or beyond the waters of Hong Kong).

(2) This Code of Practice is approved and issued by the Director in pursuant to section 8 of the Ordinance for the purpose of ensuring acceptable technical and safety standards in the design, construction, maintenance and inspection of local vessels in conjunction with the condition required or the standards prescribed by the Director under Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels)(Safety and Survey) Regulation. This Code also provides necessary practical guidance on operational safety practices in conjunction with the relevant requirements in the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels)(Certification and Licensing) Regulation.

(3) Section 9 of the Ordinance explains the use of approved codes of practice in proceeding .

(4) The owner, agent and the coxswain of any Class II vessel when engaged in operations outside the waters of Hong Kong are required -

- (a) to ensure the compliance with relevant safety requirements specified by the Director. These requirements are promulgated in the Marine Department notices from time to time, and
- (b) to observe any relevant requirement required by local Authority of those waters.

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CHAPTER I

GENERAL

1 Introduction

- 1.1 The legislation relating to the control, licensing and regulation of local vessels in Hong Kong is contained in the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) Ordinance, Cap. 548 (the Ordinance) and its subsidiary legislations. This Code of Practice is issued under section 8 of the Ordinance.
- 1.2 This "Code of Practice – Safety Standard for Class II Vessels" has been developed by the Hong Kong Marine Department in consultation with the local maritime industry through representation in relevant working groups and committees.
- 1.3 The primary aim in developing the Code has been to set standards of safety and protection for all passengers and crew on board. The Code relates especially to the construction of a vessel, its machinery, equipment and stability and to the proper operation of the vessel so that safety standards are maintained. In accordance with the legal status prescribed in section 9 of the Ordinance, requirements set out in this Code shall be followed.
- 1.4 The legislative requirements quoted in this Code should be subject to authentic provisions of the legislative instrument and its latest amended. These requirements are mandatory and must be complied with.
- 1.5 The builder, repairer or owner/managing agent of a vessel, as appropriate shall take all reasonable measures to ensure that a material or appliance fitted in accordance with the requirements of the Code is suitable for the purpose intended having regard to its location in the vessel, the area of operation and the weather conditions which may be encountered.

2 Statutory Legislation and Standards

- 2.1 This Code must be construed in the light of the following statutory provisions and their amendments from time to time (if any) as appropriate:
 - (A) Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) Ordinance (Cap. 548) (hereafter referred to as “the Ordinance”)
 - (1) Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Certification and Licensing) Regulation (Cap. 548, sub. leg. D) (hereafter referred to as “Certification and Licensing Regulation”)
 - (2) Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Typhoon Shelter) Regulation (Cap. 548, sub. leg. E)
 - (3) Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (General) Regulation (Cap. 548, sub. leg. F)
 - (4) Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Safety and Survey) Regulation (Cap. 548, sub. leg. G)(hereafter to be referred as "Survey Regulation")
 - (5) Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Compulsory Third Party Risks Insurance) Regulation (Cap. 548, sub. leg. H)
 - (6) Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Works) Regulation (Cap. 548, sub. leg. I)
 - (7) Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Fees) Regulation (Cap. 548, sub. leg. J)
 - (8) Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Local Certificates of Competency) Rules

(B) Merchant Shipping (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Ordinance (Cap. 413)

- (1) Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Oil Pollution) Regulations (Cap. 413, sub. leg. A)
- (2) Merchant Shipping (Control of Pollution By Noxious Liquid Substances in Bulk) Regulations (Cap. 413, sub. leg. B)
- (3) Merchant Shipping (Control of Harmful Anti-Fouling Systems on Ships) Regulation (Cap. 413, sub. leg. N)
- (4) Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Pollution by Garbage) Regulations (Cap. 413, sub. leg. O)
- (5) Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Air Pollution) Regulations (Cap. 413, sub. leg. P)

(C) Merchant Shipping (Safety) Ordinance (Cap. 369)

- (1) Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Signals of Distress and Prevention of Collisions) Regulations (Cap. 369, sub. leg. N)
- (2) Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Use of Signals of Distress) Regulations (Cap. 369, sub. leg. O)

(D) Dangerous Goods Ordinance (Cap. 295)

- (1) Dangerous Goods (Application and Exemption) Regulation 2012 (Cap. 295, sub. leg. E)
- (2) Dangerous Goods (Shipping) Regulation 2012 (Cap. 295, sub. leg. F).

2.2 Other Standards

The vessel's strength, structure, arrangements, materials, scantlings, main and auxiliary machinery, boilers and pressure vessels, electrical installations, etc. shall be so designed and installed as to ensure that the vessel is fit for the service for which it is intended. Apart from the requirements in this Code, present rules and standards of classification societies recognized by Marine Department or other equivalent standards may be used as assessment standards.

3 Definitions

3.1 In this Code-

- “approved”, in relation to equipment, appliances, machinery, any other fittings or materials, means approved by the Director;
- “authorized organization (AO)” means the classification society authorized (by means of authorization document) by the Director to carry out statutory survey work for local vessels;
- “authorized surveyor”, as defined in section 2 of the Ordinance;
- “carrying xx passengers” means vessel's permissible number of passengers that can be carried throughout the text of this Code;
- “chemical carrier” means any vessel constructed or adapted and used for the carriage in bulk of any liquid product listed in chapter 17 of the IBC Code;
- “certificate” means a Certificate of Survey, a Survey Record of Safety Equipment, a Freeboard Assignment Certificate, a Hong Kong Load Line Certificate or a Declaration of Fitness for the Carriage of Dangerous Goods issued by the Director under the Survey Regulation; and a HKOPP Certificate, a HKNLS Certificate or a HKAPP Certificate

issued under Merchant Shipping (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Ordinance, Cap. 413;

“classification society (CS)” means an organization approved under section 8 of the Merchant Shipping (Safety) Ordinance (Cap 369)

- (a) American Bureau of Shipping (ABS);
- (b) Bureau Veritas (BV);
- (c) China Classification Society (CCS);
- (d) DNVAS;
- (e) Korean Register of Shipping (KR);
- (f) Lloyd’s Register (LR);
- (g) Nippon Kaiji Kyokai (NK);
- (h) RINA S.p.A. (RINA); or
- (i) Russian Maritime Register of Shipping (RS)

“Code” means this Code;

“dangerous goods carrier” means a vessel, other than an oil carrier or a gas carrier, certificated for the carriage of dangerous goods;

“Declaration” means Declaration of Survey;

“existing vessel” means a vessel which is not a new vessel defined in section 2 of the Survey Regulation

“extreme breadth”, in relation to a local vessel, means the athwartship distance between the extremity of the outermost permanent structure (including fenders of any kind, bulwark, hand rails, etc.) on the port side and the extremity of the outermost permanent structure on the starboard side of the vessel;

“favourable weather” means weather, when the visibility is good and when the combined effects of wind, sea or swell, upon the ship under consideration are never greater than those which would cause moderate rolling or pitching, or result in the shipping of green seas onto the main deck (in the case of open boats, over the gunwale);

“final inspection” means the last or final visit for the purpose of survey or inspection, usually carried out on safety equipment items and functional trials in an initial survey or a periodical survey for a vessel;

“gas carrier” means a cargo ship constructed or adapted and used for the carriage in bulk of any liquefied gas or other products listed in the table of chapter 19 of the 2014 IGC Code;

“gross tonnage”, a measurement figure for a local vessel of which the details and calculation can be referred to Chapter IX of this Code;

“high risk vessel” means a Class I vessel, an Oil Carrier, a gas carrier, a Dangerous Goods Carrier, a Noxious Liquid Substances Carrier or any Class II vessel intended for carrying cargoes of hazardous nature;

“2014 IGC Code” means the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk as adopted by resolution MSC.5(48) and amended by resolution MSC. 370(93);

“IBC Code” means the 1998 edition of the IMO International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk, as may be amended by the IMO from time to time;

“IMDG Code” means the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code, published by the IMO as amended from time to time by IMO;

“IMO” means the International Maritime Organization;

“initial survey” in connection with anyone of the certificates mentioned in Part 3 and Part 4, in so far as applicable, of Survey Regulation means the survey (including its final inspection) to be completed for a new vessel for the first issue of the concerned certificate;

“length” or the symbol “(L)”, as defined in section 2 of the Survey Regulation;

“length overall”, as defined in section 2 of the Ordinance;

“low risk vessel” means a vessel of other than high risk vessel;

“main engine” means the propulsion engine(s) of vessel;

“moulded breadth” is measured at amidship and is the maximum breadth over the frames in respect of vessels built of steel or aluminium; and is the maximum breadth over the outside surface of hull planking in respect of vessels built of wood or composite materials;.

“moulded depth” , as defined in section 2 of the Survey Regulation;

“multi-purposes vessel’ means a local vessel or launch which can carry more than 12 passengers and can be used with other purposes;

“new vessel”, unless indicated otherwise, as defined in section 2 of the Survey Regulation;

"noxious liquid substance carrier" means a mechanized, or a non-mechanized vessel, constructed or adapted for the carriage in bulk of any substance listed in column (a) of the table in Chapter 17 and/or 18 of the IBC Code (being a substance falling into category X, Y or Z) and any other liquid substance which is provisionally listed or class-approved as a category X, Y or Z substance;

“oil carrier” means a motor tanker, or a dumb barge, constructed or adapted for the carriage in bulk of liquid cargoes of a flammable nature (including sludge oil);

“Ordinance” or “LVO” means the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) Ordinance (Cap 548).

“owner” , as defined in section 2 of the Ordinance;

“passenger”, as defined in section 2 of the Ordinance;

“periodical survey” in connection with anyone of the certificates mentioned in Part 4, in so far as applicable, of Survey Regulation means the survey (including its final inspection) to be completed for an existing vessel for the renewal survey, annual endorsement survey or intermediate survey for the issue of the concerned certificate;

“Recognized Authority (RA)”, as defined in section 2 of the Survey Regulation;

"river trade limits", as defined in section 2 of the Survey Regulation;

“sister vessels” or “series of vessels” means vessels constructed of the same design (i.e. the same hull form with identical length, breadth, depth and arrangement) in the same shipyard;

“waters of Hong Kong ” means waters of Hong Kong within the meaning of Schedule 2 of the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance (Cap. 1).

"watertight", as defined in regulation 1 of the Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Passenger Ship Construction And Survey) (Ships Built On Or After 1 September 1984) Regulations;

"weathertight", as defined in regulation 1 of the Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Passenger Ship Construction And Survey) (Ships Built On Or After 1 September 1984) Regulations.

4 Application

- 4.1 Subject to section 4.2, this Code will apply to Class II vessels of all types of construction.
- 4.2 Chapter XI will apply to dynamically supported craft, and vessels which are designed and built to the requirements of rules and regulations applicable to high speed craft issued by a classification society as listed in Annex A of this Code.
- 4.3 Existing vessels shall comply with the requirements previously applicable to these vessels unless otherwise expressly specified in the Survey Regulation or in this Code. The approval and/or exemption of construction and equipment, if any, given to the existing vessels shall remain valid unless otherwise repealed.
- 4.4 Requirement in pair of angle brackets < > appeared in the other chapters in this Code are applicable to new vessels only; i.e. the new vessels as on or after 2 January 2007.

5 Category of Vessel

Every vessel shall be categorised into Category A or B as indicated in the following table:

Class and Type of Vessel (6)	Vessel Category	A		B	
	Material	Steel/Al/GRP/Wooden		Wooden	Steel/Al/GRP/Wooden
	Propulsion	with Main Engine	No Main Engine	with Main Engine	No Main Engine
Dangerous Goods Carrier		*	*	*(1)	*(1)
Noxious Liquid Substances Carrier		*	*		
Oil Carrier		*	*		
Gas Carrier		*	*		
Edible Oil Carrier		*	*		
Dry Cargo Vessel		*		*(2)	
Dumb Lighter (incl. Flat Top Cargo Barge)					*

Class and Type of Vessel (6)	Vessel Category	A		B	
	Material	Steel/Al/GRP/Wooden		Wooden	Steel/Al/GRP/Wooden
	Propulsion	with Main Engine	No Main Engine	with Main Engine	No Main Engine
Dredger		*			
Hopper Barge					*
Water Boat		*(3)		*	
Tug		*			
Transportation Boat		*			
Transportation Sampan				*	*(4)
Pilot Boat		*		*(1)	
Floating Dock			*		
Floating Workshop (incl. Repair Barge, Welding Barge)		*	*	*(1)	*(1)
Crane Barge			*		*(1)
Work Boat		*	*	*(1)	*(1)
Flat Top Work Barge			*(3)		*
Landing Pontoon					*
Landing Platform					*
Special Purpose Vessel		*	*		
Stationary Vessel (Including Separation Barge, Kitchen Boat, Ice Barge, Fish Drying Barge, Waste Water Treatment Barge, Fish Storage Barge)			*(5)		*

(Asterisk* means applicable)

Abbreviations in Table

Al : Aluminium

GRP : Glass reinforced plastic

Remarks in Table

- (1) Existing vessels only.
- (2) Wooden cargo vessels (including wooden trading boats) operating solely within Hong Kong waters.
- (3) Vessels other than wooden construction.
- (4) Refer to Ch. II/1.4.
- (5) New vessels that are kitchen boats only
- (6) Any other type of vessel not included in the table will be specially considered.

6 Equivalent

Under section 83 of the Survey Regulation Marine Department may grant permission for providing on board any other fitting, material, appliance or apparatus, or type thereof, or other facilities that are different from those required in this Code if the department is satisfied by testing or other methods that their effectiveness is equivalent to that required in this Code; supported by necessary survey and test reports.

CHAPTER II

SURVEY / INSPECTION, ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATE AND PLAN APPROVAL

1 Survey / Inspection for Issue or Endorsement of Certificate

- 1.1 Any local vessel to which sections 7(1) and (3) of Survey Regulation apply when applying for an initial licence is subject to the approval of plans per items (appropriate according to category and type of vessel) indicated in Table 5-1.
- 1.2 Any local vessel to which Part 4 of Survey Regulation applies when applying for an initial licence is subject to the initial survey per items (appropriate according to category and type of vessel) indicated in Tables 7-1 and 7-3; and after licencing the periodical survey per items indicated in Tables 7-2 and 7-3.
- 1.3 Any licensed vessel of the above sections 1.1 or 1.2 intended for alteration shall be subject to the approval of plans (if section 1.1 is applicable) and survey relating to the alteration under section 76(5) of the Survey Regulation.
- 1.4 Vessels of the types referred to in the table below, which are not fitted with propulsion engine and not fitted with any internal combustion engine onboard, and with the product Length overall x extreme breadth^{Note} not exceeding 25 are not subject to any survey:

Class	Types	Material of construction	Minimum requirements for life-saving appliances and fire-fighting apparatus
II	Transportation Sampan	any material	(a) 1 lifejacket for every person on board; (b) 1 lifebuoy; and (c) 1 fire bucket with lanyard
II	Work Boat	other than metal	(a) 1 lifebuoy; and (b) 1 fire bucket with lanyard

Note

The terms “Length overall” and “extreme breadth” are defined in Ch. I/3.1.

- 1.5 A laid-up vessel (which is granted with a permission for laid-up) shall be subject to survey when returning to service if the Certificate of Survey previously issued has expired. If the expiry is not exceeding 2 years, the survey shall cover items due in the past 2 years as the vessel was not laid up.
- 1.6 Any vessel having its Certificate of Survey expired for more than 2 year but less than 8 years, the surveys shall follow the quadrennial survey programme prescribed in Table 7-2.
- 1.7 Any vessel having its Certificate of Survey expired for more than 8 years, it shall be subject to thorough inspection according to items of Table 7-1. If alterations had been carried out on board vessel plans relating to the alterations shall be submitted for approval. The survey and plan approval are to comply with standards applicable to existing vessels, and the amended (if any).
- 1.8 When deemed necessary or at his discretion, the attending surveyor/inspector may request any other item to be presented for inspection

2 Statutory Surveys and Application

- 2.1 Subject to the below section 2.2 officers delegated by the Director are responsible for the statutory plan approval and survey of vessel.

- 2.2 The Director may delegate some or all of the statutory plan approval and surveys of Class II vessel specified in this Code to Authorized Surveyor (AS)/authorized surveyor employed by Authorized Organization (AO)/Recognized Authority (RA)(see definition in Ch. I/3.1) as indicated in the authorization/recognition document. List of AS/AO/RA will be promulgated in the Marine Department Notice issued from time to time. Vessel owner or agent, when required, may also apply to Marine Department for plan approval and surveys. (Amended G.N. 6256 of 2020)
- 2.3 The approval of plans and data (Table 5-1 refers) and surveys (Tables 7-1 ~ 7-3 refer) shall be undertaken by the relevant authority/person according to the following:

Type of Vessel	Classed/Not Classed	Plan Approval/Inspection Body
Low Risk Vessel (refer to definition at I/3.1)	Classed	AO
	Not classed	AS/AO/RA
High Risk Vessel (refer to definition at I/3.1)	Classed	AO (except items marked with 'MD') (Amended G.N. 6256 of 2020)
	Not classed	

- 2.4 Upon satisfactory completion of statutory surveys or assessment, the following relevant statutory certificates or record document would be issued by Marine Department or AO as specified in the following table. Annex V-4 also lists the other certificates and documents that a local vessel might require, as appropriate:

No.	Certificates / Records	Applicable Vessels	Issuing Authority/Person
(1)	Certificate of Survey ^(*)	All	MD
(2)	Survey Record of Safety Equipment	(i) Any dry cargo vessel of L≥24m operating within RTL (ii) Any vessel of L≥24m operating within HKW or RTL: high risk vessel (as defined in Ch. I/1.3) or special purpose vessel	MD/AO ^(*)
(3)	Hong Kong Load Line Certificate / Freeboard Assignment Certificate	Part 1 of Schedule 5 of Survey Regulation refers	MD/AO ^(*)
(4)	Declaration of Fitness for the Carriage of Dangerous Goods	Any vessel that is used or to be used for carrying any dangerous goods	MD
(5)	Exemption Certificate / Permit for alternative material, fitting or equipment	when applicable	MD
(6)	Certification of Lifting Appliances and Lifting Gear	Any vessel fitted with crane or derrick used for works including cargo handling, etc.	CE

Legend

HKW = waters of Hong Kong
 RTL = river trade limits
 MD = Marine Department

CE = Competent examiner appointed under Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Works) Regulation

Note

- *1 For a pilot boat, transportation boat or tug the Certificate of Survey and relevant remarks must be displayed in a conspicuous location on board under section 30 of the Survey Regulation.
- *2 For a vessel classed with an AO, international convention certificates may be issued by AO directly to the owner in lieu, together with survey records in accordance with the requirements of the relevant Convention. A copy of such certificate and record is required to be submitted to Marine Department.

- 2.5 If the owner or agent wishes his vessel to be surveyed by an authorized organization or authorized organization or recognized authority, he shall provide the Department an “Engagement Form”:
- (a) prior to the survey - the name of the authorized organization or authorized organization or recognized authority, the place and date of the intended survey; and
 - (b) on completion of survey - a survey report and a declaration duly signed and issued by the authorized organization or authorized organization or recognized authority. The survey report may be furnished to the attending surveyor during final inspection (item No. F-4 in Table 7-3 refers).

3 Validity of Certificates and Endorsement

For the expiry date of the certificate or endorsement, refer to Marine Department Notice No. 199 of 2021. (Amended G.N. 7604 of 2021)

4 Submission of Plans and Data

- 4.1 Plans and data shall be submitted, to the relevant authority/person indicated in section 2.3, according to Table 5-1 (as marked with "✓"). Additional plans and data will be required when deemed necessary. The required plans and data may be combined into one plan (or plans) according to the size of vessel and complexities of the data.
- 4.2 Except for any vessel classed with a classification society; and otherwise indicated in the table (items marked with ‘MD’), the plans and data may be submitted to any of the AS/AO/RA for approval at the discretion of the owner. For any vessel classed with a classification society, plans and data shall be submitted to the relevant classification society for approval.
- 4.3 For plans and data to be submitted for Marine Department’s approval, 3 copies of each shall be submitted of the 1st vessel of a series and 2 copies for the subsequent vessels.
- 4.4 One copy of such plans and data approved by AS/AO/RA shall be submitted to Marine Department for record. Supplementary plans and data may be required should any survey be undertaken by Marine Department.
- 4.5 Plans of General Arrangement, vessel construction and relevant plans shall be drawn in appropriate scale of legibly quality.

5 Plans and Data required to be submitted [Survey Regulation, section 9 refers]

Table 5-1 Plans and Data

“✓” means applicable

Table 5-1 No.	VESSEL CATEGORY PLANS AND DATA	A	B (L ≥ 8m)	B (L < 8m)
(A)	GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS, ACCOMMODATION LAYOUTS, PASSENGER SPACE, SEATING ARRANGEMENTS, NUMBER OF PASSENGERS AND ESCAPE ROUTES			
(1)	General Arrangement ^(*8)	✓	✓ ^(*1)	✓
(2)	Passenger Space (shelter)/Seating Arrangement (Ch. V refers)(passenger carrying vessel only)	✓		
(3)	Passengers and Crew Accommodation Requirements (incl. handrail, seats, etc.) (Ch. V refers) (passenger carrying vessel only)	✓		
(B)	SAFETY EQUIPMENT INCLUDING LIFE-SAVING APPLIANCES, FIRE-FIGHTING APPARATUS, LIGHTS, SHAPES AND SOUND SIGNALS ; EMERGENCY CONTROLS, STRUCTURAL FIRE PROTECTION			
(1)	Safety Plan showing arrangement of - (a) life saving appliances,	✓	✓ ^(*1)	✓
	(b) fire fighting apparatus	✓	✓ ^(*1)	✓
	(c) structural fire protection arrangement (Ch. VI/13 refers)	✓	✓	✓
	(d) light and sound signals	✓	✓ ^(*1)	✓
	(e) means of escape, escape installation and arrangement, etc. (passenger carrying vessel only)	✓		
(2)	Fire Control Plan (Table 4, 6 & 6A in Schedule 4 of Cap.548G refers)	✓	✓	
(C)	STABILITY, FREEBOARD CALCULATIONS, ARRANGEMENTS RELATING TO WATERTIGHTNESS, WEATHERTIGHTNESS, BULKHEADS, HATCHWAYS, COAMINGS, SIDE SCUTTLES, AIR VENTS, FREEING PORTS, SCUPPERS, INLETS AND DISCHARGES			
(1)	Lines Plan and Offsets Table (for record)	✓	✓ ^(*2)	
(2)	Hydrostatic Curves	✓	✓ ^(*2)	
(3)	Cross Curves of Stability	✓	✓ ^(*2)	
(4)	Preliminary Intact Stability Information (for oil carrier, noxious liquid substance carrier)	✓		
(5)	Estimated Damage Stability Information (Ch. IV/2 refers) (for oil carrier, noxious liquid substance carrier)	✓		
(6)	Inclining Experiment Report/Lightweight Survey Report (Ch. IV/4 refers)	✓	✓ ^(*3)	
(7)	Simple Inclining Test Report			✓
(8)	Stability Information Booklet (after inclining experiment)	✓	✓ ^(*3)	
(8a)	Permanent Ballast Weights Arrangement (if designed) ^(*12) (Added G.N. 6489 of 2018)	✓	✓ ^(*3)	

Table 5-1	VESSEL CATEGORY			
No.	PLANS AND DATA	A	B (L ≥ 8m)	B (L < 8m)
(9)	Damage Stability Calculation (after inclining experiment) (Ch. IV/2 refers) (for oil carrier, noxious liquid substance carrier)	✓		
(10)	Draft Marks	✓		
(11)	Load Line freeboard calculation and conditions of assignment	✓		
(12)	Arrangements relating to Watertightness, Weathertightness, Bulkheads, Hatchways, Coamings, Side Scuttles, Air Vents, Freeing Ports, Scuppers, Inlets and Discharges, etc.	✓	✓ (*2)	
(D)	TONNAGE MEASUREMENTS AND CALCULATIONS			
(1)	Tonnage Measurement and Calculation (*4)	✓		
(E)	STRUCTURES AND SCANTLINGS			
(1)	Midship Sections	✓	✓ (*2)	
(2)	Scantling Calculation	✓	✓ (*2)	
(3)	Profile, Decks and Bulkheads (incl. Hull and Superstructure decks)	✓	✓ (*2)	✓
(4)	Shell Expansion	✓	✓ (*2)	
(5)	Rudder/Kort Nozzle, Rudder Stock, Skeg and Sole Piece	✓	✓ (*2)	
(6)	Mooring Arrangement and Equipment Number Calculation (for oil carrier, DG carriers and L > 75m dumb steel lighters)	✓		
(F)	FUEL, MACHINERY, SHAFTING			
(1)	Engine Room Arrangement	✓	✓	
(2)	Pump Room Arrangement (for oil carrier)	✓		
(3)	Propeller Shafting, Stern Tube and Coupling	✓	✓	✓
(4)	Main Engine and Gear Box Certificates (*5)	✓		
(5)	Aux. Diesel Engine Certificates (*5)	✓		
(6)	Fuel Oil System (incl. tanks, piping)	✓	✓	
(7)	Fire-fighting Piping Arrangement (incl. fire main, fixed fire extinguishing system, etc)	✓	✓	
(8)	Bilge Pumping Arrangement	✓	✓	
(9)	Compressed Air Piping System (for pressure ≥ 10 bar)	✓	✓	
(10)	Air Receiver (Ch. IIIA/15 refers)	✓	✓	
(11)	Steering Gear Hydraulic Piping System	✓	✓	

Table 5-1	VESSEL CATEGORY		A	B (L≥8m)	B (L<8m)
No.	PLANS AND DATA				
(12)	Fresh Water System (incl. tank construction, piping) (for water boat)		✓		
(13)	Cargo Tank Venting System (for oil carrier)		✓		
(14)	Filling, Sounding and Air Vent System		✓	✓ (*6)	
(G)	ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS (including Emergency Power System)				
(1)	Electrical System Line diagram		✓	✓ (*7)	✓
(2)	Wiring Diagram of Main Switchboard		✓	✓ (*7)	
(3)	Layout of Main Switchboard		✓	✓ (*7)	
(4)	Electrical Arrangement		✓	✓ (*7)	
(5)	Wiring Diagram of Distribution Boxes		✓	✓ (*7)	
(H)	PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF POLLUTION				
(1)	Prevention of Oil Pollution Installation (Ch. IIIA/19.2 refers) (Amended G.N. 7604 of 2021)		MD/AO/ CS*13	MD/AO/ CS*13	
(2)	Prevention of Air Pollution Installation (Annex I-10 refers) (Amended G.N. 7604 of 2021)		MD/AO/ CS*13	MD/AO/ CS*13	
(I)	NAVIGATIONAL AND COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT				
(1)	Radio Communication equipment and arrangement		✓		
(2)	Navigational equipment and arrangement		✓		
(3)	Visibility Calculation (for oil carriers)		✓		
(J)	MEASURES AGAINST POTENTIAL HAZARDS TO THE SAFETY OF THE VESSEL AND ANY PERSON OR PROPERTY ON BOARD THE VESSEL				
(1)	Supplementary information/data and list of inspection, testing & trial requirements relating to the type of vessel		✓	✓	
(2)	Additional Items for Oil Carriers having cargoes ≤ 60°C (Ch.VI refers)		✓	✓	
(3)	Additional Items for DG or NLS Carrier (Ch.VI refers)		✓	✓	
(4)	Domestic LPG Installation (Annex U-1 refers)		✓	✓	
(K)	LIFTING APPLIANCES (including derrick cranes, extensible jib cranes and fixed-jib crane etc.)				
(1)	Strength calculations for the stress members (*9)		Competent Examiner(*10) (*11)		
(2)	Rigging diagrams				
(3)	As fitted drawings				

Remarks in Table 5-1

- *1 Applicable to the following Category B vessels: dumb lighter, hopper barge, water boat, flat top work barge, landing pontoon, stationary vessel.
- *2 Applicable to dumb lighter and hopper barge.
- *3 For any dumb lighter required to be submitted with heavy lifting stability calculations and hopper barge.
- *4 International Tonnage Certificate issued by an administration (or classification society on her behalf) may be acceptable to Marine Department.
- *5 For new vessels, engine maker or classification societies approved certificates / information and document as appropriate required in Ch. IIIA or IIIB and Annex I-10 of this Code or MARPOL Annex VI.
- *6 Applicable to vessels of other than wooden construction.
- *7 Applicable to the following Category B vessels fitted with A.C. generator: dumb lighter, other barge, landing pontoon, stationary vessel, but not applicable to vessels of wooden construction.
- *8 Amended plan to be submitted should there be any change from the arrangement of vessel shown on the original General Arrangement Plan.
- *9 Recognised manufacturer's loading tables indicated essential information are acceptable instead of detailed strength calculations.
- *10 The competent examiner shall ascertain that the structures of the vessel can withstand the loadings of the derrick crane operation at all times and it complies with the licensing conditions of the vessel.
- *11 The document/drawing shall be certified by a competent examiner. One copy of the certified document shall be submitted to Marine Department for record.
- *12 Applicable to new vessels ^{Note 2} after the enforcement of this Code. The plan shall include information on the positions, quantity, materials, unit weights and serial number markings (which can be colour painted) as well as relevant photos (12 megapixels or above and hard copy prints in 1200 x 1200 dpi or above) of the permanent ballast weights.
- *13 Applicable to vessels holding international pollution prevention certificate only.

(Added G.N. 7604 of 2021)

6 Plans to be retained on board

- <6.1 Every Class II vessel shall be provided on board one copy of the plan(s) approved by the relevant authority, person or organisation at least with the following information indicated thereon :
- (a) general arrangement of vessel with seating arrangement and escape routes if passengers are carried;
 - (b) types and dispositions of life saving appliance, fire-fighting appliance, light, shape, sound signals and radiocommunications equipment(if fitted).
- 6.2 For every Class II vessel which has been modified or altered in a way that would change the escape routes or dispositions of life saving appliance or fire-fighting apparatus, all plans and documentation carried or displayed on board shall be modified to reflect those changes and approved by the relevant authority, person or organisation.

^{Note 2} Applicable to a vessel which is a new vessel under section 2 of the Survey Regulation when the reference to "the commencement date" in the definition of "new vessel" is substituted by "31.8.2018"

- 6.3 Stability/loading & unloading information where applicable shall be provided on board. >
- 6.4 An emergency drill shall be practised by crewmembers at least once every two months. Records of emergency drills are to be kept onboard for at least one year for inspections by a Marine Department officer.

7 Survey / Inspection Items and Survey / Inspection Programmes

Table 7-1 Initial Survey

“✓” means applicable

Table 7-1	Category and Vessel Length (m)	A (All Lengths)	B (L ≥ 8 m)	B (L < 8 m)
No.	Survey Item			
(A)	CONSTRUCTION – GENERAL, SHIP STABILITY			
(1)	Draft Marks – verification	✓	✓	
(2)	Measurement of Principal Dimensions	✓ (*1)	✓	✓
(3)	Inclining Experiment (*2)	✓	✓ (*4)	
(4)	Lightship Verification (*3)	✓	✓ (*4)	
(5)	Rolling Period Test (for Category B dry cargo vessel)		✓	
(6)	Simple Inclining Test			✓
(B)	FIRE-FIGHTING APPARATUS, STRUCTURAL FIRE PROTECTION, APPLIANCES FOR PREVENTION OF COLLISION			
(1)	CO ₂ Pipe - inspection, hydraulic test and blowing test	✓	✓ (*8)	
(2)	Fire Main - inspection and hydraulic test	✓		
(3)	Structural Fire Protection (Ch. VI/13 refers) - inspection	✓	✓	✓
(4)	Position of Navigational Light and its Foundation – verification	✓	✓	
(C)	CARRIAGE OF PASSENGERS			
(1)	Measurement of Passenger Space / Seating (for transportation boat and transportation sampan)	✓		✓
(2)	Means of Escape in Accommodation Space and Machinery Spaces - inspection	✓	✓	
(D)	CONSTRUCTION – HULL; CONDITIONS OF ASSIGNMENT, LOAD LINES / FREEBOARD MARK			
(1)	Material test - Steel Plate/Aluminium Plate (*5)/GRP Polyester Resin	✓	✓ (*6)	
(2)	- Propeller Shaft, Coupling, Rudder Stock (*5) (*7)	✓	✓ (*8)	✓ (*8)
(3)	Hull Scantlings - verification	✓	✓ (*6)	✓ (*6)
(4)	Welding / GRP Lamination and Finishing - inspection	✓	✓ (*6)	-
(5)	Below Main Deck W.T. bulkhead and W.T. door fitted thereon - Hose test (*9)	✓	✓ (*4)	
(6)	Structural and Independent Tanks - internal inspection	✓	✓ (*6)	

Table 7-1 No.	Category and Vessel Length (m) Survey Item	A (All Lengths)	B (L ≥ 8 m)	B (L < 8 m)
(7)	- hydraulic test/air test ^(*9)	✓	✓ ^(*4)	
(8)	Watertight / Weathertight Appliances - inspection	✓	✓ ^(*6)	
(9)	- hose test ^(*9)	✓	✓ ^(*4)	
(10)	Load Line /Freeboard Assignment Certificate Items incl. Freeboard Marks -inspection	✓	✓	
(11)	Permanent Ballast Weights - inspection ^(*11) (Added G.N. 6489 of 2018)	✓	✓	
(E)	CONSTRUCTION - FUEL, MACHINERY, SHAFTING, ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS			
(1)	Main Engine, Gear Box - Type Approval Certificate ^(*10) - inspection	✓	✓ ^(*8)	✓ ^(*8)
(2)	Generator Diesel Engine Certificate ^(*10) / inspection	✓	✓ ^(*8)	
(3)	Tail Shafts and Coupling - verification of dimensions	✓	✓ ^(*8)	
(4)	- taper bedding test	✓	✓ ^(*8)	
(5)	Stern Tube - verification of dimension and hydraulic test	✓	✓ ^(*8)	
(6)	Independent Fuel Oil Tanks - internal inspection and hydraulic test ^(*9)	✓	✓ ^(*8)	
(7)	Verification of no. and volume of fuel oil tanks (incl. structural and independent tanks)	✓	✓ ^(*8)	✓ ^(*8)
(8)	Bilge Line - inspection and hydraulic test	✓	✓ ^(*8)	
(9)	Sea Suction valve – inspection and hydraulic test	✓	✓ ^(*8)	
(10)	Steering System Hydraulic Line - inspection and hydraulic test	✓	✓ ^(*8)	
(11)	Fuel Oil Line - inspection and hydraulic test	✓	✓ ^(*8)	
(12)	Compressed Air Pipe - hydraulic test (for P > 17.2 bar)	✓	✓	
(13)	Air Receiver / Cement Tank - verification of wall thickness/ dimensions	✓	✓	
(14)	- hydraulic test ^(*9)	✓	✓	
(15)	Main Engine Alarm System and FMEA items - function test (Applicable to vessels of the type stated in Ch. I/4.2)	MD	✓	
(16)	Electrical Wiring/installation - inspection	✓	✓	
(F)	PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF POLLUTION			
(1)	Prevention of Oil Pollution Installation - Inspection (Amended G.N. 7604 of 2021)	MD/AO/ CS* ¹²	MD/AO/ CS* ¹²	
(2)	- hydraulic test of independent bilge water / sludge holding tank	✓	✓	
(G)	STRUCTURES, EQUIPMENTS AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR CARRYING DANGEROUS GOODS			

Table 7-1 No.	Survey Item	Category and Vessel Length (m)		
		A (All Lengths)	B (L ≥ 8 m)	B (L < 8 m)
(1)	Supplementary information/data and list of inspection, testing & trial requirements relating to the type of vessel	✓	✓	
(2)	Additional Items for Oil Carriers having cargoes ≤ 60°C (Ch. VI refers) - inspection and test	✓	✓	
(3)	Additional Items for DG or NLS Carrier (Ch. VI refers) - inspection and test	✓	✓	

Remarks in Table 7-1

- *1 The measurement record shall be submitted to Marine Department for verification.
- *2 Applicable to the 1st vessel of a series of four vessels.
- *3 Applicable to the 2nd, 3rd and 4th of a series of four vessels.
- *4 For hopper barge only.
- *5 In lieu of the material test, mill sheet issued/endorsed by a classification society is acceptable.
- *6 Applicable to any vessel to be issued with Freeboard Assignment Certificate (e.g. dumb lighter, hopper barge, etc.).
- *7 Ch. IIIA/9 and IIIA/17.4 refer.
- *8 For visual inspection and operational test at either initial or final inspection only.
- *9 Annex M refers. Hose test for door fitted on watertight bulkhead may be replaced by a chalk test if a prototype test (with pressure corresponding at least to the head required for the intended location) has been carried out and certificated.
- *10 Ch. IIIA/7.1 refers. For diesel engine of new vessels, engine maker or classification societies approved certificates/information and document as appropriate required in Ch. IIIA or IIIB and Annex I-10 of this Code or MARPOL Annex VI.
- *11 Applicable to new vessels ^{Note 2} after the enforcement of this Code. The inspection shall be carried out in the vessel's initial survey, or when alterations or repairs resulting in the removal/modification of permanent ballast weights (PBWs) have been made. The inspection shall be carried out in accordance with the requirements set out in the table below:

Tasks Shipowner/Shipyard Responsible for		Tasks Inspecting Personnel Responsible for
Documents Submission	Inspection Arrangement	
(1) Declaration (refer to Annex Y of this Code) - which shall include the PBWs information (positions, quantity, materials, unit weights, serial number markings, etc.) designated in the stability booklet of the vessel. (2) Photo records (12 megapixels or above and hard copy prints in 1200 x 1200 dpi or above)- which shall clearly show the following conditions of PBWs stowage:	Stow PBWs according to the information given in item (1) in the left-hand column and carry out the inspection described in the right-hand column in coordination with attending inspecting personnel.	(1) Inspect vessel's structure with regard to PBWs stowage; (2) verify all PBWs; and (3) randomly select at least 10% of PBWs (but no less than one PBW) for inspection. The inspection shall include the PBWs' appearance, markings, weight confirmation, etc.

Note 2 Applicable to a vessel which is a new vessel under section 2 of the Survey Regulation when the reference to “the commencement date” in the definition of “new vessel” is substituted by “31.8.2018”

Tasks Shipowner/Shipyard Responsible for		Tasks Inspecting Personnel Responsible for
Documents Submission	Inspection Arrangement	
(a) ship structure prior to PBWs being stowed; (b) 50% of PBWs stowed; (c) 100% of PBWs stowed; and (d) fittings used for securing the PBWs.		

*12 Applicable to vessels holding International Oil Pollution Prevention Certificate only.
(Added G.N. 7604 of 2021)

Guide on Periodical Survey Cycle for Class II Vessel (“guide table”)

No.	Material of Construction	Vessel Type	Vessel Length (L)(m)	Owner Declaration (*1)	Interval of Survey on Slip (Table 7-2 items) (Year)	Interval of Survey Afloat (Table 7-3 items) (Year)
Mech. Propelled Vessel						
(1)	Steel / Al.	Cat. A , B	Any Length	-	(Cat. A, B) 2	Annual
(2)	GRP	Cat. A	Any Length	-	(Cat. A) 2	Annual
(3)	GRP	Cat. B	Any Length	-	(Cat. B) 3	Annual
(4)	Wood	Dry Cargo Vessel operating within River Trade Limits -	Any Length	-	(Cat. A) 2	Annual
(5)	Wood	New Vessel	$L \geq 8$	-	(Cat. A, B) 2	Annual
(6)	Wood	Existing Vessel of other than item (4)	$L \geq 24$	-	(Cat. B) 4 (full survey)	Annual
(7)	Wood	Existing Vessel	$8 \leq L < 24$	-	(Cat. A, B) 6 (full survey)	Annual
(8)	Wood	New Vessel Transportation Sampan	$L < 8$	-	(Cat. B) 4 (*2) (full survey)	Annual
(9)	Wood	New vessel of other than item (8), Existing Vessel	$L < 8$	-	-	Annual
Non-Mech. Propelled Vessel						
(10)	Steel	Existing - Crane Barge, Work Boat, Flat Top Work Barge	Any Length	-	(Cat. B) 6 (full survey) (Cat. B) (*2) (Cat. A)	Annual
(11)	Steel	Passenger use Landing Pontoon	Any Length	Annual	(Cat. B) 6 (*2) (full survey)	2
(11A)	Any	Landing Pontoon of other than item (11)	Any	Annual	-	2

No.	Material of Construction	Vessel Type	Vessel Length (L)(m)	Owner Declaration (*1)	Interval of Survey on Slip (Table 7-2 items) (Year)	Interval of Survey Afloat (Table 7-3 items) (Year)
	Material		Length			
(12)	Steel/GRP/ Wood	Landing Platform	Any Length	Annual	-	2
(12A)	Any Material of other than item (12)		Any Length	-		Annual
(13)	Steel/GRP/	Stationary Vessels other than items (14)	Any Length	Annual	-	2
(14)	Wood	Stationary Vessels (except Kitchen Boat) with $LXB \leq 25$	Any Length	Annual	-	3
(15)	Steel	Dumb Lighter, Hopper Barge	Any Length	-	(Cat. B) 2	Annual
(16)		Cat. A Vessels other than the above	Any Length		(Cat. A) 2	Annual
(17)		Cat. B Vessels other than the above	Any Length		(Cat. B) 3	Annual

Remark

- *1 Owner Declaration: In the year when the vessel is not subject to survey, shipowner shall inspect and declare the safety and equipment of his vessel within 2 months before the 1st / 2nd anniversary date of the Certificate of Survey, and produce a “Declaration of Safety and Equipment for Class II B” (which is downloaded at URL: <http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/forms/pdf/md628.pdf>) together with the Certificate of Survey to the Marine Department for the annual renewal of licence.
- *2 (a) The first slipping date of vessel is due on the 6th anniversary (for mechanised new transportation sampan, the 4th anniversary) of the vessel’s initial licensing date counted from 1 July 2017 (1 July inclusive); or at owner’s discretion, the date of the upcoming periodical survey.
- (b) Any vessel have been slipped during the period from 3 March 2017 to 30 June 2017, and surveyed to the satisfaction of Marine Department officer / authorized surveyor, can be regarded as meeting the requirement of (a), and the next slipping date may be scheduled for 2023 (for L<8 m wooden mechanised new transportation sampan, the next slipping date may be scheduled for 2021).
- *3 The intervals of various surveys for Kitchen Boat, Floating Dock and Cat. A stationary vessel are to be specially considered.

Table 7-2 Periodical Survey

“✓” means applicable

Table 7-2

Table 7-2 No.	Survey Item	Class/Category/Type of Vessel	Class IIA DG/Oil/Gas/ NLS Carrier			Class IIA Vessel other than DG/Oil/Gas/ NLS Carrier			Class IIB Vessel		
			1	2	4 (full survey)	1	2	4 (full survey)	1	2 or 3	4 or 6 (full survey)
(1)	Fixed Fire Ext. Installation CO ₂ system - blowing test Sprinkler System - spraying test			✓				✓			
(2)	- hydraulic test		(*3)								
(3)	Fire Extinguisher, CO ₂ Bottle - refill and hydraulic test		✓ (*4)						✓ (*4, *5)		
(4)	Buoyant Apparatus (without buoyant materials filled) - submerging test				✓						
(B)	CONSTRUCTION – HULL, CONDITIONS OF ASSIGNMENT										
(1)	Hull - external (incl. ship bottom) inspection			✓ (*1)			✓ (*1)			✓ (*1)	
(2)	internal (excl. oil, water tanks - and void spaces) visual inspection			✓			✓			✓ (*5)	
(3)	internal (incl. oil, water tanks - and void spaces) inspection (*7)(*8)				✓			✓			✓
(4)	- gauging thickness of deck, shell and bulkhead plating (*8)(*9)				✓			✓			✓
(5)	Sea Suctions, Discharging Valves - stripped down inspection			✓ (*13)	✓		✓ (*13)	✓		✓ (*5,*13)	✓
(6)	Anchors, Cables, Steel Wire Ropes - ranged out for inspection(*8)				✓			✓			✓ (*5)
(7)	Permanent Ballast Weights - inspection(*17) (Added G.N. 6489 of 2018)				✓			✓			✓
(C)	CONSTRUCTION - FUEL, MACHINERY, SHAFTING, ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS										
(1)	Main Engine - hydraulic test of coolers (incl. air, lub. oil, cooling water), cylinder head and water jacket				✓			✓			
			(by engine workshop) (*10)								
(2)	- overhaul of fuel oil pump, fuel nozzles				✓			✓			
			(by engine workshop) (*10)								
(3)	Main Engine and Gear Box – stripped down for inspection (*11)				✓			✓			
			(by engine workshop) (*10)								
(4)	Generator engine, auxiliary machinery (incl. windlass, lifting appliance) engine - stripped down for inspection				✓			✓			✓ (*5)
			(by engine workshop) (*10)								
(5)	Main fire pump, emergency fire pump, bilge pump, windlass - stripped down for inspection				✓			✓			
(6)	Air Receiver (P<17.2 bar) - internal inspection				✓			✓			✓

Table 7-2 No.	Survey Item	Class/Category/Type of Vessel	Class IIA DG/Oil/Gas/ NLS Carrier			Class IIA Vessel other than DG/Oil/Gas/ NLS Carrier			Class IIB Vessel		
		Survey Intervals ^(*) (²)	1	2	4 (full survey)	1	2	4 (full survey)	1	2 or 3	4 or 6 (full survey)
(7)	- hydraulic test ^(*) (8)				✓			✓			✓
(8)	Air Receiver (P≥17.2 bar) - internal inspection			✓			✓			✓	
(9)	- hydraulic test ^(*) (8)			✓			✓			✓	
(10)	Tail Shaft, Propeller, Rudder and Rudder Stock - drawn out for inspection ^(*) (8)				✓			✓			✓ (¹⁵)
(11)	Independent Cement Tank – internal Inspection & thickness gauging							✓			✓
(12)	Independent Cement Tank – external inspection					✓			✓		
(13)	Independent Fuel Oil Tank – internal inspection and hydraulic test ^(*) (8)				✓			✓			✓ (⁵ , ¹⁶)
(13A)	Independent Bilge Water Tank - hydraulic test (vessel without HKOPP certificate) (Added G.N. 7604 of 2021)				✓			✓			✓
(14)	Independent Water Tank (For Water Boat only) – hydraulic test								✓		
(D)	PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF POLLUTION										
(1)	Oil Pollution Prevention Installation - vessel with HKOPP certificate	(¹²)									
(2)	(Deleted, G.N. 7604 of 2021)										
(E)	STRUCTURES, EQUIPMENTS AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR CARRYING DANGEROUS GOODS										
(1)	Pump Room - inspection	✓									
(2)	Cargo Tank Vent Piping System – inspection	✓									
(3)	Cargo Tank Lids - inspection	✓									

Abbreviations

DG Carrier - dangerous goods carrier

NLS Carrier - noxious liquid substances carrier

Remarks in Table 7-2

*1 Survey Intervals: “2” means such item (marked as “✓”) to be subjected to survey biennially, “3” triennially, etc. The periodical survey shall be carried out in subsequent order; i.e. a 1st year survey shall be followed by a 2-yearly survey, a 3rd year survey shall be followed by a 4-yearly survey (“full survey”), etc. Refer to “guide table” for applicable types of vessels for survey intervals. For vessels classed with AO the survey programme and cycle will be specially considered in accordance with relevant Class rules. (Amended G.N. 7604 of 2021)

*2 If the hull and machinery installation of a classed vessel are inspected by a surveyor of the

classification society, the inspection reports/certificates issued by the classification society shall be submitted to Marine Department for record.

- *3 Hydraulic test for CO₂ and sprinkler systems shall begin from the 10th anniversary the system is in service, and thereafter at intervals of 10 years. The hydraulic testing pressure for the CO₂ system high pressure manifold shall not be less than 125 bar.
- *4 Inspection for portable and non-portable type fire extinguishers and CO₂ bottles shall be in accordance with the following table. The inspection record shall be retained on board for examination; or each fire extinguisher to be marked by paint or attached with a tag indicating the date and type of test.

ITEM	Water/Foam/Dry Powder Fire Extinguisher		CO ₂ Fire Extinguisher, CO ₂ Fixed Installation Bottle		
TYPE OF TEST	Refill / Weighting (*a)	Hydraulic (*b)	Weighting	Refill	Hydraulic (*b)
INSPECTION BODY	Owner (*c) /FSIC	FSIC/MD	FSIC/MD	DG Reg. 62	DG Reg. 66

Abbreviation

- FSIC: Fire Service Installation Contractors registered in the Fire Service Department or institutions acceptable to the Director
- DG Reg. 62: A person holding a Dangerous Goods Licence issued under Reg. 62, Dangerous Goods (General) Regulation
- DG Reg. 66: A person approved by Fire Service Department under Reg. 66, Dangerous Goods (General) Regulation
- MD : Marine Department officer

Note

- (*a) The need for refilling shall be in accordance with the instruction of manufacturer of fire extinguisher.
- (*b) Intervals of hydraulic test:
- | | |
|---|------------|
| Portable Fire Extinguishers | - 5 years |
| CO ₂ bottles/propellant cartridges | - 10 years |
- (*c) MD officers may examine the owner's competence on carrying out the servicing and conduct random checks including function test of the portable fire extinguishers.
- *5 Applicable to Cat. B high risk vessels, including dumb lighters used for carrying dangerous goods.
- *6 Applicable to vessels issued with Freeboard Assignment Certificate (e.g. dumb lighter, hopper barge, etc.), and new mechanised transportation sampan.
- *7 In inner bottom spaces not provided with access holes, at least 5% of area of the inner bottom plate, in at least five sufficiently scattered locations, shall be opened up to facilitate inspection of the inner bottom spaces.
- *8 For guidance on machinery and hull wear down or corrosion tolerance limits and other inspection items, refer to Annex M.
- *9 Applicable to vessels of age exceeding 8 years. For vessels possessing International Load Line Certificate the gauging inspections may be arranged when in the renewals of the load line certificate.
- *10 Inspection record issued by engine workshop shall be submitted for reference.
- *11 For a brand new gear box, the strip down inspection shall begin from the fourth anniversary the gear box is in service.
- *12 For the renewal of HKOPP certificates, oil pollution prevention installation shall be stripped down

for inspection. Independent bilge water holding/sludge tank shall be hydraulic tested.

- *13 Applicable to sea water suction valves only.
- *14 Length required to be ranged out for inspection: for anchor chains (or classification society accepted alternatives fitting) – the whole length; for steel wire ropes – the whole length or a minimum length of 50m, whichever is the less. More or the whole length to be ranged out for inspection should there be defect found.
- *15 Applicable to new mechanised transportation sampan. Tail shaft shall be drawn out for inspection every 4 years. The drawn out inspection may be postponed for a period not exceeding 2 years if the condition is satisfactory.
- *16 Applicable to new mechanised transportation sampan. External visual inspection is to be carried out for independent fuel oil tanks. Internal inspection and hydraulic test shall be carried out if the tanks are found in unsatisfactory condition.
- *17 Applicable to the first full survey of vessels one year after the enforcement of this Code (i.e. on or after 31.8.2019). The PBWs inspection may be carried out during the final inspection (Table 7-3 items). The inspection shall be carried out in accordance with the requirements set out in the table below:

Item	Survey Year	Tasks Shipowner Responsible for		Tasks Inspecting Personnel Responsible for
		Documents Submission	Inspection/Maintenance Arrangement	
(A)	Full Survey ^{Note} Note: The PBWs inspections described below shall be carried out in the quadrennial full survey when a vessel has reached 8 years of age, and in every quadrennial full survey thereafter (for a classed vessel, in the special survey when the vessel has reached 10 years of age, and in every special survey thereafter), commencing one year after the enforcement of this code (i.e. on or after 31.8.2019). The first one will be a Grade A inspection, followed by a Grade B inspection, alternating at 4-year intervals (for classed vessels, 5-year intervals, i.e. the special survey). If it is found during a Grade B inspection that the vessel’s bottom and internal structural members with regard to PBWs stowage show no excessive corrosion (not exceeding 1/2 or more of the limit set down in Annex M of this Code) and the coating is in good condition with no significant deterioration, MD may consider the shipowner’s application for having a Grade B inspection in the subsequent full survey, followed by a Grade A inspection in the next quadrennial full survey (for classed vessels, the next 5-yearly special survey).			
	Grade A Inspection	Submit the same declaration and photo records required for the PBWs inspection in the initial survey (remark *11 of Table 7-1).	(1) Clear the whole area (100%) of vessel bottom used for PBWs stowage. (2) Assist inspecting personnel and provide necessary ventilation, lighting, etc. to facilitate the inspection described in the right-hand column. (3) Carry out repairs when directed by inspecting personnel.	(1) Confirm the area at vessel bottom used for PBWs stowage is clear, and carry out PBWs inspection items (1)~(3) of remark *11 of Table 7-1 of the initial survey. (2) Confirm the following during hull inspection: (i) steel vessel – no large area of damage or heavy rusting of hull material, no abnormal accumulation of water, etc.; protective coating (if any) in good condition. (ii) Aluminium, GRP and wooden vessel - no large area of damage or abnormalities of hull

Item	Survey Year	Tasks Shipowner Responsible for		Tasks Inspecting Personnel Responsible for
		Documents Submission	Inspection/Maintenance Arrangement	
				material, no abnormal accumulation of water, etc.; protective coating (if any) in good condition. (iii) gauge plating thickness (if applicable) and submit to MD a copy of the record. (3) If the results of the abovementioned inspection items (2)(i)~(iii) fall short of requirements, the owner shall be instructed to carry out repairs, and re-inspection shall be carried out until satisfactory results are obtained. (4) If the wastage of hull material has reached 3/4 or more of the corrosion limit set down in Annex M of this Code, the owner shall be instructed to renew the hull material concerned. If it cannot be done, the hull of the part concerned shall be subject to inspection annually thereafter. (5) If heavy wastage of hull material is found, the adjoining cement PBWs (if any) shall be removed to facilitate the hull inspection.
	Grade B Inspection	(1) Declaration (2) Upon the completion of inspection and repair (if applicable), submit to MD a copy of the photo records which shall include: (i) photos showing the condition of the hull structure with PBWs removed to expose at least 25% of the total area of the hull structure covered by PBWs; and (ii) the condition of the PBWs after they are restored to their original	(1) Follow inspecting personnel's instruction (as described in the right-hand column) and remove PBWs to expose at least 25% of the total area of the hull structure covered by PBWs to facilitate inspection. (2) carry out task items (2) and (3) of Grade A inspection.	(1) Instruct the owner to remove PBWs for hull structure inspection. At least 25% ^{Notes (i)&(ii)} of the total area of hull structure covered by PBWs in each compartment shall be inspected. Note: (i) The quantity of the randomly checked PBWs shall be based on the number of PBWs removed for inspection. (ii) The positions subject to inspection are normally the parts of the hull that are more vulnerable to corrosion (such as the bottom of the aft part of the vessel for the stowage of PBWs). If individual PBWs cannot be removed for safety reason, the owner shall be instructed to remove all the PBWs to

Item	Survey Year	Tasks Shipowner Responsible for		Tasks Inspecting Personnel Responsible for
		Documents Submission	Inspection/Maintenance Arrangement	
		positions. (3) If all the PBWs have to be removed, the records required in items (1) and (2) of remark *11 of Table 7-1 for the initial survey shall be re-submitted.		facilitate hull inspection. In such case, the inspection items (1)-(3) of remark *11 of Table 7-1 of the initial survey shall be carried out. (2) Carry out task items (2)~(5) of Grade A inspection. (3) Randomly select at least 10% of PBWs (but no less than one PBWs) for inspection. The inspection shall include the PBWs' appearance, markings, weight confirmation, etc.
(B)	Years other than the full survey year	Declaration required in item (1) of Grade B inspection in (A), or a copy of an endorsed declaration.	Carry out task items (2) and (3) of Grade A inspection in (A) upon receipt of special instructions.	Conduct a visual inspection of the PBWs according to the documents submitted by the owner as mentioned in the left-hand column as and when necessary.

Table 7-3 Final Inspection ^(*1)

“✓” means applicable

Table 7-3	Category of Vessel		A	B
No.	Survey Item ^(*2)			
(A)	LIFE-SAVING APPLIANCES, FIRE-FIGHTING APPARATUS, APPLIANCES FOR PREVENTION OF COLLISION			
(1)	Life Saving Appliances - inspection and function test ^(*3)		✓	✓
(2)	Fire Fighting apparatus (incl. CO ₂ fixed fire extinguishing installation, emergency fire pump, etc) - inspection and function test		✓	✓
(3)	Navigation Lights and Sound Signals - inspection and function test		✓	✓
(4)	Fire Drill, Abandon Ship Drill ^(*11)		✓	✓
(B)	CARRIAGE OF PASSENGERS			
(1)	Passenger Space, Crew Space, Cabin Escape Arrangement, Bulwarks and Rails - general inspection		✓	
(C)	CONSTRUCTION – HULL, CONDITIONS OF ASSIGNMENT, LOAD LINES / FREEBOARD MARK			
(1)	Hull External (above waterline part) - General inspection (not required if there is on slip/docking survey during the year)		✓	✓
(2)	Watertight / Weathertight Closing Appliances (incl. door, ventilator, air pipe, etc.) - inspection		✓	✓ ^(*5)
(3)	Permanent ballast - confirmation of amount and position ^(*10)		✓	
(4)	Freeboard Mark / Load Line Mark - verification		✓	✓ ^(*5)

Table 7-3 No.	Category of Vessel Survey Item ^{(*)2}	A	B
(5) (5)	General condition in Machinery Space (including fuel oil installation) (a) protection from injury of personnel (b) prevention of fire hazard (c) prevention of oil pollution hazard		
(6)	Principal Dimensions, Engine and major machinery particulars - verification	✓	✓
(D)	CONSTRUCTION - FUEL, MACHINERY, SHAFTING, ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS		
(1)	Main Engines, Generator Engines, Steering Gears, Windlass ^{(*)13} - running test	✓	✓
(2)	Unattended Machinery Space Installation (Ch. IIIA/18 and IIIB/13 refer) - function test	✓	✓
(3)	Air Receiver / Cement Tank Safety Valves - function test	✓	✓
(4)	Bilge and Oily Water Pumping System - function test	✓	✓
(5)	Electrical Circuit - earthing test	✓	✓
(6)	- insulation resistance test	✓	✓ ^{(*)7}
(7)	- Main circuit breaker function test ^{(*)8}	✓	✓
(8)	Location of emergency source of electrical power shall be outside machinery space and above waterline – verification ^{(*)9}	✓	
(9)	Meters on Switchboard - function test	✓	
(E)	PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF POLLUTION		
(1)	Air Emission Assessment ^{(*)6}	✓	✓
(2)	Prevention of Oil Pollution Installation - function test	✓	✓
(F)	NAVIGATIONAL, COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT AND OTHERS		
(1)	Radio Communication Equipment	✓	
(2)	Navigational Equipment	✓	
(3)	Plans and data required to be retained onboard (s 6.1 refers) - confirmation of numbers and contents	✓	
(4)	Survey report issued by MD/AS/AO/RA - verification	✓	
(5)	Inspection of remedial deficiency items in Initial / Periodical Survey	✓	
(6)	Marking of Safe Working Load and Certificate of Lifting Appliances – verification ^{(*)12}	✓	✓
(7)	Supplementary information/data and list of inspection, testing & trial requirements relating to the type of vessel	✓	
(8)	Domestic L.P.G. Installation - inspection	✓	✓

Remarks in Table 7-3

*1 For intervals of final inspection with respect to type of vessel, guide table refers.

- *2 Where practicable the listed items may be presented for inspection prior to the final inspection.
- *3 Random check on the condition of lifejackets is to be according to the following proportions:

Statutorily Required No. of Common and Adult Lifejackets	Random Check	Statutorily Required No. of Children and Infant Lifejackets	Random Check
1-10	100%	1-10	100%
11-100	10 pieces	11-50	10 pieces

The counting of the number is to be 100%.

- *4 *Repealed* (Amended G.N. 6256 of 2020)
- *5 Applicable to dumb lighter and hopper barge.
- *6 Air emission requirements to be conducted as per Annex I-10.
- *7 Applicable to any vessel other than Category B wooden construction vessel. For vessels other than high risk vessels, a valid EMSD registered electrical contractor (REC) issued electrical system insulation test report (with the test being conducted by an EMSD registered electrical worker (REW) within 2 weeks prior to the final inspection) is acceptable in lieu of the insulation resistance test inspection responsible by MD officer or authorized inspection personnels. A valid electrical system insulation test report shall include the relevant necessary information. A valid electrical system insulation test report issued by an authorized inspection personnel is acceptable.
- *8 Applicable to any vessel fitted with generator of each capacity exceeding 50 kW.
- *9 Applicable to only a vessel which is still a new vessel when the reference to “the commencement date of the Survey Regulation” in the definition of “new vessel” under Ch. I/3.1 is substituted by “29 November 2014”.
- *10 Refer to the requirements of remark *11 of Table 7-1 or remark *17 of Table 7-2.
(Amended G.N. 6489 of 2018)
- *11 Applicable to any mechanized oil carrier, gas carrier, dangerous goods carrier and noxious liquid substances carrier; and any types of mechanized vessels plying beyond Hong Kong waters.
- *12 The following document / certificates certified by competent examiner shall be presented in final inspection for verification of validity:
- i) Register of Lifting Appliance & Lifting Gear (Form 1);
 - ii) Certificate of Test and Examination of Winches, Derricks and their Accessory Gear (Form 2)(if applicable);
 - iii) Certificate of Test and Examination of Lifting Appliance and their Accessory Gear other than Derricks (Form 3)(if applicable).
- *13 For high risk vessels (including dumb lighter used for carrying dangerous goods) inspecting officer will carry out external visual inspection and running test. Owner of vessel shall confirm by writing that the windlass has been properly repaired and maintained.

8 Large Cargo Vessel

- 8.1 “Large Cargo Vessel”: means local licensed cargo vessel of overall length exceeding 75

metres. These vessels are prohibited to enter the typhoon shelter and must be anchored or to leave Hong Kong waters during typhoon period, consequently reinforcement of relevant shipboard equipment and installation as stated in sections 8.2 and 8.3 are required.

- 8.2 In addition to the requirements as stated in this Code, following equipment and installation are also required:
- (a) Non-mechanically propelled vessel: one kind of communication equipment, anchor and windlass;
 - (b) Mechanically propelled vessel: compass, echo sounder, radar, VHF (Very High Frequency) radio telephone (with licence issued by Communications Authority, Hong Kong), anchor, windlass and inclinometer.
- 8.3 Standard of anchor and anchoring machine must comply with relevant strength and calculation requirements of classification societies or an equivalent Standard.

CHAPTER III A

HULL CONSTRUCTION, MACHINERY, ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS AND FITTINGS - CATEGORY A VESSEL

PART 1 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- (1) Except as otherwise specified, every vessel shall be designed and built to the requirements of rules and regulations of a classification society as listed at Annex A, having regard the size, construction material, and operational services of the vessel. Such rules and regulations shall be complied with in its entirety. However in the case of any inconsistency between this Code and any of the requirements of the classification society rules, the requirements of this Code shall be complied with.
- (2) Main propulsion, control, fuel oil, compressed air, electrical and refrigeration systems; generator machinery; air receivers and other pressure equipment; piping and pumping arrangements; steering equipment, shafts and couplings for power transmission shall be designed, constructed and tested to the satisfaction of the surveyor. Suitable means or device shall be provided to machinery, equipment, lifting gear, winches, fish handling and fish processing equipment, etc. so as to reduce to a minimum any danger to persons on board. Special attention shall be paid to moving parts, hot surfaces and other potential dangers.

PART 2 HULL CONSTRUCTION

1 Main Deck Construction

- 1.1 Every vessel shall be fully decked. Sunken deck intended to be used for passenger cabin shall have scantlings equivalent to those of main deck, and shall be at least 300 mm above the deepest loaded waterline. The sunken deck is not necessarily of watertight construction unless it also serves as a double bottom.
- 1.2 For a new vessel^{Note1}, if opening is fitted on main deck leading to spaces below deck the first tier of superstructure on main deck shall be of weathertight construction for the purpose of maintaining the integrity and stability of vessel. The closing appliances fitted on such position shall meet the requirements of section 3 below.

2 Bulkheads

- 2.1 On any motored vessel, the dispositions and construction of watertight bulkheads shall meet the relevant requirements of classification societies.
- 2.2 Vessels required complying with the provision of the prevention of pollution regulations, the dispositions and construction of bulkheads in such vessels shall meet the relevant damage stability criteria.
- 2.3 On all vessels other than wooden vessels, and as far as practicable on wooden vessels,

^{Note1} Applicable to a vessel which is a new vessel when the reference to “the commencement date” in the definition of “new vessel” under section 2 of the Survey Regulation is substituted by “3 March 2017”.

bulkheads shall be of watertight construction.

- 2.4 Access openings fitted in watertight bulkheads shall be equipped with effective watertight closing appliances and meet the requirements stipulated in section 2.5.
- 2.5 The design of the watertight doors shall comply with the following requirements:
- (a) The dimension of the watertight doors shall suit the design of the vessels;
 - (b) The warning “Door must be kept closed when underway” shall be marked on both sides of the watertight door;
 - (c) For hinged type watertight door, they shall be opened outward except those doors in high flooding risk spaces shall be opened into the space; and
 - (d) Watertight doors to be fitted with visual and audio alarms in the wheelhouse to give alerts when watertight doors are open.

3 Closing Appliances, Freeing Ports

- 3.1 On every vessel, air pipes, ventilators, cargo hatchways, small hatchways, manholes, skylights and doors leading to a space below main deck shall be fitted with weathertight closing appliance and shall have a minimum coaming height as follows:

Plying Limits	Coaming Height (mm)
Hong Kong Waters	230 <300>
River Trade Limits	600

No coaming is required for watertight manholes.

- 3.2 Special consideration may be given to vessel of a design for a particular operation. Such restriction or condition, if any, would be endorsed on the inspection certificate of the vessel.
- 3.3 Sidescuttles below main deck shall be of watertight and non-opening type fitted with deadlight.
- 3.4 Vessels issued with Hong Kong Load Line Certificate (HKLL Certificate) or International Load Line Certificate (ILL certificate) must in addition comply with the relevant requirements on closing appliances prescribed in the Load Lines Convention.
- 3.5 If bulwark is fitted at the shipside, freeing ports shall be provided in the bulwark with the minimum aggregate area in accordance with the rules of the classification society based on the vessel’s size and operational services.

4 Protection of Passengers and Crew

- 4.1 Bulwark, guardrails or equivalent shall in general be installed near the periphery of weather decks accessible to passengers and crew. Any non-mechanically propelled vessel on which bulwark or guardrails are not fitted at main deck ship side there shall be displayed in a conspicuous location on board a suitable warning plate indicating that no bulwark or guardrails had been fitted at the position. Storm rails or handgrips shall be fitted in passenger standing areas, fixed at deck or at wall.
- 4.2 Bulwarks and rails shall have a minimum height of 1000 mm above deck. Where it can

be shown that higher rails would interfere with the normal operation of the vessel a reduced height may be accepted. Sufficient freeing ports are to be provided on bulwarks. When guardrails are fitted, the opening below the lowest course of the rails shall not exceed 230 mm and the other courses shall not be more than 380 mm apart.

- 4.3 Vessels issued with HKLL Certificate or ILL Certificate must be in addition comply with relevant requirements on means of protection prescribed in the Load Lines Convention.

5 Flooring

Metallic or wooden flooring, if fitted above bilge, shall be readily removable for cleaning and inspection. A steel inner bottom, if fitted, shall meet the requirements of classification society rules in respect of double bottom. Access openings and air pipes shall be provided for such spaces.

6 Marking of Hull

- 6.1 The certificate of ownership number of a vessel must be marked in accordance with section 38 of the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Certification and Licensing) Regulation.
- 6.2 On every passenger carrying launch the name of vessel (if any, as that shown on vessel's Certificate of Survey) and the total number of persons (passenger and crew) shall be painted on vessel's bows and stern. The minimum size of lettering is 100 mm in height.
- 6.3 Permanent draft marks shall be provided on port and starboard side of stem and stern of a vessel. The marks shall be measured from the bottom of the keel, with letters and figures being in decimetric heights and at two decimetric intervals.

PART 3 MACHINERY INSTALLATION

7 Main Engine, Auxiliary Engine and Gear Box

- 7.1 In any -
- (a) oil carrier;
 - (b) noxious liquid substances carrier;
 - (c) dangerous goods carrier;
 - (d) tug;
 - (e) gas carrier; or
 - (f) vessel plying beyond Hong Kong waters

which is not classed with a classification society and has main engine power output exceeding 130 kW, such main engine and its associated gear box shall be of a type approved by a classification society or maritime administration.

- 7.2 The main engine and the associated gearbox shall be matched at the maximum continuous rating condition. Alternative rating may be accepted subject to proper justification is given.

- 7.3 New main engines and gear boxes are required to be fitted on new vessels stated in section 7.1. For vessels other than those stated in section 7.1 used engine may be fitted. To facilitate the confirmation of the source of origin and/or the quality of reconditioning of the used engine, proper document from the original engine maker or purchase document from the engine workshop shall be submitted. The data on engine model, type and identification number shall be clear and adequate for accurate assessment of the engine power. The reconditioning reports shall give adequate details similar or same as the items and format given on checklist of engine and gearbox inspection in Annex I-2 and I-3. For new engine requirements, owners are drawn attention to the recommendation in Annex I-10.

Vessels built on or after 1 June 2008 but before 1 July 2016 may be fitted with Tier I engine; vessels built on or after 1 July 2016 must be fitted with Tier II engine.

- 7.4 For main engine and gear box fitted on vessel other than that stated in section 7.1, documentation provided by manufacturer indicating that the main engines are of marine type is sufficient.
- 7.5 Auxiliary engine(s) on new mechanically propelled vessel shall be ‘marine type’; auxiliary engine(s) on existing mechanically propelled vessel shall also be ‘marine type’ if they are being replaced/renewed.
- 7.6. Any engine fitted on a vessel shall be properly maintained at all time free from dark smoke emission. In this regard, during the final inspection for initial and periodic survey, engine performance condition check would include smoke emission test using Ringelmann Chart. Shade 2 of the Ringelmann Chart and a continuous period of 3 minutes are the upper limits. The emission beyond this limit is considered as a contravention of the law.
- 7.7 Any vessel if found or reported emitting excessive dark smoke, owners would be requested to present vessel’s engine(s) for special inspection and smoke test to ensure compliance. Any non-compliance will be pursued in accordance with relevant legislation requirement.
- 7.8 If replacement of main engine, generator set, etc. are required, owner shall refer to the requirements as indicated in Annex I-5A, I-5B and I-5C.

8 Engine Fittings

- 8.1 Main engine and generator engine shall be provided with effective means of control and indication.
- 8.2 If remote control of main engine is provided from the wheelhouse, local control shall also be provided at engine side.
- < 8.3 Emergency stopping device for main engine shall be provided in wheelhouse. >
- 8.4 Main engine installed on any
- (a) <oil carrier carrying cargo oil having a flash point not exceeding 60°C (closed cup test)>;
 - (b) <dangerous goods carrier>;
 - (c) <noxious liquid substances carrier>;

- (d) <tug>;
- (e) <gas carrier>; or
- (f) <Category A vessel plying beyond Hong Kong waters>

shall be provided with means of protection due to engine faults as follows:

Engine Fault	Means of Protection	
	Audible and Visible Warning Alarm	Automatic Shut-off
Lubrication oil low pressure	✓	
Cooling water high temperature	✓	
Overspeed	✓	✓

- 8.5 The control for re-setting of main engine shall be fitted at the helmsman's position.
- 8.6 Engine with cylinder diameter greater than 200 mm or a crankcase volume greater than 0.6 m³ shall be provided with crankcase explosion relief valves of approved type. Other engines of smaller size shall be fitted with crankcase venting pipe leading to the open deck.
- 8.7 The engine's exhaust pipe shall be lagged with heat-resistant material unless it is served by a water cooling system. A silencer or expansion chamber shall be fitted on the exhaust pipe.

9 Propeller Shafting

- 9.1 The diameter of propeller shaft shall meet the minimum requirements of the classification society rules. The owner and/or builder of vessel are suggested to consider an allowance for wear down of the shaft. Repair by machining to eliminate defects of the shaft may be permitted, provided the minimum diameter as required by the classification society rules is maintained.
- 9.2 Propeller shaft and its coupling shall be physically tested and certificated as follows:

Type of Vessel \ Shaft Diameter	> 75 mm	≤ 75 mm
As stated in section 7.1	MD/CS	manufacturer
Others	manufacturer	manufacturer

MD : Marine Department

CS : classification society

- 9.3 Propulsion systems including shafting of non-conventional type may be accepted if that are of the types approved by classification society.

10 Engine Room

- 10.1 Engine room shall be so designed as to provide safe and free access to all machinery and its controls as well as to any other parts which may require servicing.
- 10.2 Adequate ventilation shall be provided in the engine room of mechanically propelled

vessel. If only natural ventilation is provided, at least two cowl ventilators of adequate size shall be fitted. One of the cowl vents shall be led well down into the space to vent out the accumulated vapour in the lower part of the space. Ventilation trunk if passing through other compartments shall be of watertight or gastight construction and structurally protected ^{Note 1}, as appropriate. The ventilator shall be fitted with a fire damper or other means of closing. If a fire damper is fitted, an indicator shall be provided to show whether the damper is in the open or close position. The fire damper may be of manual type and the indicator which could be in written form or other physical means, and be installed locally in the vicinity of fire damper.

- 10.3 If the vessel is constructed of wooden or GRP of non-oil resistant material, a suitable metal tray which can readily be cleaned shall be fitted under the engine to protect the bilges against saturation by oil.
- 10.4 Two means of escape including suitable ladders and exits shall be provided for the engine room. One of these means of escape may be waived with regard to the size and disposition of the space. Any vessel permitted to be operated by combined coxswain and engine operator (Ch. XII/3 refers) and of length less than 24 metres, one means of escape can be waived.

If such means of escape is led to passenger space, it shall be clear of any seating.

- 10.5 Every machinery spaces must be at all times kept clean and free from unnecessary combustible materials and that waste oil is not allowed to accumulate in the bilges.

11 Nature of Fuel

Except otherwise permitted by the Director, marine fuel oil of flash point of less than 60°C (closed cup test) must not be used for engine.

12 Tanks

- 12.1 The arrangements for filling fuel tanks shall be such that oil will not spill or overflow into any compartment of the vessel. Woodwork surrounding the deck filling mouth shall be covered with metal piece. No loose can/barrel of fuel oil shall be carried on board.
- 12.2 Fuel tanks shall be substantially constructed of suitable material and securely fixed in position. The tanks and their connections shall be tested per the requirements of Annex M/3.1.
- 12.3.1 The materials for water tank of water boats shall be of steel, aluminum or glass reinforced fibre (GRP) subject to:
- (a) the tanks are watertight;
 - (b) the tanks do not affect the stability, structure and safety of the vessel;
 - (c) the shell of water tank shall not be formed as any part of ship hull unless the ship hull is constructed of steel or aluminum;

^{Note1} Applicable to a vessel which is when the reference to “the commencement date” of the Survey Regulation in the definition of “new vessel” under section 2 of the Survey Regulation is substituted by “3 March 2017”.

- (d) the physical construction and installation of the water tank, fittings and piping are up to the Director's satisfaction;
- (e) the tank coating/paint used shall not cause any health and hygiene risk; and
- (f) the requirements from other Department (if any) shall be fulfilled.

12.3.2 If water boat requires ballasting; detail information, drawing and calculation of the ballast tank and ballast system shall be prior approved by the Director.

13 Pumping and Piping Arrangement

- 13.1 All fuel oil tank, lubrication oil tank and spaces where flammable gas may collect shall be fitted with venting pipes leading to the weather deck. The open end of any oil tank's venting pipe shall be fitted with properly secured metallic wire-gauze.
- 13.2 Safe and efficient means of ascertaining the amount of fuel oil in any oil tank shall be provided. For sounding pipes, their upper ends shall terminate in safe positions and be fitted with suitable means of closure. Any transparent level gauge shall be of robust construction and of a type acceptable to the Department and fitted with automatic closing valves at both ends. Other means of proven design may be allowed subject to any failure or overfilling of the tank will not permit release of oil from it. Filling pipes shall have suitable screwed cap.
- 13.3 Fuel oil pipes, their valves and fittings shall be of copper, steel or other equivalent material. Where necessary flexible pipes may be allowed provided such pipes and their end attachments are of adequate strength, made of approved fire-resistant materials or design, to the satisfaction of the surveyor. Pipe joints in general are to be readily accessible. Fuel tank outlet valves shall be readily closed from a position outside the space where the tank is situated. An automatic closing drain valve shall be fitted at a lower position of fuel oil tank.
- 13.4 Oil pipes, water pipes and engine exhaust pipes shall generally not be fitted above and close to electrical distribution board, switchboard, etc. or any hot surface. Shall it be unavoidable, suitable protection shall be provided. Oil pipes shall not be led through any fresh water tank.
- 13.5 A suitable metal tray for collection of leaking oil shall be fitted under each valve of oil tanks and filters.
- 13.6 Independently driven fuel oil pump shall be provided with -
 - (a) a suitable relief valve at discharge side of the pump;
 - (b) a means of stop outside of the space where the pump is situated.

14 Bilge Pumping Arrangement

- 14.1 Every vessel shall be provided with a bilge pumping system for pumping out bilge water from any compartment other than oil tanks and water tanks appropriate to the size of vessel as given by classification society rules.
- 14.2 A screw-down non-return valve shall be fitted at the following positions in the bilge line:
 - (a) bilge valve distribution chests;
 - (b) direct bilge suction; and
 - (c) bilge pump connections to main bilge line.

- 14.3 Bilge pipes shall not be led through any fresh water tank. Bilges pipes, if pass through fuel oil, ballast or double bottom tanks, shall be of heavy gauge steel construction.
- 14.4 Any bilge pipe piercing collision bulkhead shall be fitted with a positive means of closing at the bulkhead with remote control from the working deck with an indicator showing the position of the valve provided that, if the valve is fitted on the after side of the bulkhead and is readily accessible under all service conditions, the remote control may be dispensed with.

15 Compressed Air System

- 15.1 Suitable pressure-relief arrangements shall be provided to prevent excess pressure in any part of the compressed air systems.
- 15.2 The starting air arrangements for main engine of a cylinder diameter exceeding 300 mm shall be adequately protected against the effects of back firing and internal explosion in the starting air pipes.
- 15.3 The discharge pipes from starting air compressor shall be led directly to the starting air receiver. Starting air pipes from air receivers serving main or generator engines shall be entirely separate from other services.
- 15.4 Provision shall be made to avoid or minimize the entry of oil into the air pressure systems and to drain the oil from the systems.
- 15.5 (a) Construction of air receivers shall meet the standard of a maritime administration's national standard or a classification society, and be subject to the approval of the Director. The air receivers are classified according to the following table (Note: The highest class prevails if there are different classes worked out from P, S and T):

Class I	Class II	Class III
$P > 39.2$	$39.2 \geq P \geq 17.2$	$P < 17.2$
or $S > 38$	or $38 \geq S \geq 16$	or $S < 16$
or $T > 350$	or $350 \geq T \geq 150$	or $T < 150$

where P = maximum design or working pressure (bar)

S = shell thickness (mm)

T = working temperature (°C)

- (b) Air receivers fitted on new vessel ^{Note 1} shall be built under the survey of one of the abovementioned maritime institutions, and issued with appropriate certificates.
- (c) Each air receiver shall be provided with the following fittings:
- (i) Stop valve and pressure gauge
 - (ii) Drain valve

^{Note 1} Applicable to a vessel which is when the reference to “the commencement date” of the Survey Regulation in the definition of “new vessel” under section 2 of the Survey Regulation is substituted by “3 March 2017”.

- (iii) Safety valve

- (d) The following information shall be submitted in duplicate for approval:
- (i) Air receiver construction (including details of welded connections, attachments, dimensions and supports etc.)
 - (ii) Construction of pressure parts (cylindrical shell, end plates, etc.)
 - (iii) Arrangement of mountings and fittings
 - (iv) Mechanical properties of material
 - (v) Test pressure.

15.6 Every air receiver shall be tested at pressure according to the following table:

Type of Construction	Maximum Working Pressure (MWP)	Test Pressure
Riveted or Fusion welded	$MWP \leq 7 \text{ bar}$	$2 \times MWP$
Riveted	$7 \text{ bar} < MWP \leq 20 \text{ bar}$	$1.5 \times MWP + 3.5$
Riveted	$MWP > 20 \text{ bar}$	$MWP + 14$
Fusion welded	$MWP > 7 \text{ bar}$	$1.5 \times MWP + 3.5$

16 Anchors, Cables and Windlass

- 16.1 The sizes of chain cables and anchors shall be in accordance with classification society rule requirements prescribed for vessels operating in sheltered waters. Where ropes are proposed instead of chain cables, the ropes sizes and strengths shall be equivalent to that of chain cables.
- 16.2 A windlass for recovering the cables and anchors is recommended.

17 Steering System

- 17.1 Every motored vessel shall be provided with a main steering gear and an emergency means for actuating the rudder. The main steering gear shall be capable of turning the rudder over from 35° on either side to 30° on the other side in not more than 28 seconds, at vessel's maximum service speed. The emergency means may be of powered or manually operated.
- 17.2 Pressure relief valve shall be fitted at the hydraulic line.
- 17.3 The position of rudder, if power operated, shall be indicated in the wheelhouse. The rudder angle indication for power-operated steering gear shall be independent of the steering gear control system.
- 17.4 Material tests for rudder stocks shall be carried out as that for propeller shafts. Rudder stock assembly shall be enclosed with efficient watertight glands and packing. Suitable stopping devices are to be provided for the rudder to prevent it from excessive angular motion and vertical jumping.
- 17.5 The steering system of vessels of the type stated in Ch. I/4.2 shall comply with the relevant requirements specified in Ch. XI.

18 Wheelhouse - Engine Room Communication

18.1 On any vessel with manned engine rooms, a suitable system of communication between wheelhouse and engine room shall be provided.

18.2 Any vessel with length or propulsion power as indicated below, operating in unattended machinery spaces mode shall be provided with the following installation in the proximity of the position of helmsman:

- (a) Vessel of $L \leq 37$ m or total propulsion power ≤ 1500 kW (2,010HP)
 - (i) for main engine-
 - (1) means of start, stop and control of speed
 - (2) control of gearbox or clutch
 - (3) lubricating oil pressure gauges
 - (4) < lubricating oil low pressure alarm>
 - (5) cooling water pressure gauges (if fitted on the engine)
 - (6) cooling water temperature gauges
 - (7) < cooling water high temperature alarm>
 - (8) exhaust temperature gauges (if fitted on the engine)
 - (9) a fixed fire detection (operated by fire detectors) and fire alarm system for engine room. (For the purpose of “combined coxswain” operation, vessels of length less than 12 m, except those operating beyond waters of Hong Kong or “high risk” type, if regular surveillance (such as through tale-tell pipe or transparent glass view-hole fittings etc.) can be exercised from outside engine room or control station by the coxswain or a crewmember, these requirements can be waived).
 - (ii) for generator engine-
 - means to stop
 - (iii) for bilge water in engine room-
 - high level audible alarm.
- (b) Vessel with length $L > 37$ m or total propulsion power > 1500 kW(2010HP) would be specially considered.

19 Installation for Prevention of Oil Pollution

19.1 In accordance with Schedule 7 of Survey Regulation, vessels to which the requirements of Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Oil Pollution) Regulations (Cap 413A) applicable, are reproduced in the following table:

Type of vessel	Category of vessel	A		B	
	Propulsion	with Main Engine	No Main Engine	with Main Engine	No Main Engine
		Gross Tonnage	Gross Tonnage	Gross Tonnage	Gross Tonnage
Class II Vessel					
Dangerous Goods Carrier		≥80	-	≥400	-
Dredger		≥80	-	-	-
Dry Cargo Vessel		≥80	-	≥400	-
Edible Oil Carrier		≥80	-	-	-
Floating Dock		-	≥80	-	-
Floating Workshop (including Repair Pontoon, Welding Barge)		≥80	≥80	≥80	≥80
Noxious Liquid Substance Carrier		≥80	-	-	-
Oil Carrier		any tonnage	any tonnage	-	-
Pilot Boat		≥80	-	≥400	-
Special Purpose Vessel		≥80	-	-	-
Transportation Boat		≥80	-	-	-
Transportation Sampan		-	-	≥400	-
Tug		≥80	-	-	-
Water Boat		≥80	-	≥400	-
Work Boat		≥80	≥80	≥80	≥80

19.2 The installation and documentation required on board, and information required to submit for approval are detailed in the following table:

Type of Vessel	Oil Carrier (incl. Sludge Oil Carrier)		Vessels other than Oil Carrier	
Gross Tonnage (GT)	GT<150	GT≥150	80≤GT<400	GT≥400
Required Installation and Documentation	(c),(f),(n)	(a),(b),(c),(d),(e),(n)	(c),(f)	(a),(b),(c),(d),(e)
Information to be submitted	(i),(k),(l),(m)	(g),(h),(j),(k),(l),(m),(o)	(i)	(g),(h),(j)

Legend

- (a) An approved type oily water separator designed to produce effluent not more than 15 ppm of oil.
- (b) Tank (sludge tank) for oil residue in engine room.

The minimum sludge tank capacity (V_1) shall be determined by the following formula:

$$V_1 = 0.005CD \text{ (m}^3\text{)}$$

where

C = daily fuel oil consumption (m^3); and

D = maximum no. of days when sludge can be discharged ashore.

Oil residue (sludge) may be disposed of directly from the oil residue (sludge) tank(s) through the standard discharge connection, or any other approved means of disposal. The oil residue (sludge) tank(s) shall be provided with a designated pump for disposal that is capable of taking suction from the oil residue (sludge) tank(s); and shall have no discharge connections to the bilge system, oily bilge water holding tank(s), tank top or oily water separators except that the tank(s) may be fitted with drains, with manually operated self-closing valves and arrangements for subsequent visual monitoring of the settled water, that lead to an oily bilge water holding tank or bilge well, or an alternative arrangement, provided such arrangement does not connect directly to the bilge piping system.

- (c) Standard discharge connection.
- (d) For oil carrier (including sludge oil carrier) ≥ 150 GRT or vessels other than oil carrier ≥ 400 GRT, HKOPP Certificate and Supplement issued/endorsed by the Director or International Oil Pollution Prevention Certificate and Supplement issued/endorsed by a classification society.
- (e) Oil record book (Part I and Part II); Vessels other than oil carriers require Part I.
- (f) Bilge water holding tank.

The minimum capacity (V) of the tank is to be determined by the following formula:

$$V = 0.9 P + 50 \quad \text{litres}$$

where P = total horsepower of main engine(s), in kW.

The above formula is for an interval of discharge of 18 hours. For alternate intervals of discharge, the capacity shall be adjusted accordingly.

- (g) Installation plans for oily-water separator consist of:
 - (i) piping arrangements, and
 - (ii) wiring diagram of electrical installation.
- (h) Sludge tank and discharge arrangement plans include:
 - (i) construction, size and location of sludge tank; and
 - (ii) piping diagram of sludge tank from machinery spaces to reception facility via standard discharge connection.
- (i) Bilge water holding tank and discharge arrangement plans include:
 - (i) construction, size and location of bilge holding tank; and
 - (ii) piping diagram of bilge water holding tank from machinery spaces to reception facility via standard discharge connection.
- (j) Shipboard oil pollution emergency plan (not required for sludge oil carriers).
- (k) Cargo oil pump room bilge pumping arrangements.
- (l) Brief description of scheme for cleaning cargo oil tanks.
- (m) Damage stability calculations.
- (n) Stability instrument (Ch. IV/11 refers)
- (o) STS operation plan (applicable to tankers engaged in the transfer of oil cargo at sea)

19.3 Vessels shall maintain a valid certificate relevant to prevention of oil pollution as required by Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Oil Pollution) Regulations (Cap 413 sub. leg A) for the intended purpose of the vessel.

- 19.4 Provisions for discharge prohibition for oil pollution prevention as stipulated in Cap 313, Cap 413 and Cap 548 must be complied with for all vessels, including those vessels not mandatory required to provide with the physical arrangements/ equipment/document on board as indicated in sections 19.1 and 19.2.

20 Pollution Prevention for Vessels carrying Noxious Liquid Substances in bulk

Every vessel carrying noxious liquid substance, including unassessed liquid substances, in bulk shall comply with the relevant requirements of the Merchant Shipping (Control of Pollution by Noxious Liquid Substances in Bulk) Regulations, Cap 413B and maintain a valid certificate as appropriate for the intended purpose of the vessel.

PART 4 ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION

21 Electrical Power Source

- 21.1 Nominal voltage of electrical system is recommended to be 380V for generation and power circuits, 220V for lighting and distribution circuits and 24V D.C. for low voltage circuits.
- 21.2 The hull return system shall not be used for power or lighting.
- 21.3 An earthed distribution system shall not be used on an oil carrier carrying petroleum products or other types of vessel with flammable cargo.
- 21.4 Where electrical power constitutes the only means of driving the lubrication oil pump and cooling water pump for the main engine, a main source of electrical power shall be provided which shall include at least two generating sets, one of which shall be driven by internal combustion engine.
- 21.5 The vessel's emergency lighting, fixed fire extinguishing system, fire detection and alarm system, public address system; and navigation lights for vessels of length exceeding 24 metres shall be provided with emergency power supply of sufficient capacity.
- 21.6 For vessels built on or after 29 November 2014 the emergency source of power shall be located outside engine room and above the full-load waterline of the vessel.
- 21.7 Ventilation fans serving machinery or cargo spaces, engines' oil fuel pumps and other similar oil pumps shall be capable to be stopped outside of the space where the appliance is situated.
- 21.8 Each navigation light shall be connected separately to the distribution board served for this purpose.
- <21.9 In every electric or electro-hydraulic power steering gear system on vessel:
- (a) the steering gear shall have two independent sets of supply cables connecting direct to main switchboard;
 - (b) the supply circuits of steering gear control system shall be provided with short circuit protection only;
 - (c) the steering gear motors shall have an overload alarm instead of overload protection. The short circuit protection shall be not less than twice the total rated current of the motor in the circuit protected.

This subsection is not applicable to vessels fitted with a separate power-operated means of steering.>

22 Precautions against Shock, Fire and Other Hazards of Electrical Origin

- 22.1 (a) Exposed permanently fixed metal parts of electrical machines or equipment which are not intended to be "live", but which are liable under fault conditions to become "live" shall be earthed unless they are supplied at a voltage not exceeding 50 volts.
- (b) Electrical apparatus shall be so constructed and so installed that it shall not cause injury to person when handled or touched in the normal manner.
- 22.2 Main and emergency switchboards shall be so arranged as to give easy access as may be needed to apparatus and equipment, without danger to attendants. The sides and backs and, where necessary, the fronts of switchboards, shall be suitably guarded. Exposed "live" parts having voltages exceeding 50 volts shall not be installed on the front of such switchboards. There shall be non-conducting mats or gratings at the front and rear, where necessary.
- 22.3 The distribution system if exceeds 50V, whether primary or secondary, for power or lighting, with no connection to earth is used, a device capable of monitoring the insulation level to earth shall be provided.
- 22.4 (a) The voltage rating of any cable shall not be less than the nominal voltage.
- (b) Every conductor of a cable, flexible cable or flexible cord shall be capable of carrying the maximum current which will normally flow through it without exceeding the appropriate current rating as specified by manufacturer of the cable.
- (c) Cable runs shall be selected so as to avoid action from condensed moisture or drip. Cables shall, as far as possible, be remote from sources of heat, such as hot pipes, resistors, etc.
- (d) Cables shall be prevented from mechanical damage. When necessary cables shall be enclosed in suitable conduits or casings, or armoured cables shall be used.
- 22.5 (a) Circuits shall be protected against short circuit and overload.
- (b) The current rating of circuit breaker shall not exceed the current rating of the smallest size of cable in the circuit protected by the circuit breaker.
- 22.6 Lighting fittings shall be arranged to prevent temperature rises which could damage the wiring and to prevent surrounding material from becoming excessively hot.
- 22.7 In spaces where flammable gas mixtures are liable to collect and in any compartment assigned principally to the containment of an accumulator battery, the electrical fittings shall be of explosionproof type.
- 22.8 (a) The housing of accumulator batteries shall be properly stowed in a locker which shall be well ventilated.
- (b) Accumulator batteries shall not be located in the crew or passenger spaces.
- <22.9 A lightning conductor is recommended to be fitted for a vessel which hull or mast is constructed of nonconductive materials. The lightning conductor might be connected to a copper plate fixed to the vessel's hull well below the lightship waterline. >
- 22.10 When any work to be carried out on electrical appliances a signboard showing "Work in Progress" shall be displayed at prominent position of the electrical panel to prohibit anyone from operating the panel.

PART 5 REFRIGERATION INSTALLATION

23 Refrigerating Chamber and Refrigerating Machinery

23.1 Refrigerating Chamber

- 23.1.1 The insulation layer shall be intact and properly fixed.
- 23.1.2 Effective drainage arrangement shall be provided for the refrigerating chamber and evaporator.
- 23.1.3 All accessories of the system including the thermometer, pressure gauge shall be properly maintained to indicate the correct parameters.
- 23.1.4 Door alarm or manual call point, if provided, shall be properly maintained and routine testing is necessary to ensure their correct functioning.
- 23.1.5 The chamber shall be well lit and evaporator fan, if provided, shall be fitted with protective guard.

23.2 Refrigerating Machinery

- 23.2.1 All the accessories including the thermometer, pressure gauge, relief valve, liquid indicator shall be properly maintained.
- 23.2.2 The relief valves and bursting disc shall not be blanked and damaged. Blow test would be required if the stamp seal has been damaged.
- 23.2.3 The high pressure (discharge) and low pressure (suction) cut-out of the refrigerating compressor shall be properly maintained. Periodic testing is necessary to ensure their normal functioning.
- 23.2.4 Insulation resistance of the electrical supply of the system shall not be less than 1 mega ohms.
- 23.2.5 Safety protective device of switchgear shall be properly maintained and tested to ensure their normal functioning.
- 23.2.6 Control and safety cut-out of the system shall be properly maintained and tested to ensure their normal functioning.

CHAPTER III B
HULL CONSTRUCTION, MACHINERY, ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS
AND FITTINGS - CATEGORY B VESSEL

PART 1 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- (1) Dumb lighter, hopper barge and any vessel required to possess a Hong Kong Load Line Certificate or a Freeboard Assignment Certificate; shall be designed and built to the requirements of the relevant rules and regulations as listed at Annex A, having regard the size, construction material and operational services of the vessel. Such rules and regulations shall be complied with in its entirety. However in the case of any inconsistency between this Code and the requirements of the classification society rules, this Code shall be complied with.
- (2) Suitable means or device shall be provided to machinery, equipment, lifting gear and winch, etc. so as to reduce to a minimum any danger to persons on board. Special attention shall be paid to moving parts, hot surfaces and other potential dangers.

PART 2 HULL CONSTRUCTION

1 Hull and Bulkheads

1.1 Any motor vessel shall be fitted with:

- < (a) a collision bulkhead (for vessels of other than wooden vessels and of length (L) exceeding 8 m); >
- (b) engine room fore bulkhead; and
- (c) engine room aft bulkhead, unless the machinery space is situated at aft end of the vessel.

1.2 For vessels of other than wooden construction, the bulkheads shall be of watertight construction. Bulkheads in vessels of wooden construction shall be as far as practicable of watertight construction. Openings fitted on bulkhead for the passing of pipes, cables, etc. shall be accordingly constructed.

1.3 < Access opening fitted in a watertight bulkhead shall be equipped with effective watertight closing appliance. No opening is to be fitted in collision bulkhead on vessels other than wooden construction. >

2 Closing Appliances, Freeing Ports

2.1 The air pipes, ventilators, cargo hatchways, small hatchways, manholes and doors which are leading to a space below main deck shall be fitted with weathertight closing appliance and have a minimum coaming height of 230 or <300> mm on any -

- (a) vessel of other than wooden vessel not in possession of a Freeboard Assignment Certificate; or
- < (b) wooden vessel plying beyond Hong Kong waters >

2.2 No coaming is required for watertight manholes.

2.3 If bulwark is fitted at the shipside on vessels operating outside the Specified Sheltered Waters, freeing ports shall be provided in both sides of the bulwark with the minimum

aggregate area (in m²) indicated in the following table. For vessels operating beyond Hong Kong Waters, the aggregate area shall be twice of that indicated in the tables.

Length (L) (m)	Aggregate Freeing Port Area (m ²)
$L \leq 12$	0.0115 L
$12 < L < 24$	(0.00146 L-0.006) L
$L \geq 24$	0.029 L

3 Protection of Passengers and Crew

Ch.IIIA/4 refer.

4 Flooring

Ch.IIIA/5 refers.

5 Marking of Hull

5.1 For vessels of all kinds of construction, Ch.IIIA/6.1 refers.

<5.2 Every vessel assigned with a freeboard in compliance with requirement of Ch.IV/1.1 shall provide with draft marks per requirements of Ch.III A/6.3>.

PART 3 MACHINERY INSTALLATION

6 Main Engine and Engine Fitting

The engine's exhaust pipe shall be lagged with heat-resistant material unless it is served by a water cooling system. A silencer or expansion chamber shall be fitted on the exhaust pipe.
<Main engine crankcase shall be fitted with venting pipe leading to the open deck>.

7 Engine Room

7.1 Adequate ventilation shall be provided in engine room of mechanically propelled vessel. If only natural ventilation is provided, at least two cowl ventilators of adequate size shall be fitted.

7.2 If the vessel is of wooden construction or GRP of non-oil resistant material, a metal tray, which can readily be cleaned, shall be fitted under the engine to protect the bilges against saturation by oil.

7.3 Every machinery spaces shall be at all times kept clean and free from unnecessary combustible materials and that waste oil is not allowed to accumulate in the bilges.

8 Nature of Fuel

Ch.IIIA/11 refers.

9 Tanks

9.1 The arrangements for filling fuel tanks are to be such that oil will not spill or overflow into any compartment of the vessel. Woodwork surrounding deck-filling mouth shall be covered with sheet metal. No loose can/barrel of fuel oil is to be carried on board.

9.2 Fuel tanks shall be substantially constructed of suitable material and securely fixed in position.

- 9.3.1 The materials for water tank of water boats shall be of steel, aluminum or glass reinforced fibre (GRP) subject to:
- (a) the tanks are watertight;
 - (b) the tanks do not affect the stability, structure and safety of the vessel;
 - (c) the shell of water tank shall not be formed as any part of ship hull unless the ship hull is constructed of steel or aluminum;
 - (d) the physical construction and installation of the water tank, fittings and piping are up to the Director's satisfaction;
 - (e) the tank coating / paint used shall not cause any health and hygiene risk; and
 - (f) the requirements from other Department (if any) shall be fulfilled.
- 9.3.2 If water boat requires ballasting, detail information, drawing and calculation of the ballast tank and ballast system shall be prior approved by the Director.

10 Pumping and Piping Arrangement

Ch.IIIA/13 refers.

11 Bilge Pumping Arrangement

A hand or electrical operated bilge pump of sufficient capacity shall be fitted for pumping out water in the bilge. On dumb lighters, a portable type submerged pump is accepted for the purpose.

12 Compressed Air System

Ch.IIIA/15 refers.

13 Wheelhouse - Engine room Communication

Ch.IIIA/18 refers

Note

For the purpose of "combined coxswain" operation, any existing vessel of length less than 24m, total power not more than 750 kW (1,000 HP), and operating within waters of Hong Kong, fittings of a fixed fire detection (operated by smoke detectors) and fire alarm system for engine room can be waived, provided regular surveillance (such as through tale-tell pipe or transparent glass view-hole fittings etc.) can be exercised from outside engine room or control station by the coxswain or a crewmember.

14 Installation for Prevention of Oil Pollution

Ch.IIIA/19 refers.

15 Electrical Installations

Ch.IIIA/Part 4 refers.

CHAPTER IV

FREEBOARD AND STABILITY

1 Freeboard Assignment, Certification, Intact Stability

- 1.1 The freeboard assignment, certification and intact stability requirements for a vessel shall be according to the following table, unless an International Load Line Certificate has been issued to the vessel:

Vessel Type and Plying Limits	Length (L)	L ≥ 24 m		L < 24 m	
	Requirement	Freeboard, Certification	Intact Stability	Freeboard, Certification	Intact Stability
Class II Vessel					
Dangerous Goods Carrier) Noxious Liquid Substance) Carrier) Oil Carrier) Motor HKW RTL Dumb HKW RTL		HKLLC HKLLC FAC FAC	IMO IMO IMO IMO	FAC not permitted FAC not permitted	IMO - IMO -
Gas Carrier		HKLLC	IMO	HKLLC	IMO
Motor) Category A Dry Cargo Vessel) Dredger) Edible Oil Carrier) HKW RTL		HKLLC HKLLC	IMO IMO	<FAC> not permitted	<GM ≥ 0.3m (*1)> not permitted
Category A Water Boat Category B Water Boat		HKLLC HKLLC	IMO	<FAC> <FAC> (RTL not permitted)	GM ≥ 0.3m (*1)
Category B Dry Cargo Vessel HKW RTL		<FAC> <HKLLC>	<GM ≥ 0.3m (*1)> <IMO>	<FAC> not permitted	<GM ≥ 0.3m (*1)> not permitted
Dumb Lighter (incl. Flat Top Cargo Barge) HKW RTL (*2)		FAC FAC	<H Wt> <H Wt>	FAC not permitted	<H Wt> -

Vessel Type and Plying Limits	Length (L)	L ≥ 24 m		L < 24 m	
	Requirement	Freeboard, Certification	Intact Stability	Freeboard, Certification	Intact Stability
Dumb Edible Oil Carrier HKW RTL (*2)		FAC FAC	IMO IMO	FAC not permitted	IMO --
Hopper Barge HKW RTL (*2)		FAC FAC	Spill Spill	FAC not permitted	Spill --
Tug HKW) RTL)		L&FV	Tow + IMO	L&FV	Tow + IMO
Category A Transportation Boat, Pilot Boat, Category A Work Boat ^{Note1}))) operating solely within HKW		L&FV	IMO	L&FV	IMO
Floating Dock operating solely within HKW		HKLLC	(*3)		
Crane Barge operating solely within HKW (*2)		CB FB	H Wt	CB FB	H Wt

Legend

HKW = waters of Hong Kong

RTL = river trade limits

Remark

- *1 To be determined by a rolling period test (Annex E, Part 2 refers) in the anticipated worst loading condition.
- *2 Operate in favourable weather conditions only.
- *3 Requirements in respect of stability of floating docks contained in one of the rules and regulations listed in Annex A.

Legend

1.2 Freeboard Requirements

L&FV A freeboard assigned appropriate to the length of vessel according to the following table:

Length (L) (m)	L ≤ 6	L = 19	L ≥ 50
Freeboard (mm)	380	760	1100

Freeboard of intermediate length shall be obtained by interpolation.

HKLLC The freeboard assignment and stability requirements shall be in accordance with Load Lines Convention.

^{Note1} Applicable to a vessel which is when the reference to “the commencement date” of the Survey Regulation in the definition of “new vessel” under section 2 of the Survey Regulation is substituted by “17 February 2017”.

Upon the prescribed requirements are complied with the vessel shall be issued with a Hong Kong Load Line Certificate.

FAC

Assignment of following minimum freeboard, appropriate to the length of vessel (L) as follows -

Vessel length (L)(m)	Freeboard (mm) ^(*1)	
	Hopper barge ^(*2) and oil carrier ^(*3)	Other vessels
$L \leq 30$	380	530
$L \leq 40$	500	650
$L \leq 50$	660	810
$L \leq 60$	850	1000
$L \leq 70$	1080	1230
$L \leq 80$	1330	1480
$L \leq 90$	1600	1750

Freeboard of intermediate lengths shall be obtained by interpolation.

Notes:

(*1) Where the height of coaming for openings leading to below deck space is less than 600 mm, the above freeboard shall be increased by 12.5 mm for each 25 mm that is below 600 mm in height. The coaming height shall in no case be less than 300 mm.

(*2) Vessels with bottom door which can be opened to the sea.

(*3) This includes vessels having cargo tanks with small openings closed by steel watertight cover.

Freeboard marks shall be marked in accordance with Annex B of this code.

Upon the prescribed requirements are complied with the vessel shall be issued with a Freeboard Assignment Certificate.

CB FB

For crane barge, the freeboard fore and aft throughout the lifting operations (whether with or without counter ballasting capability) shall not be less than 0.5 m.

1.3 Intact stability requirements in all probable loading conditions of vessel

GM $\geq$ 0.3m the initial transverse metacentric height (GM_T) shall not be less than 300 mm.

IMO

IMO Recommended Stability Criteria

(1) the initial GM_T shall not be less than 0.15 metres

(2) the area under the curve of the righting levers (GZ curves) shall not be less than:-

(i) 0.055 m-rad up to an angle of 30°;

(ii) 0.090 m-rad up to an angle of either 40° or the angle at which the lower edges of any openings in the hull, superstructures or deckhouses, being openings which cannot be closed weathertight, are immersed if that angle be less;

(iii) 0.030 m-rad between the angles of heel of 30° and 40° or such referred to in ii) above;

(3) the righting lever (GZ) shall be at least 0.20 metres at an angle of heel equal to or greater than 30°; and

(4) the maximum righting lever ($GZ_{\max}$) shall occur at an angle of heel not less than 25° but preferably over 30°.

Vessels of the type stated in Ch. I/4.2 shall comply with the relevant requirements specified in Chapter XI.

Tow Towing Stability

A vessel permitted to tow shall conform to one of the following criterion:

- (1) Rec. No. 24 published by International Association of Classification Societies (IACS); or
- (2) Requirements in respect of stability of towing vessels contained in one of the rules and regulations listed in Annex A, appropriate for vessel's intended plying limits and operations.

Spill Spill out' Method

Requirements in respect of stability of dredgers contained in one of the rules and regulations listed in Annex A, appropriate for vessel's intended plying limits and operations.

H Wt Stability when lifting and/or carrying containers

- (a) A vessel equipped with lifting appliances to lift cargo or other heavy objects, during lifting operations if a maximum heeling moment due to the total hook load(s) is equal to or greater than -

$$0.21 \times \Delta \times GM_T \times F / B \quad (\text{m-t})$$

where

Δ = displacement (tonnes)

GM_T = metacentric height (m)

F = freeboard (m)

B = maximum breadth (m)

(Note: the values of Δ , GM_T and F shall be taken at the condition the vessel has the maximum hook load)

is expected, shall comply with the criteria prescribed in Annex D; or requirements in respect of stability of heavy lifting contained in one of the rules and regulations listed in Annex A, appropriate for vessel's intended plying limits and operations.

The operation of lifting very heavy loads shall be carried out only in favourable weather conditions.

- (b) A dumb lighter shall have a GM_T of not less than 300 mm when carrying containers onboard.

1.4 Determination of minimum freeboard

A vessel shall meet the relevant stability criteria for the draught corresponding to the freeboard assigned.

1.5 Equivalent freeboard and stability criteria

Where it is not practical for any particular vessel, due to its geometric characteristics (e.g. the ratio of beam / depth is exceeding 2.5) or operating condition, to fully comply with the stipulated freeboard or stability criteria, the Department may permit the application of equivalent criteria which are at least as effective as that so specified.

2 Damage Stability

2.1 Every oil carrier or noxious liquid substance carrier shall meet the maximum compartment length and damage stability criteria prescribed in the relevant prevention of pollution regulations.

3 Inclining Test

3.1 With the exception of a vessel which stability is to be determined by a rolling period test, every vessel which stability information is required as stated in section 1 shall be inclined to confirm the vessel's displacement, vertical centre of gravity (VCG) and longitudinal centre of gravity (LCG) in lightship condition when on completion or close to completion of construction (new vessels) or **alteration** (existing vessels). Inclining test report shall be submitted for approval.

3.2 Dispensation with conducting an inclining test may be given to -

- (a) a vessel being similar in all respects to the sister ship for which a satisfactory inclining experiment report is available; and having been carried out a lightweight survey (see section 4 below) the result of which indicates that the deviations from –
 - (i) lightship displacement is not exceeding 2% for ships of $L \leq 50$ m; 1% for ships of $L > 160$ m (for intermediate L , by linear interpolation), and
 - (ii) lightship LCG is not exceeding 0.5% L .
- (b) a vessel in which an accurate result cannot be obtained due to the particular design of hull form (e.g. a dumb lighter with extreme beam or multi-hulled vessel), provided a detailed assessment of vessel's displacement and VCG in lightship condition to be submitted.
- (c) the addition/replacement of engine(s) and/or minor **alteration**, Annex I-5C refers.

4 Lightweight Survey

4.1 A lightweight survey report including the calculation of the lightship displacement and LCG of the vessel shall be submitted for approval.

4.2 If the results of the lightweight survey are found not acceptable, an inclining test shall be conducted.

5 Determination of Deadweight and Its Effects

5.1 The deadweight shall comprise the following items:

- (a) full number of passengers and crew;
- (b) full load of cargo;

- (c) fuel tanks (96% full) and fresh water tanks (100% full); and
- (d) consumable stores.

5.2 The following information shall be used for the consideration of the effects of passenger and crew weight:

- (a) the distribution of passengers is 4 persons per square metre;
- (b) each person has a mass of 68 kg or <75 kg>;
- (c) VCG of seated persons is 0.3 m above seat;
- (d) VCG of standing persons is 1.0 m above deck;
- (e) persons and luggage shall be considered to be in the space normally at their disposal.

6 Stability Information Booklet

6.1 After inclining test or lightweight survey, a stability information booklet (for each vessel) shall be submitted to the authority, person or organisation specified under Ch. II/2.1 or 2.2 for approval.

6.2 The booklet shall include the vessel's following particulars:

- (a) vessel's name, principal dimensions, fully loaded displacement;
- (b) general arrangement showing names of all compartments, tanks, machinery spaces, storerooms, crew and passenger accommodation spaces;
- (c) the capacity and the VCG and LCG of every compartment available for the carriage of cargo, fuel, water, water ballast, etc.;
- (d) the effect on stability of free surface in each tank in which liquids may be carried;
- (e) the estimated total weight of (i) passengers and their effects and (ii) crew and their effects, and the VCG and LCG of each such total weight. In assessing such centres of gravity passengers and crew shall be assumed to be distributed about the ship in the spaces they will normally occupy, including the highest decks to which either or both have access.
- (f) the estimated weight and the disposition and centre of gravity of deck cargo;
- (g) hydrostatic particulars, cross curves particulars;
- (h) calculation of loading and righting levers (GZ) curves of -
 - (i) light condition,
 - (ii) fully loaded (to the assigned freeboard) condition,
 - (iii) service loaded conditions,
 - (iv) probable worst conditions.

Conditions (ii)~(iv) shall be calculated on both departure and arrival condition.

6.3 The approved stability booklet shall be placed on board the vessel for the reference of the coxswain.

7 Permanent Ballast

- 7.1 When ballast is required to improve stability of the vessel, the correct quantity of ballast shall at all times be fixed (or so stowed as not allowing movable when at sea) at the specified position. Such quantity and position of permanent ballast shall be endorsed in the Certificate of Survey.
- 7.2 The permanent ballast shall be of regular shapes (such as cuboid or of other recognized shapes), the materials shall be of the types not vulnerable to damage (such as cast iron or cement block), and every piece of permanent ballast shall have its weight and serial number engraved or permanently painted on its surface. The weight shall be in kg.
- (Added G.N. 6489 of 2018)

8 Lashing of Cargo

In cargo hold and cargo space on deck, appropriate lashing gear and fittings shall be provided to prevent the cargo from sliding or tipping. These gear and fittings shall be regularly maintained and inspected.

9 Alteration onboard

- 9.1 Before a vessel is to undergo any **alteration**, application shall be submitted specifying the nature of the proposed **alteration (Annex I-11 refers)**. Estimates of the effects of the **alteration**, i.e. the changes in vessel's lightweight weight, VCG and LCG shall be submitted to the Marine Department for approval.
- 9.2 If the change due to **alteration**, or the finding of lightweight survey is exceeding 2%, an inclining test is to be conducted. The vessel's intact stability information, and damage stability information if applicable, shall be revised and submitted for approval.
- 9.3 If a vessel is to undergo any temporary **alteration** (e.g. the fitting of heavy machinery used for work, etc.), the owner shall submit information regarding the weight and centre of gravity of such **alteration**; and the estimated impact on vessel's stability due to the **alteration**.
- 9.4 No local vessel is allowed to construct or alter to have false bottom or secret compartment.

10 Towing

No vessel under towing is permitted to carry passengers.

11 Stability Instrument

All oil tankers shall be fitted with stability instrument capable of verifying compliance with intact and damage stability requirements. Oil tankers constructed before 1 January 2016 shall comply with the requirement at the first scheduled renewal survey of the ship after 1 January 2016 but not later than 1 January 2021. The Director may waive the requirements of stability instrument for the following oil tankers if loaded in accordance with the conditions approved by the Director as follows:

- (a) oil tankers which are on a dedicated service, with a limited number of permutations of loading such that all anticipated conditions have been approved in the stability information provided to the master;
- (b) oil tankers which are loaded within an approved range of loading conditions; or
- (c) oil tankers constructed before 1 January 2016 provided with approved limiting KG/GM curves covering all applicable intact and damage stability requirements.

CHAPTER V

PASSENGER AND CREW ACCOMMODATION

Note

This chapter shall apply to Class II vessels.

1 General Requirements

- 1.1 In every vessel the spaces allocated for passengers and crew shall be -
- (a) constructed properly;
 - (b) protected from sea and weather;
 - (c) minimum 1.85 metres clear headroom above deck covering or stair tread;
 - (d) well lighted and ventilated ; and
 - (e) maintained in a clean and habitable condition.
- 1.2 Any deck or bulkhead, or part of a deck or bulkhead, which separates a passenger or crew space from any engine room, machinery space, paint room, galley, or spaces used for the storage of flammable oils, shall be of gastight construction. There shall not be manhole or air pipe opening of oil fuel bunker fitted in the passenger spaces.
- 1.3 Toughened safety glass shall be used for window, the thickness shall meet the requirements of a classification society rules.
- 1.4 Glass or mirror shall be made of materials which will not break into dangerous fragments if fractured (such as BS6206 or equivalent).

2 Deck Areas Disallowed as Passengers Spaces

- 2.1 The following spaces shall not be used as passenger space:
- (a) any compartment below main deck except on a sunken deck meeting the requirements of Ch. IIIA/1;
 - (b) the areas on main deck forward of collision bulkhead. Bulwark or guardrails meeting the requirements of Ch. IIIA/4 shall be installed near the periphery of weather decks if the area abaft rudder stock is used as passenger space;
 - (c) the areas forward of the wheelhouse on the same deck, and the portion of a compartment or of a deck used for the purpose of navigation;
 - (d) within one metre (1 m) distance of deck machinery (such as windlass);
 - (e) machinery compartments, casings and skylights;
 - (f) decks or part of a deck set apart exclusively for the carriage of motor vehicles, luggage, etc.;
 - (g) stairways (including stairway landings), hatchways and ventilators;
 - (h) areas permanently occupied by equipment, fittings (such as inflatable liferaft, hatch, ventilation trunking, etc.);
 - (i) crew spaces;
 - (j) sanitary spaces, galley/pantry and any other service spaces;

(k) spaces not covered;

2.2 A guidance plan showing areas to be excluded for measuring passenger space is at Annex G.

3 Maximum Carrying Capacity and Seating

The maximum number of passengers and crew which may be carried in any vessel shall be determined having regard to the clear space properly available in such vessels and to the scales as stated in the following paragraphs. In the context L is vessel's length overall, B is extreme breadth; both of which are defined in Ch. I/3.1 and in metric unit. The measurement of passenger seating should be guided by the method given on the plan at Annex G;

3.1 (a) Passenger-carrying mechanically propelled Class II vessels operating in typhoon shelters or specified sheltered waters

Passenger number = the number of fixed passenger seats provided on board;

<Maximum number of passengers = $0.35 \times L \times B$ and not greater than 10>;

with a maximum crew allowance of 4 persons.

For existing vessels which have replaced their main engines on board with ones with an increase in output by 10% or more, they may operate with the number of persons originally permitted to carry provided that the following conditions are met:

- (1) they only operate under favourable weather (see the definition in Ch. I/3.1 of this Code);
- (2) they only operate in the originally specified typhoon shelters or specified sheltered waters (refer to Annex W).

(Added G.N. 500 of 2018)

(b) Mechanically propelled Class II vessels other than the type stated in 3.1(a)

Passengers no. = the number of fixed passenger seats provided onboard.

Note

Refer to the record format in Annex P for determination of maximum number of persons to be carried and / or Survey Certification on installation suitable for "combined coxswain" operation of a Class II vessel.

(c) The maximum crew allowance for Class II vessel is dependent on the factor $A = 3.21(L-B)B^2$:

Factor A	Maximum Crew Allowance
$A \leq 120$	4
$150 \geq A > 120$	8
$300 \geq A > 150$	9
$1000 \geq A > 300$	12
$A > 1000$	15

3.2 The form, design and attachments to the deck of passenger seats shall be adequate for the intended service. The seating construction and safety belts on vessels of the type stated in Ch. I/4.2 shall comply with the relevant requirements specified in Ch. XI/4.

3.3 Any one of the following shall be conclusive proof that the attachment of passenger seats fitted on transportation boat, pilot boat is able to withstand a tensile force no less than 2250 newtons –

- (a) A type approval certificate issued by a classification society to certify that the attachment of passenger seats is able to withstand a tensile force no less than 2250 newtons;
- (b) A tensile force test with a result showing that the attachment of passenger seats is able to withstand a tensile force no less than 2250 newtons as verified by the Marine Department; or
- (c) The screws used for the attachment of passenger seats shall be no less than the value(s) calculated in accordance with the formula(e) below, and if passenger seats are attached to a wooden deck, the specific gravity of the wooden deck shall be no less than 0.7:
 - (i) The shank area of the screws shall be no less than the value calculated in accordance with the formula below:

$$S.A = \frac{16,500 * \text{no. of seat}}{\sigma * \text{no. of bolt}}$$

S.A Shank area of screw (mm²)

σ Yield strength of screw ; and

- (ii) If passenger seats are attached to a wooden deck, the length of the screws shall be no less than the value calculated in accordance with the formula below:

$$L = \frac{73}{D}$$

L Length of screw (mm)

D Diameter of screw (mm) .

3.4 In this section –

“fixed passenger seat” means a passenger seat which is attached to a deck and the attachment of which is able to withstand a tensile force no less than 2250 newtons, but vessels of the type stated in Ch. I/4.2 shall comply with the relevant requirements specified in Ch. XI;

4 Stairway, Passageway, Door and Exit in Passenger Spaces

- 4.1 Stairways, passageways, doors and exits shall be fitted with sufficient number and of appropriate construction so as to provide sufficient and safe means of escape for passengers.
- 4.2 The clear width of every door, hinged or sliding, in way of the escape route from an enclosed space, shall be at least as wide as the width of the passageway or stairway.
- 4.3 The opening direction of doors of enclosed spaces shall be such that it would not obstruct the route of escape. The doors shall not be capable of being locked during the voyage.

5 Ventilation, Lighting, Deck Sheathing and Insulation in Passenger Spaces

- 5.1.1 Every enclosed space shall be provided with sufficient ventilation. The ventilation system can be of mechanical or natural system.

- 5.1.2 An emergency stop shall be provided and fitted in the wheelhouse if an air conditioning system is fitted, in order to stop all ventilators served for the spaces.
- 5.2 All accommodation spaces shall be sufficiently lighted by day and night.
- 5.3 Every deck in any part of the accommodation space shall have a surface which provides a good foothold and can be easily kept clean. Any deck covering and wooden deck shall be impervious to water and, if the deck is directly over an oil tank, impervious to oil.
- 5.4 Every deck except wooden deck, which forms the crown of any part of enclosed accommodation spaces and is exposed to the weather shall be -
 - (a) insulated on its underside with insulation materials which do not readily ignite and are not injurious to health; or
 - (b) covered on its upper side with wood.

6 Sanitary Apparatus

Sanitary apparatus shall be provided on vessels for the use of passengers where space is available.

7 Marking

Evacuation routes, exits and lifejacket stowage shall be clearly marked.

CHAPTER VI

FIRE PROTECTION AND FIRE-FIGHTING APPARATUS

1 Definitions

““A” Class division” means a division formed by bulkhead or deck which is -

- (a) constructed of steel or other equivalent material;
- (b) suitably stiffened;
- (c) so constructed as to be capable of preventing the passage of smoke and flame to the end of the 60 minutes standard fire test; and
- (d) so insulated where necessary with suitable non-combustible materials that if the division is exposed to a standard fire test the average temperature on the unexposed side of the division shall not increase more than 140°C above the initial temperature nor shall the temperature at any one point, including any joint, rise more than 180°C above the initial temperature within the time listed below -

“A-60” standard 60 minutes

“A-30” standard 30 minutes

“A-0” standard 0 minutes;

"accommodation spaces" means public spaces; passageways and lobbies; stairways; lavatories; passenger or crew cabins; offices; pantries not containing cooking appliances; lockers and spaces similar to any of the foregoing and trunks to such spaces allocated to passengers or crew;

““B” Class division” means a division formed by bulkhead or deck which is -

- (a) constructed of non-combustible material;
- (b) so constructed as to be capable of preventing the passage of flame to end of the first half hour of the standard fire test;
- (c) they shall have an insulation value such that the average temperature of the unexposed side will not rise more than 140°C above the original temperature, nor will the temperature at any one point, including any joint, rise more than 225°C above the original temperature within the time listed below -

“B-15” standard 15 minutes

“B-0” standard 0 minutes;

“cargo area” means that part of the vessel which contains -

- (a) the cargo tanks, slop tanks and cargo pump rooms; and
- (b) the following spaces when they are adjacent to the cargo tanks; namely, pump rooms other than cargo pump rooms, cofferdams, ballast spaces and void spaces, and extends fore and aft between the forward end of the most forward of those tanks or other spaces and the after end of the aftermost of those tanks or other spaces and athwartships over the whole breadth of the vessel; and the deck area over that part of the vessel;

“cargo pump room” means a room in which any pumps used for loading, discharging or transferring cargoes are located;

“cargo spaces” are all spaces used for cargo including cargo oil tanks, slop tanks and trunks to

such spaces;

“control stations” are spaces in which radio or main navigating equipment, or the emergency source of power, or the central fire recording equipment, or fire control equipment, or fire extinguishing installations are located or a control room located outside a propulsion machinery space;

“engine room” means a space which contains propulsion machinery and generators;

“machinery space” means a space which contains internal combustion engines, electrical machinery, ventilation and air conditioning machinery and similar spaces;

“non-combustible material” means a material which neither burns nor gives off flammable vapours in sufficient quantity for self-ignition when heated to a temperature of 750°C, and the expression “combustible material” shall be construed accordingly;

“service spaces” include galleys, pantries containing cooking appliances, lockers and store rooms, workshops (other than those forming part of machinery spaces) and similar spaces and trunks to such spaces.

2 Fire-fighting Apparatus, Type and Quantity

- 2.1 <Fire-fighting apparatus and structural fire protection items shall be of approved types. Apparatus approved by the maritime administration of a convention country or classification society in accordance with the recommendations of the International Maritime Organization are acceptable. >

For existing vessels other than high risk vessels, fire-fighting apparatus which have been approved by the national maritime authority of their country of manufacture in accordance with the national standard or have been approved or accepted by the Department are also considered acceptable.

- 2.2 Fire-fighting apparatus, type and quantity of Class II vessels must comply with Tables 3 to 6 in Schedule 4 of the Survey Regulation. The electronic version is available at URL –

<https://www.elegislation.gov.hk/hk/cap548G!en-zh-Hant-HK.assist.pdf?FROMCAPINDEX=Y>

- 2.3 If a dumb lighter or hopper barge is intended to operate within River Trade Limits but providing the fire-fighting apparatus according to the scale at Table 3, Schedule 4 of the Survey Regulation, the owner shall declare (in designated form) that the vessel is at all times accompanied by another local vessel (e.g. a tug).

- 2.4 For vessels that are required to install an automatic sprinkler system, fixed CO₂ fire extinguishing system or fire detection system; refer to Schedule 7, 10 and 11 respectively of Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Fire Protection) (Ships Built on or after 1 September 1984) Regulations, which is available at URL:

[https://www.elegislation.gov.hk/hk/cap369Y!en.assist.pdf?FILENAME=Assisted%20Monolingual%20PDF%20\(English\).pdf&DOC_TYPE=K&PUBLISHED=true](https://www.elegislation.gov.hk/hk/cap369Y!en.assist.pdf?FILENAME=Assisted%20Monolingual%20PDF%20(English).pdf&DOC_TYPE=K&PUBLISHED=true)

- 2.5 Aerosol System meeting the requirements set out in Part B, MDN No. 49 of 2019 or FM-200 System meeting the requirements set out in MDN No. 25/2023 is accepted as an alternative to the fixed CO₂ fire-extinguishing system stipulated in Schedule 4 of the Survey Regulation.

3. Fire Pumps

- 3.1 In a vessel which is required to be provided with fire pumps operated by power, such fire pumps (other than any emergency fire pumps) shall together be capable of delivering for fire fighting purposes a quantity of water, under the conditions and at the pressure specified in section 4 of

not less than that obtained from the following formula -

$$Q = cd^2 \text{ m}^3/\text{hour}$$

where

$c = 5$ for vessels required to be provided with more than one fire pump (excluding any emergency fire pump) and

$c = 2.5$ for vessels required to be provided with only one fire pump

$d = 1 + 0.066 \sqrt{[L(B+D)]}$ to the nearest 0.25

L, B and D are length, moulded breadth and moulded depth of the vessel.

- 3.2 A fire pump required to be operated by power shall be operated by means other than the vessel's main engines unless specified in the Survey Regulation. Fire pumps may be sanitary, ballast, bilge or general service pumps.
- 3.3 In a vessel required to be provided with fire pumps operated by power, arrangements shall be made to ensure immediate availability of a water supply from the fire main at the required pressure by suitably placed remote starting of the fire pumps, unless the machinery space is continually manned.
- 3.4 In a vessel which is required to be provided with more than one fire pump operated by power (other than any emergency pump) every such fire pump shall have a capacity of not less than 80% of the total capacity of the fire pumps required in section 3.1 divided by the number of fire pumps to be provided in the vessel provided that each pump has a capacity of not less than 25 m³/hour. When more fire pumps are provided in any vessel, the Director may permit the capacity of any such additional fire pumps to be less than 80%.
- 3.5 A fire pump required which is operated by power shall be capable of producing from any fire hydrant one jet of water, while maintaining the pressure required in section 4.2.
- 3.6 Relief valves shall be provided in conjunction with all fire pumps if the pumps are capable of developing a pressure exceeding the design pressure of the fire main, water service pipes, hydrants and hoses. Such valves shall be so placed and adjusted as to prevent excessive pressure in any part of the fire main system.
- 3.7 A centrifugal pump which is connected to the fire main shall be fitted with a non-return valve.
- 3.8 Any emergency fire pump fitted on vessel shall be situated in a position aft of the vessel's collision bulkhead.
- 3.9 A manually operated pump shall be capable of producing a jet of water having a throw of not less than 6 m from nozzle.

4 Fire Main, Water Service Pipes and Hydrants

- 4.1 In a vessel which is required to be provided with fire pumps operated by power, the diameter of the fire main and of the water service pipes connecting the hydrants thereto shall be sufficient for the effective distribution of the maximum discharge from -
 - (a) where only one pump is required; or
 - (b) where 2 such pumps are so required, both pumps operating simultaneously.
- 4.2 Any fire pump shall, when discharging the quantity of water required in section 3.1 through adjacent fire hydrants in any part of the vessel from nozzles of sizes specified in section 5, be capable of maintaining the following pressure at any hydrant –
 - (a) of vessel's gross tonnage 1000 or vessel's length 60 metres, whichever is the smaller, and

upwards : 2.7 bar (0.27N/mm²);

- (b) of vessel's gross tonnage under 1000 tons or vessel's length under 60 metres, whichever is the smaller : 2.1 bar (0.21N/mm²)

provided that the maximum pressure at any hydrant shall not exceed that at which the effective control of a fire hose can be demonstrated.

- 4.3 Where any vessel is required to be provided with appliances capable of producing one jet of water, hydrants sufficient in number shall be so positioned as to enable one jet of water from a single length of hose to reach any part of the vessel.
- 4.4
 - (a) The fire main shall have no connections other than those necessary for fire-fighting and washing down. However, fire main may be permitted to have connection to ballast lines, cooling water lines and bilge ejector etc., provided that shut-off valves to these lines are fitted and kept closed at all times when not in use.
 - (b) Materials readily rendered ineffective by heat shall not be used for fire mains unless adequately protected.
 - (c) The fire hydrants shall be so placed that the fire hoses may be easily coupled to them except where hoses and nozzles are permanently attached to the fire hydrant.
 - (d) In vessels which may carry deck cargo the fire hydrants shall be so placed that they are always readily accessible and the pipes shall be arranged as far as practicable to avoid risk of damage by such cargo.
 - (e) Hydrant valves of the screw lift type shall be fitted in such position that any of the fire hoses may be isolated and removed while the fire pumps are at work.
 - (f) The water pipes if made of iron or steel shall be galvanised or alternatively the pipe wall thickness shall be increased by a corrosion allowance satisfactory to the Director.
 - (g) Isolating valves to separate the section of the fire main within the machinery space containing the main fire pump or pumps from the rest of the fire main shall be fitted in a position outside the machinery spaces which shall be easily accessible when there is a fire. The fire main shall be so arranged that when the isolating valves are shut all the hydrants on the vessel, except those in the machinery space referred to above, can be supplied with water by a fire pump not located in this machinery space through pipes which do not enter this space. Exceptionally, the Director may permit short lengths of the emergency fire pump suction and discharge piping to penetrate the machinery space if it is impracticable to route it externally, provided that the integrity of the fire main is maintained by the enclosure of the piping in a substantial steel casing.
 - (h) In every oil carrier, isolation valves shall be fitted in the fire main at house front in a protected position and on the tank deck at intervals of not more than 40 m to preserve the integrity of the fire main system in case of fire or explosion.
 - (i) Hydrants shall be positioned as to allow at least one jet of water from a single prescribed length of fire hose to reach any part of the vessel normally accessible during navigation. If only one hydrant is provided for engine room it shall be located outside of the space and near the entrance.
 - (j) Except otherwise specified, at least one hose and one nozzle shall be provided for every hydrant.

5 Fire Hoses, Nozzles, etc.

- 5.1 Fire hoses provided shall not exceed 20 metres in length. Such hose shall be made of closely woven flax, canvas or other suitable material; and every other such hose shall be made of non-perishable material.
- 5.2 Every fire hose together with the tools and fittings necessary for its use, shall be kept in a conspicuous position near the hydrants or connections with which it is intended to be used. Hose diameters shall be not less than 65 mm if unlined or 45 mm if lined.
- 5.3 Fire hoses so provided shall not be used for any purpose other than for fire-fighting or testing the fire-fighting apparatus.
- 5.4 (a) A vessel which is required to be provided with fire pumps operated by power shall be provided with nozzles of 12 mm in diameter or as near thereto in diameter as possible.
- (b) A vessel provided with manual fire pumps shall be provided with nozzles of 9 mm in diameter or as near thereto in diameter as possible.
- 5.5 Dual purpose nozzle incorporating a shut-off meeting the requirements set out in Appendix I of MDN 49 of 2019 is accepted as an alternative to the requirements of jet nozzles and spray nozzles stipulated in Schedule 4 of the Survey Regulation.

6 Location and Arrangement of Water Pumps for Other Fire Extinguishing Systems

Pumps required for the provision of water for other fire extinguishing systems, their sources of power and their controls shall be installed outside the space or spaces protected by such systems and shall be so arranged that a fire in the space or spaces protected will not put any such system out of action.

7 Fire Protection and Fire-Fighting Apparatus/Installation not required by the Survey Regulation

Where fire-fighting apparatus/installation of the type not required by the Survey Regulation (e.g. fire detection system, fixed extinguishing system, etc.) is provided, such apparatus/installation shall be so arranged that a fire in the space or spaces protected will not put any such apparatus/installation out of function; and the owner, agent and coxswain of the vessel shall ensure that the apparatus/installation is properly maintained in good and serviceable condition and be fit for the function intended.

8 Fire Extinguishers

- 8.1 Each type of fire extinguishers shall have a minimum capacity as shown in the following table:

Media	Capacity	
	Portable Type	Non-Portable Type
Foam	9 litres	45 litres
CO ₂	3 kg	16 kg
Dry Powder	4.5 kg	
Water	9 litres	

- 8.2 Fire extinguishers to be used for switchboard, control panels, batteries, etc. shall be of the type suitable for electrical fires, e.g. dry powder or CO₂ fire extinguisher.
- 8.3 Fire extinguishers to be used for machinery spaces shall be of the type suitable for oil fires, e.g. foam, dry powder or CO₂ fire extinguisher.

- 8.4 Portable extinguishers are to be suitably distributed throughout the protected spaces. Normally at least one shall be stowed near the entrance inside that space.
- 8.5 Portable fire extinguishers provided for use in accommodation or service spaces of any vessel shall so far as practicable have a uniform method of operation.
- 8.6 The use of CO₂ fire extinguisher in a confined space is not recommended.
- 8.7 Portable CO₂ extinguishers shall not be located in accommodation spaces. Where such extinguishers are provided in wheel house or any other control station, at switchboards and other similar positions, the volume of any space containing one or more extinguishers shall be such as to limit the concentration of vapour that can occur due to discharge to not more than 5% of the net volume of the space. The volume of CO₂ shall be calculated at 0.56 m³/ kg.
- 8.8 Fire extinguishers provided for use in any vessel shall not contain any extinguishing medium which has not been approved by the Director.
- 8.9 The capacity of a CO₂ extinguisher shall be taken to be the greatest weight of CO₂ which it can safely contain in a tropical climate.
- 8.10 The capacity of any fire extinguisher, other than a CO₂ fire extinguisher, shall be taken to be the greatest volume or weight of extinguishing medium which it can contain when sufficient space is left to ensure the proper operation of the extinguisher.
- 8.11 Every fire extinguisher shall be kept fully charged at all times.
- 8.12 Portable and non-portable fire extinguishers shall be periodically examined and subject to such tests as prescribed in Ch. II/Table 7-2.

9 Firemen's Outfits

- 9.1 Every fireman's outfit shall consist of -
- (a) a breathing apparatus of either air hose type or self-contained compressed air operated type and lifeline complying with the requirements of the appropriate code; and
 - (b) personal equipment comprising -
 - (i) a portable self-contained electric battery-operated safety lamp of an approved type capable of functioning efficiently for a period of at least 3 hours;
 - (ii) a fireman's axe;
 - (iii) protective clothing of material capable of protecting the skin from the heat radiating from the fire and from burns and scalding by steam; the outer surface shall be water resistant;
 - (iv) boots and gloves of rubber or other electrically non-conducting material; and
 - (v) rigid helmet providing effective protection against impact.
- 9.2 Firemen's outfits shall be stored in readily accessible positions which are not likely to be cut off in the event of fire and, where more than one such outfit is provided, they shall be stored in widely separated positions.

10 Means for Stopping Machinery, Shutting Off Oil Fuel Suction Pipes and Closing of Openings

- 10.1 In every vessel there shall be provided -
- (a) without limiting Ch. IIIA/21.7, means for stopping ventilation fans serving machinery, accommodation and cargo spaces;

- (b) means for closing all skylights, doorways, ventilators and other openings to such spaces; and
- (c) means to permit the release of smoke from machinery spaces.

Such means shall be capable of being operated from positions outside the said spaces and which would not be made inaccessible by a fire within such spaces.

- 10.2 Machinery driving forced and induced draught fans, oil fuel transfer pumps and other similar fuel pumps shall be fitted with remote controls situated outside the spaces in which such machinery or pumps are situated and which would not be made inaccessible by a fire within such spaces. The controls shall be capable of stopping such machinery or pumps in the event of fire in such spaces.
- 10.3 A pipe connected to any oil fuel or lubricating oil storage, not being a double bottom tank, which if damaged would permit discharge of the contents so as to cause a fire hazard, shall be fitted with a valve or cock which shall be secured to the tank to which it is connected and which shall be capable of being closed from a readily accessible position outside the space in which the tank is situated.

11 Fire Control Plans

- 11.1 In a vessel required to be provided with fire control plans there shall be permanently exhibited by the owner of the vessel for the guidance of the crew of the vessel, using graphical symbols marked on general arrangement plans showing clearly for each deck –
 - (a) the position of control stations;
 - (b) the sections of the vessel which are enclosed by “A” and ‘B’ class divisions together with particulars of -
 - (i) fire alarm systems;
 - (ii) fire detection systems;
 - (iii) automatic sprinkler systems;
 - (iv) fixed and portable fire extinguishing apparatus and
 - (v) firemen’s outfits;
 - (c) the means of access to various compartments and decks in vessel;
 - (d) the ventilating system including particulars of master fan controls and position of dampers and identification numbers of ventilating fans serving each section of vessel;
 - (e) location of international shore connection; and
 - (f) position of all means of control referred to in section 10.

Descriptions in such plans shall be in either Chinese or English.

- 11.2 The general arrangement plans required by this section shall be kept up-to-date, any alterations to general arrangements being recorded thereon without delay.

12 Availability of Fire-fighting Apparatus

- 12.1 Fire-fighting apparatus carried in any vessel shall be maintained in good order and shall be kept available for immediate use at all times. All movable fire-fighting apparatus, other than firemen's outfits, carried shall be stowed where they will be readily accessible from the spaces in which they are intended to be used and, in particular, one of the portable fire extinguishers intended for use in any space shall be stowed near the entrance to that space.

- 12.2 Non-portable fire extinguish required to be fitted in engine room which is limited in space, may be stowed in vicinity of the engine room entrance provided that the jet of the fire extinguishing media can reach any part of the engine room.

13. Structural Fire Protection

13.1 Application

This section shall apply to new vessels of gross tonnage not exceeding 2000, plying within Hong Kong waters or river trade limits. Vessels beyond this scope will be specially specified by Director.

13.2 Requirements for All Vessels

13.2.1 In all spaces –

- (a) paints, varnishes and other finishes used on exposed surfaces shall not contain nitrocellulose or other highly flammable base products and shall not be capable of producing toxic gases or excessive quantities of smoke;
- (b) insulating materials shall be of non-combustible materials;
- (c) stairways, includes interior stairway, lifts and escalators (other than those wholly contained within the machinery spaces and enclosures) thereto, shall be constructed of steel or material of equivalent fire resistance, and as far as practicable arranged in fore and aft direction;
- (d) any means of escape shall be led to open deck; and

13.2.2 In accommodation, service spaces and control stations –

- (a) all exposed surfaces in corridors, exposed surfaces of ceilings and surfaces in concealed or inaccessible spaces shall have low flame spread characteristics;
- (b) primary deck coverings shall be of a material which will not readily ignite or give rise to toxic or explosive hazards at elevated temperatures;
- (c) the doorways and stairways for escape purpose shall be evenly distributed and arranged so as to avoid congestion in any part of a vessel. Such door and hatch cover shall be operable from either side;
- (d) dead-end corridor shall not be more than 7 metres in length; and
- (e) the width and continuity of the means of escape shall be to the satisfaction of the Director.

- 13.2.3^{Note1} In vessels constructed of reinforced glass fibre plastic (GRP), fire retarding material shall be applied in the hull, deck and bulkhead structures of engine room boundaries, and is capable to maintain its required strength for a period of 30 min. For hull structures below waterline the insulation shall extend to at least 300 mm below the lightest waterline. In vessels constructed of wood, the engine room boundaries shall be applied with certificated type fire retardant coating or mineral wool insulation.

13.3 Additional Requirements for Category A Vessels

- 13.3.1 Any deck or bulkhead, or part of a deck or bulkhead, which separates a passenger or crew

^{Note1} Section 13.2.3 applies to any vessel which is when the reference to “the commencement date” of the Survey Regulation in the definition of “new vessel” under section 2 of the Survey Regulation is substituted by “17 February 2017”.

space from any machinery space, paint room, galley, or spaces used for the storage of flammable oils, shall be of gastight construction.

- 13.3.2 At least two means of escape shall in general be provided for the passenger space and crew space and spaces accessible to them. However, one of the means of escape may be dispensed with in exceptional case having regard to the size and location of the space.

13.4 Additional Requirements for Vessels of the following types of 24 Metres and above in Length -

- (a) Dangerous Goods Carriers, Noxious Liquid Substances Carriers, Dry Cargo Vessels, Edible Oil Carrier, Tug, Hopper Barge, Water Boat and Dredgers operating within River Trade Limits; and
- (b) Oil Carriers operating within Hong Kong waters or river trade limits.

13.4.1 Structure

The hull, superstructures, structural bulkheads, decks and deck houses shall be constructed of steel or other equivalent material, except that the crowns and casing of engine room shall be of steel construction.

13.4.2 Means of Escape in Accommodation, Service Spaces and Control Stations

- (a) At all levels of accommodation at least two widely separated means of escape which may include the normal means of access from each restricted space or group of spaces.
- (b) Below the lowest open deck such escapes shall be by means of stairways except that one of these stairways may be replaced by a trunked vertical ladder.
- (c) Above the lowest open deck the means of escape shall be stairways or doors to an open deck or a combination thereof.
- (d) One of the means of escape may be dispensed with in an exceptional case having regard to the nature and location of the space and to the number of persons who normally might be accommodated or employed there.

13.4.3 Means of Escape in Machinery Space

- (a) Machinery spaces shall be provided with two widely separated doors. One of the doors may be substituted by an escape hatch.
- (b) From machinery spaces other than engine room, escape routes shall be provided to the satisfaction of the Director having regard to the nature and location of the space and the number of persons normally employed in that space.

13.4.4 Fire Integrity of Bulkheads and Decks Separating Adjacent Spaces

- (a) The boundaries of control station and machinery space shall be constructed of A-0 bulkheads.
- (b) When openings or penetrations for the passage of electric cables, pipes, etc. are made on 'A' or 'B' Class divisions, effective arrangements are to be provided to maintain the resistance to fires of the divisions in which they are fitted.

13.4.5 Stairway

Stairways which penetrate only a single deck shall be protected at least at one level by at least "B-0" class divisions and self-closing doors. Stairways which penetrate more than a single deck shall be surrounded by at least "A-0" class divisions and be protected by self-closing doors at all levels. However, the above requirements may be waived if a ladder is

fitted outside of the accommodation.

13.4.6 Door in a Casing of Engine Room

The doors shall be gastight and provided with self-closing device. Hold-back hooks shall not be fitted.

13.4.7 For dangerous goods carrier, bulkheads forming boundaries between cargo spaces and machinery spaces shall be insulated to “A-60” standard unless the dangerous goods are stowed at least 3m horizontally away from such bulkheads. Other boundaries between such spaces shall be insulated to “A-60” standard.

13.5 Additional Requirements for Oil Carriers Having Cargoes of Flashpoint of less than 60°C (Closed Cup Test)

13.5.1 Location and Separation of Spaces

- (a) Machinery spaces shall be positioned aft of cargo tanks; cargo pump rooms and cofferdams, but not necessarily aft of the oil fuel bunker tanks. Any machinery space shall be isolated from cargo tanks by cofferdams, cargo pump rooms, oil fuel bunker tanks or permanent ballast tanks.
- (b) Accommodation spaces, main cargo control stations, control stations and service spaces (excluding isolated cargo handling gear lockers) shall be positioned aft of all cargo tanks, cargo pump rooms and cofferdams which isolate cargo or slop tanks from machinery spaces but not necessarily aft of the oil fuel bunker tanks.
- (c) Means shall be provided to keep deck spills away from the accommodation and service areas. This may be accomplished by provision of a permanent continuous coaming of a suitable height extending from side to side.
- (d) Exterior boundaries of superstructures and deckhouses enclosing accommodation, including any overhanging decks which support such accommodation, shall be insulated to A-60 standard for the whole of the portions which face the cargo area and for 3 metres aft of the front boundary. In the case of the sides of those superstructures and deckhouses, such insulation shall be carried to a height as considered necessary by the Director.
- (e) Entrances, air inlets and openings to accommodation spaces, service spaces and control stations shall not face the cargo area. They shall be located on the transverse bulkhead not facing the cargo area or on the outboard side of the superstructure or deckhouse at a distance of at least 4% of the length of the vessel but not less than 3 metres from the end of the superstructure or deckhouse facing the cargo area; provided that such distance need not exceed 5 metres.
- (f) No doors shall be fitted within the limit specified in subsection (e) except that the Director may permit doors to a space within those limits if
 - (i) that space is a cargo control station, provisions room or store room; and
 - (ii) that space does not have access to any accommodation space, service space or control station. Where such doors are fitted to a space located aft of the cargo area, the boundaries of the space shall be insulated to A-60 (may be A-15 for vessels of gross tonnage less than 500) standard, with the exception of the boundary facing the cargo area. Bolted plates for removal of machinery may be fitted within the limits specified in subsection (e). Wheelhouse doors and wheelhouse windows may be located within the limits specified in subsection (e) so long as they are designed to ensure that the wheelhouse can be made rapidly

and efficiently gastight and vapourtight.

- (g) Windows and side scuttles facing the cargo area and on the sides of the superstructures and deckhouses facing the cargo area and on the sides of the superstructures and deckhouses within the limits specified in subsection (e) shall be of the fixed (non-opening) type. Such windows and side scuttles in the first tier on the main deck shall be fitted with inside covers of steel or other equivalent material.

13.5.2 Structure

The exterior boundaries of superstructures and deckhouses which are required to be insulated to A-60 standard shall be constructed only of steel.

13.5.3 Fire Integrity of Bulkheads and Decks Separating Adjacent Spaces

Table 1 Fire integrity of bulkheads separating adjacent spaces

Spaces	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Control Station (1)	A-0	A-0	A-60	A-60	A-60
Passageway, Stairway (2)		A-0	A-0	A-60	A-0
Accommodation Spaces (3)			A-0	A-60	A-0
Engine Room, Pump Room (4)				A-0	A-60
Galley and high risk area (5)					A-0

Table 2 Fire integrity of decks separating adjacent spaces

Spaces above Spaces below	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Control Station (1)	A-0	A-0	A-60	A-60	A-60
Passageway, Stairway (2)		A-0	A-0	A-60	A-0
Accommodation Spaces (3)			A-0	A-60	A-0
Engine Room, Pump Room (4)				A-0	A-60
Galley and high risk area (5)					A-0

13.5.4 Cargo Tank Venting

An approved venting system consisting of venting line, pressure-vacuum valve and vent outlets for cargo loading, discharging or ballasting shall be provided.

13.5.5 Cargo Tank Purging and/or Gas-freeing

An approved purging and/or gas freeing system shall be provided.

13.5.6 Ventilation

The ventilation system for cargo pump room and accommodation space shall be acceptable to the Director.

13.6 Requirements for Vessels Carrying Cargoes of Additional Fire Hazards

Where liquid cargoes which introduce additional fire hazards are intended to be carried on vessels other than those referred to in sections 13.4 and 13.5, additional safety measures shall be required to the satisfaction of the Director, having due regard to the provisions of the IMO International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying

Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk.

Chapter VII

Life-Saving Appliances and Arrangements

1 Definitions

“Survival craft” means lifeboat and liferaft.

“LSA Code” means the International Life-Saving Appliance (“LSA”) Code adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee of the International Maritime Organization by its resolution MSC.48(66) or its amended version.

“SOLAS A Pack Liferafts” are the liferafts provided with normal equipment prescribed by the abovementioned LSA Code.

“SOLAS B Pack Liferafts” are the liferafts provided with normal equipment prescribed by the LSA Code less the following equipment:

- (a) half number of rocket parachute flares, hand flares and buoyant smoke signals;
- (b) tin openers;
- (c) fishing tackle;
- (d) food ration;
- (e) water tank; and
- (f) graduated drinking vessels.

2 General Requirements

2.1 Life-saving appliances (other than lifejackets) shall be of the approved types. Appliances conforming to the LSA Code and approved by a maritime administration of a jurisdiction to which the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 is applicable or a classification society are acceptable.

2.1A Lifejacket

2.1A.1 *(Repealed)*

2.1A.2 Under the Survey Regulation, unless otherwise specified¹, a Class II vessel shall provide every person (regardless of whether he/she is a child or an adult) on board with a suitable lifejacket (refer to 2.1A.4), the total number of which must be not less than the maximum number of persons licensed to be carried (i.e. including crew members) as specified in the operating licence.

2.1A.3 Lifejacket Standards

¹ With respect to Class II vessels, this covers local vessels restricted to operate within specified sheltered waters or typhoon shelters and work boats complying with Schedule 2 to the Regulation.

The lifejackets required to be provided on board a local vessel under section 32 of and Schedule 3 to the Survey Regulation must –

- (a) at least comply with the performance standards and requirements set out in –
 - (i) for a vessel which is permitted to ply within river trade limits –
 - (A) section 2.2.1 or 2.2.2 of the LSA Code; or
 - (B) ISO 12402-3:2006 (Personal floatation devices – Part 3: Lifejackets, performance level 150 – Safety requirements) issued by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO); and
 - (ii) for a vessel which is permitted to ply solely in the waters of Hong Kong –
 - (A) section 2.2.1 or 2.2.2 of the LSA Code; or
 - (B) ISO 12402-4:2006 (Personal floatation devices – Part 4: Lifejackets, performance level 100 – Safety requirements) issued by the ISO; and
- (b) be of a type approved by a maritime administration of a jurisdiction to which the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 is applicable or a classification society or the European Union.

2.1A.4 Suitable Lifejacket

A suitable lifejacket means a lifejacket that is designed and manufactured in accordance with 2.1A.3 above, and fit for the intended wearer. A lifejacket complying with such standard is designed with a normal size range, differentiated by the weight and/or height of the intended wearer. Such a range of sizes would be marked on the label of lifejacket for reference:

	SOLAS	ISO
Adult	≥43kg, ≥155cm	≥40kg
Child	15-43kg, 100-155cm	15-40kg
“Common Lifejacket” (refer to <2.1A.6>)	N.A.	15-120kg

2.1A.5 To avoid confusion, the lifejackets placed on board should as far as practicable not of mixed standards.

2.1A.6 “Common Lifejacket”

A lifejacket suitable for both adults and children (Common Lifejacket) complies with ISO performance level 100. It is only suitable to be used by vessels sailing within the Hong Kong waters. For details of the Common Lifejacket accepted by the Marine Department and the information of the manufacturers, refer to Marine Department Notice No. 69 of 2019.

The Common Lifejacket should have a Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) electronic tag attached with a unique identification serial number. The electronic tag should fulfill the following specification requirements:

1	Material	Silicon (or equivalent).
2	Dimension	56 x 12 x 1.8 mm (+/- 10% on each dimension).
3	Frequency band	Within the 860 to 960 MHz band of the UHF spectrum, and shall be readable within the frequency range 865 – 868MHz and/or 920 – 925MHz allocated by the Office of the Communications Authority (OFCA) of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.
4	Protocol	EPC global ISO 18000-6C (or equivalent).
5	IC	Higgs 3 (or equivalent).
6	EPC memory	96 bits (or above).
7	User memory	512 bits (or above).
8	Write cycles	100 000 (or above).
9	Storage environment	-40°C to +90°C (or wider range).
10	Wet clean	85°C (up to 60 minutes) (or equivalent). 120°C (up to 10 minutes) (or equivalent).
11	Iron	200°C (up to 10 seconds with press cloth) (or equivalent).
12	Security features	(a) The tags shall be compatible with the security scheme for product authentication. (b) Each tag shall be assigned a unique ID in EPC memory bank. Structure of the encoding and numbering scheme shall make reference to Item 13 below with details to be provided and confirmed by the Marine Department. (c) Each tag shall be protected by a locked access password to avoid unauthorised access (32 bits). (d) Each tag shall be protected by a locked kill password to avoid unauthorised access (32 bits). (e) Each tag shall be assigned an authentication code (96 bits) in user memory bank which will be updated during authentication process. (f) Data content of the security scheme for tag initialization.
13	Structure of the encoding in the UHF RFID tag (for reference)	(a) The code is AA99-999999, of which each “A” represents an alphabetic character from A to Z and each “9” represents a digit from 0 to 9. (b) The hyphen is fixed. (c) The prefix “MD” will be used in the RFID provided by the Marine Department. The RFID of other Common Lifejackets shall not use “MD” in the encoding.

With reference to the LSA Code, restraining straps should be provided on board to assist overweight or oversized passengers/personnel to secure their lifejackets as they are unable to don the standard-compliant lifejackets.

- 2.1A.8 The life-saving appliances including their types and quantity for class II vessels shall be provided according to the Survey Regulation Schedule 3. The electronic version is available at the URL below:

<https://www.elegislation.gov.hk/hk/cap548G!en-zh-Hant-HK/sch3>

In determining the number of lifejackets required to be provided on board according to the regulation, the number of lifejackets shall be rounded up if the calculation results are decimal numbers.

- 2.1A.9 *(Repealed)*

- 2.1A.10 *(Repealed)*

- 2.2 Dumb lighters and hopper barges operating within river trade limits may be equipped with portable liferafts approved by recognized authorities (RA) or authorized organizations (AO). Other types of vessels when operating within river trade limits shall be equipped with SOLAS B Pack liferafts.

For existing vessels, life-saving appliances which have been approved by the national maritime authority of their country of manufacture in accordance with the national standard or have been approved by the Marine Department are also considered acceptable.

If a dumb lighter or hopper barge is intended to operate within river trade limits but is not equipped with the prescribed appliances, the owner shall, according to the condition stated in Note(4) of Table 4 of Schedule 3 to the Survey Regulation, declare by a specified form that the vessel is at all times accompanied by another local vessel (e.g. a tug) equipped with appliances sufficient for complements of both vessels.

- 2.3 Radiocommunications equipment shall have a licence issued by the Communications Authority (CA), Hong Kong.
- 2.4 One lifebuoy must be able to support two adult persons.
- 2.5 Each of the buoyant lifeline, self-igniting light and self-activating smoke signal required by the Survey Regulation shall be attached to a lifebuoy and be placed in proximity of the vessel's both sides.
- 2.6 Lifebuoys shall be marked on both sides with the name (as that shown on the hull of vessel) or Certificate of Ownership number of the vessel on which they are carried.
- 2.7 On vessels sailing in waters beyond Hong Kong, the lifejackets and lifebuoys shall be fitted with the following:

(a) for lifejacket: whistle and retro-reflective tape;

(b) for lifebuoy: retro-reflective tape

2.8 Donning instructions shall be posted in the appropriate areas in the vessel.

3 Replacement of Life-Saving Appliances

Any item of life-saving equipment marked with an expiry date shall be replaced on or before that date.

4 Operational Readiness, Maintenance, Inspections and Servicing

4.1 Whenever a local vessel is being used or operated, every life-saving appliance carried on board the vessel shall be –

(a) in working order;

(b) ready for immediate use; and

(c) placed in an easily accessible position.

4.2 Falls used for launching shall be turned end for end at intervals of not more than 30 months and be renewed when necessary due to deterioration of the falls or at intervals of not more than 5 years, whichever is the earlier. Stainless steel falls shall be turned end for end at intervals of not more than 30 months but need not be renewed provided that on inspection, there are no signs of mechanical damage or other possible defects.

4.3 Lifeboat disengaging gears shall be overhauled at intervals not exceeding 5 years.

4.4 Every inflatable liferaft and hydrostatic release unit shall be serviced at a service station accepted by the Director at intervals not exceeding 12 months or a period as permitted by the Director.

5 Survival Craft Muster and Embarkation Arrangements

5.1 Survival craft shall be stowed as close to accommodation and service areas as possible.

5.2 Muster and embarkation stations of survival craft shall be readily accessible from accommodation and work areas.

5.3 Alleyways, internal and external stairways and exits giving access to the muster and embarkation stations of survival craft shall be lighted.

6 Stowage of Survival Craft and Buoyant Apparatus

6.1 Each survival craft shall be stowed –

(a) in a way that neither the survival craft nor its stowage arrangements will interfere with the operation of any other survival craft at any other launching

station;

- (b) as near to the water surface as possible provided that it is safe and practicable; in serious situations where a fully loaded survival craft has an angle of trim or heel up to 20° or the weather deck starts to be flooded, etc., the embarkation point should be at least 2 m above the waterline;
- (c) in a state of continuous readiness so that two crew members can carry out preparations for embarkation and launching in less than 5 minutes;
- (d) in a fully-equipped manner;
- (e) in a secure and sheltered area as far as practicable to prevent any damages that may be caused by fire and explosions.

6.2 Lifeboats shall be stowed together with the launching appliances.

6.3 Liferafts shall be so stowed as to permit manual release from their securing arrangements.

6.4 Liferafts shall be so stowed as to be readily transferable for launching on either side of the vessel unless liferafts are stowed on each side of the vessel.

6.5 Every liferaft shall be stowed with its painter permanently attached to the vessel and with a float-free arrangement so that the liferaft can float free and, if inflatable, can inflate automatically when the vessel sinks.

6.6 Each buoyant apparatus shall be stowed -

- (a) as to be readily transferable for launching on either side of the vessel;
- (b) with a float-free arrangement so that the apparatus can float free when the vessel sinks.

7 Launching Stations

Launching stations shall be in such positions as to ensure safe launching having particular regard to the clearance from the propeller and steeply overhanging portions of the hull with the object of ensuring that so far as practicable, the survival craft can be launched down on the straight side of the vessel.

8 Survival Craft Launching Arrangements

8.1 Each lifeboat shall be provided with an appliance which is capable of launching and recovering the lifeboat.

8.2 Means shall be available to prevent any discharge of water onto the survival craft during abandonment.

9 Stowage of Lifebuoys

- 9.1 Lifebuoys shall be so distributed as to be readily available on both sides of the vessel and as far as practicable on all open decks extending to the vessel's side. At least one lifebuoy shall be placed in the vicinity of the stern.
- 9.2 Lifebuoys shall be so stowed as to be capable of being rapidly cast loose, and not permanently secured in any way to allow float free.
- 9.3 Except as otherwise provided, one lifebuoy shall be fitted on each side of the vessel with a buoyant lifeline attached.
- 9.4 Except as otherwise provided, lifebuoys with self-igniting lights and those with self-igniting lights and self-activating smoke signals shall be equally distributed on both sides of the vessel and shall not be the lifebuoys provided with buoyant lifeline.

10 Stowage of Lifejackets

- 10.1 Lifejackets shall be so placed as to be readily accessible and their positions shall be plainly indicated.
- 10.2 The additional lifejackets, when provided, shall be stowed in conspicuous places on deck or at muster stations.
- 10.3 If a lifejacket is individually stored in a plastic bag, and –
 - (a) where the plastic bag is completely transparent, the plastic bag shall be easily ripped open; and
 - (b) where the plastic bag is opaque or is not completely transparent –
 - (i) the plastic bag shall be easily ripped open; and
 - (ii) there shall be clear indication at a conspicuous place on the outside of the plastic bag that the plastic bag contains a lifejacket.
- 10.4 If one or more lifejackets are stored in an enclosed space (for example: a cabinet, a bag) which is opaque or is not completely transparent, there shall be a clear indication at a conspicuous place on the outside of the enclosed space that the enclosed space contains a lifejacket.

11 Stowage and Packing of Pyrotechnic Distress Signals

- 11.1 Pyrotechnic distress signals provided for use on board a vessel shall be stowed on or near the navigating bridge.
- 11.2 All pyrotechnic distress signals provided for use on board vessels or lifeboats shall be packed in water-resistant casings when stowed.

12 Operating Instructions for Survival Craft and their Launching Controls

Posters and signs provided on or in the vicinity of survival craft and their launching controls shall illustrate the purpose of controls and the procedures for operating the appliance and give relevant instructions.

13 Manning of Survival Craft

There shall be a sufficient number of crew members to operate the survival craft and launching arrangements for abandonment by all the people on board. The crew should be acquainted with their duties.

CHAPTER VIII

LIGHTS, SHAPES AND SOUND SIGNALS

1 General

- 1.1 Unless indicated otherwise, this chapter (including amendments made therein) applies to all vessels with effect from 1 July 2016.
- 1.2 Lights, shapes and sound signals provided for navigational purpose must be in accordance with the provisions of the Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Signals of Distress and Prevention of Collisions) Regulations, Cap. 369 sub. leg. N, which gives effect to the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea 1972 (COLREG), as amended.
- 1.3 All lanterns and sound signals must be of the type approved/certified by the Marine Department, or the Maritime Administration of a convention country.

All lanterns and sound signals fitted on new vessel^{Note 1}; or replacement of these lights/signals on existing vessel must be of the type approved/certified by the Marine Department, or the Maritime Administration of a convention country or an authorized organization (definition in Ch. I/3.1 refers). Each navigation light must be accompanied by a type-approval certificate with unique serial number.
- 1.4 Where applicable special signals as required in the International Code of Signals published by the International Maritime Organization must be exhibited.
- 1.5 For ease of reference for meeting relevant provisions of the Regulations mentioned in section 1.1, the following sections, tables or diagrams indicate the signal appliances a vessel must exhibit when underway/towing/being towed, of type and length as indicated.

2 Definitions

For the purpose of this chapter, except where the context otherwise requires:

- (a) The words "length (L)" and "breadth" of a vessel mean her length overall and extreme breadth (as defined in Ch. I/3.1).
- (b) The term "height above the hull" means height above the uppermost continuous deck. This height shall be measured from the position vertically beneath the location of the light.

3 Alternative Lights

- 3.1 All vessels of $L \geq 24.4$ metres shall carry a complete set of alternative (standby) lanterns for the masthead lights, side lights (P. and S.) and stern light.
- 3.2 On vessels carrying dangerous goods, all lanterns including alternative lanterns shall be of electric type. On other vessels the alternative lanterns may be either electric or oil type.
- 3.3 One set of spare bulbs (one per light) shall be carried for the electric lanterns. A set of spare chimneys (one per light) shall be carried for the oil lanterns.

4 Lights and Sound Signals

^{Note 1} Applicable to a vessel which is when the reference to "the commencement date" of the Survey Regulation in the definition of "new vessel" under section 2 of the Survey Regulation is substituted by "3 March 2017".

4.1 Power Driven Vessels $L \geq 50$ m

Item	No. Reqd	Intensity/Size	Remark
Masthead Light	1 fwd 1 aft	visibility 6 n. miles	
Side Light (P&S)	1 set	" 3 n. miles	
Stern Light	1	" 3 n. miles	
Anchor Light	1 fwd 1 aft	" 3 n. miles	all round white
N.U.C. Light	2	" 3 n. miles	all round red
Black Ball	2	0.6 m diameter	
Black Diamond	1	0.6 m diameter, 1.2 m height	
Whistle	1	Audibility range 50 m $\leq$ L < 75 m 1 n. mile 75 m $\leq$ L < 200 m 1.5 n. mile	
Bell	1	0.3 m mouth diameter	
Gong	1		for L $\geq$ 100 m

4.2 Power Driven Vessels $20 \text{ m} \leq L < 50 \text{ m}$

Item	No. Reqd	Intensity/Size	Remark
Masthead Light	1	visibility 5 n. miles	
Side Light (P&S)	1 set	" 2 n. miles	
Stern Light	1	" 2 n. miles	
Anchor Light	1	" 2 n. miles	all round white
N.U.C. Light	2	" 2 n. miles	all round red
Black Ball	2	0.6 m diameter	
Black Diamond	1	0.6 m diameter, 1.2 m height	
Whistle	1	audibility range 1 n. mile	
Bell	1	0.3 m mouth diameter	

4.3 Power Driven Vessels $12 \text{ m} \leq L < 20 \text{ m}$

Item	No. Reqd	Intensity/Size	Remark
Masthead Light	1	visibility 3 n. miles	
Side Light (P&S)	1 set	" 2 n. miles	may be combined lantern
Stern Light	1	" 2 n. miles	
Anchor Light	1	" 2 n. miles	all round white
N.U.C. Light	2	" 2 n. miles	all round red
Black Ball	2	dimensions commensurate with size of vessel	
Black Diamond	1	ditto	
Whistle	1	audibility range 0.5 n. miles	
Sound Signal	1	means of making efficient sound signal	

4.4 Power Driven Vessels $L < 12$ m

Item	No. Req'd	Intensity/Size	Remark
Masthead Light	1	visibility 2 n. miles	may exhibit an all-round white
Stern Light	1	" 2 n. miles	light instead ^{Note A}
Side Light (P&S)	1 set	" 1 n. miles	may be combined lantern
Anchor Light	1	" 2 n. miles	all round white
N.U.C. Light ^{Note B}	2	" 2 n. miles	all round red
Black Ball ^{Note B}	2	dimensions commensurate with size of vessel	
Black Diamond ^{Note B}	1	ditto	
Sound Signal	1	means of making efficient sound signal	

Note

- (A) The masthead light or all-round white light may be displaced from the fore and aft centreline of the vessel if centreline fitting is not practicable, provided that the sidelights are combined in one lantern which shall be carried on the fore and aft centreline of the vessel or located as nearly as practicable in the same fore and aft line as the masthead light or the all-round white light.
- (B) Except those engaged in diving operations, the subject lights and shapes shall not be required.

4.5 Power driven vessel with $L < 7$ m and maximum speed not exceeding 7 knots may in lieu of the lights prescribed in 4.4 above, exhibit an all round white light and shall, if practicable, also exhibit sidelights.

4.6 Additional Requirements for Power Driven Vessels engaged in Towing

Item	No. Req'd	Remark
Masthead Light ^{Note A}	Aft 3	length of tow ^{Note B} > 200 m) to be arranged in a
	2	length of tow ^{Note B} ≤ 200 m) vertical line
	Fwd 1	required for L ≥ 50 M
Towing Light (yellow)	1	Visibility L < 50 m 2 n. miles) to be arranged in a L ≥ 50 m 3 n. miles) vertical line above stern light
Black Diamond	1	applicable to length of tow > 200 m, size 0.6 m diameter and 1.2 m height,

Note

- (A) See Note (E) of section 5.1.
- (B) The length of tow is measured from the stern of the towing vessel to the after end of the tow.

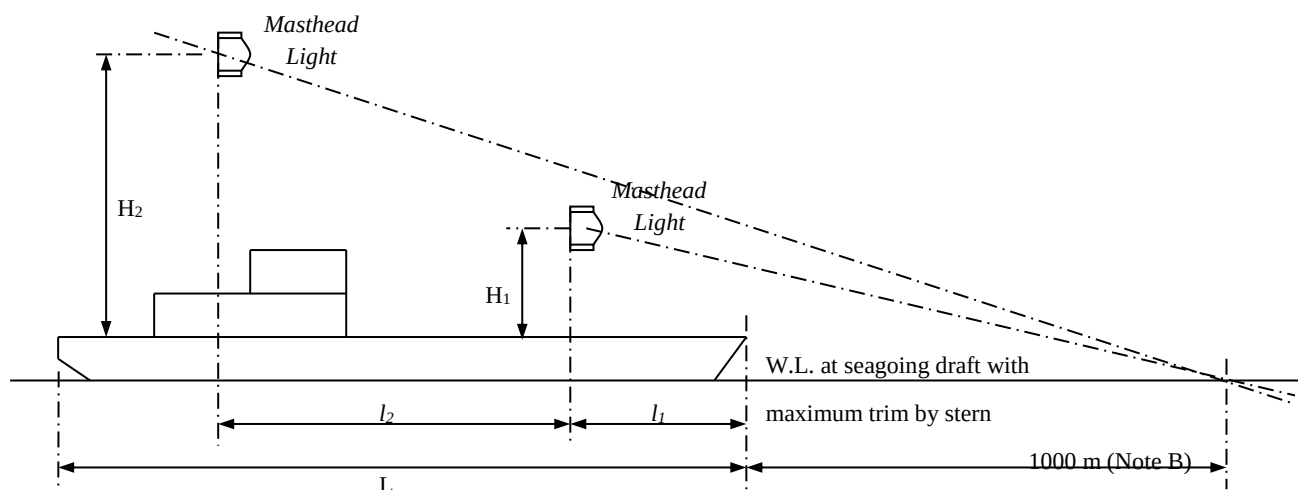
4.7 Dumb Vessels

Shall carry lights, shapes and sound signals prescribed for a power driven vessel of her length except the masthead lights.

5 Positioning of Light Signals

Except in special cases, the masthead light, side lights and stern light must be so placed as to be above and clear of all other lights and obstructions.

5.1 Masthead Light



Ship Length L (m)	$L < 12$ (Note A)	$12 \leq L < 20$ (Note A)	$20 \leq L < 50$ (Note A)	$L \geq 50$
l_1	As far forward as is practicable	As far forward as is practicable	$\leq 0.5L$	$\leq 0.25L$
l_2	--	--	--	$\geq 0.5 L$
H_1	may be < 2.5 m (Note D,F)	≥ 2.5 m (Note C,F)	≥ 6 m or ship's breadth (whichever is greater), but need not > 12 m (Note F)	
H_2	--	--	--	$\geq (H_1+4.5)$ (Note E,F)

Note

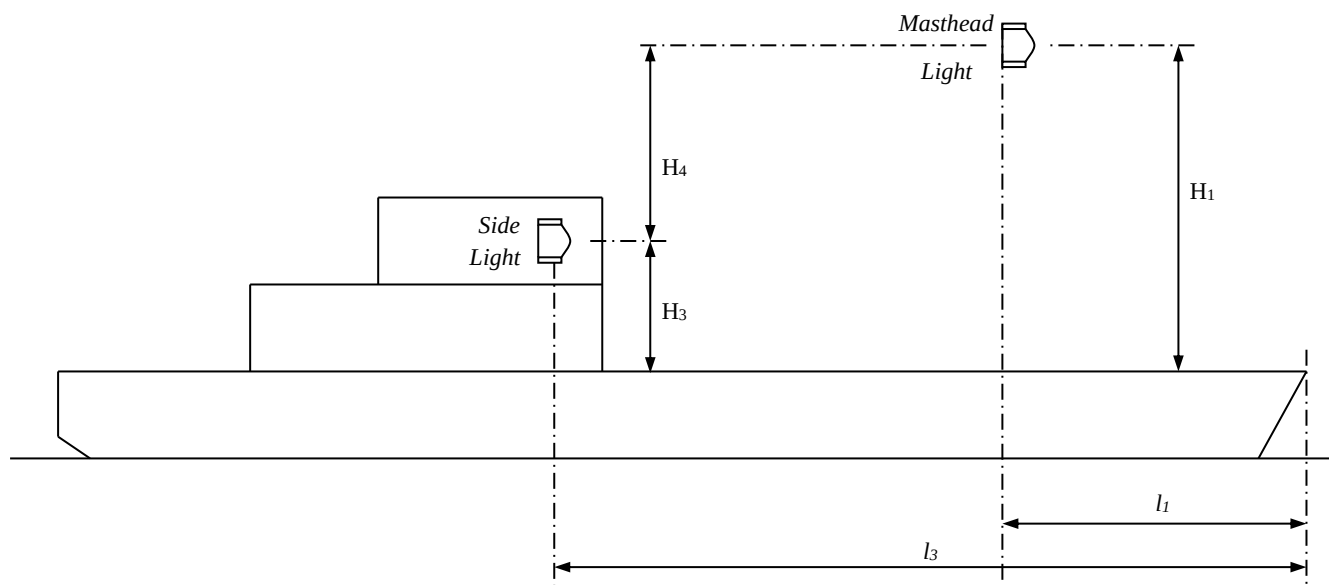
- (A) On vessels of $L < 50$ m only one masthead light is required.
- (B) The vertical separation of masthead lights of power-driven vessels must be such that in all normal conditions of trim the after light will be seen over and separate from the forward light at a distance of 1000 m from the stem when viewed from sea level.
- (C) On vessels of $12 \text{ m} \leq L < 20$ m the height is measured from gunwale.
- (D) Vessels of $L < 12$ m may carry the uppermost light at a height of less than 2.5 m above the gunwale. When however a masthead light is carried in addition to side lights and a stern light or the all-round lights prescribed in the regulation is carried in addition to side lights, then such masthead light or all-round light must be carried at least 1 m higher than the side lights.
- (E) One of the two or three masthead lights prescribed for a vessel when engaged in towing or pushing another vessel must be placed in the same position as either the forward masthead light or the after masthead light; provided that, if carried on the after mast, the

lowest after masthead light must be at least 4.5 m vertically higher than the forward masthead light.

- (F) The masthead light of a high speed vessel may be placed at a height related to the breadth of the vessel lower than that prescribed for H_1 , provided that the base angle of the isosceles triangles formed by the sidelights and masthead light, when seen in end elevation, is not less than 27° . For the dimension of vertical separation between foremast and mainmast light on a high speed vessel of $L \geq 50\text{m}$, paragraph 13 in Annex I of the Schedule to Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Signals of Distress and Prevention of Collisions) Regulations refers.

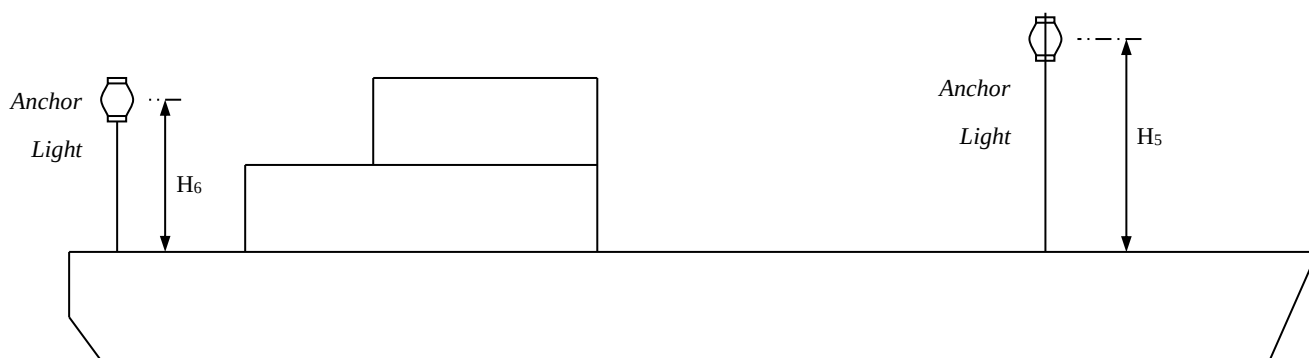
5.2 Side Light

- 5.2.1 The side lights of vessels of $L \geq 20\text{ m}$ must be fitted with inboard screens painted matt black and meet the requirements with respect to horizontal sectors. On vessels of $L < 20\text{ m}$ the side lights, if necessary to provide with horizontal sectors, must be fitted with inboard matt black screens. With a combined lantern, using a single vertical filament and a very narrow division between the green and red sections, external screens need not be fitted.
- 5.2.2 Side lights shall not be so low as to be interfered with by deck lights. They must be placed at or near the side of the vessel (recommended not more than 0.1 ship's breadth from shipside).
- 5.2.3 The sidelights, if in a combined lantern and carried on a power-driven vessel of less than 20 m in length, must be placed not less than 1 m below the masthead light.



Length (m)	$L < 20$	$20 \leq L < 50$	$L \geq 50$
l_3	no requirement	$> l_1$ (i.e. side light not to be in front of masthead light)	$> l_1$ (i.e. side light not to be in front of forward masthead light)
H_3	$\leq 0.75 H_1$		
H_4	in the case of combined lantern, $\geq 1\text{m}$	--	--

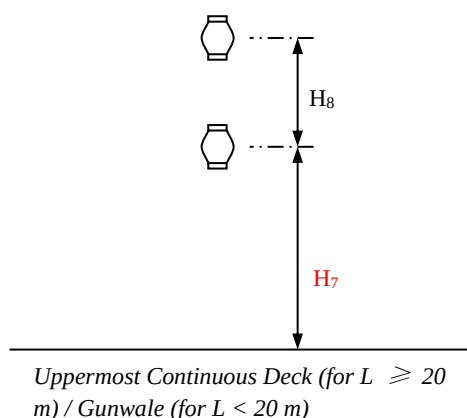
5.3 Anchor Light



Length (m)	$L < 50$ (Note)	$L \geq 50$
H_5	Position can best be seen	≥ 6 m
H_6		$\leq (H_5 - 4.5)$

Note: On vessels of $L < 50$ m, only one anchor light is required.

5.4 Vertical Spacing of Lights fitted in a Vertical Line



Length (m)	$L < 20$	$L \geq 20$
H_7	≥ 2 m (except where a towing light is fitted) ^{Note A}	≥ 4 m (except where a towing light is fitted) ^{Note A}
H_8 ^{Note}	≥ 1 m	≥ 2 m

Note When 3 lights are carried they must be equally spaced.

5.5 Electric Light Vertical Sectors

The lights must be so positioned such that:

- at least the required minimum intensity is maintained at all angles from 5° above to 5° below the horizontal; and
- at least 60% of the required minimum intensity is maintained from 7.5° above to 7.5° below the horizontal.

CHAPTER IX

TONNAGE MEASUREMENT

PART 1 General

1 Application

- 1.1 Subject to section 1.2, this chapter shall apply to **new vessels (see definition in Ch. I/3.1)**.
- 1.2 The following vessels are not required to be measured in accordance with this chapter –
- (a) any vessel the tonnage of which has been measured in accordance with the Merchant Shipping (Registration)(Tonnage) Regulations and is issued with the relevant tonnage certificate; or
 - (b) any vessel in possession of International Tonnage Certificate issued in accordance with the International Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships, 1969.
 - (c) **any existing vessel the tonnage of which has been measured in accordance with the previous methods of tonnage measurement.**

2 METHOD OF TONNAGE MEASUREMENT

- 2.1 The gross and net tonnages shall be determined in accordance with Part 2 of this chapter provided that in the case of novel types of vessel with constructional features which render the application of the provisions of Part 2 unreasonable or impracticable, the gross and net tonnages shall be determined as required by the Director.
- 2.2 All measurements used in the calculations of volumes shall be taken and expressed in metres to the nearest centimetre.
- 2.3 Gross and net tonnages shall be expressed as whole numbers, decimals being rounded off downwards.
- 2.4 All volumes included in the calculation of gross and net tonnages shall be measured, irrespective of the fitting of insulation or the like, to the inner side of the shell (below Main deck) or structural boundary plating (above Main deck) in ships constructed of metal, and to the outer surface of the shell (below Main deck) or to the inner side of the structural boundary surfaces (above Main deck) in ships constructed of any other material.
- 2.5 The total volume shall include volumes of appendages (e.g. rudder, kort nozzle, skeg, propeller shaft bossings, etc.) but exclude the volumes of spaces open to sea. Volumes within the hulls of ship, such as split-hull barges and dredgers, shall be retained in V and V_c notwithstanding that the space within the hull is temporarily open to the sea when discharging cargo.

- 2.6 Enclosed spaces above the main deck not exceeding 1 m³, air trunks having a cross-sectional area not exceeding 1 m² are not to be measured.
- 2.7 Masts, cranes and container support structures, which are completely inaccessible and above the main deck, separated on all their sides from other enclosed spaces are not to be included in the total volume of all enclosed spaces. All mobile cranes are exempted.

PART 2 Ascertainment of Tonnage

3 Vessels of 24 Metres in Length and Above

- 3.1 The tonnage of vessels of 24 metres in length and above shall be ascertained in accordance with Part II of the Merchant Shipping (Registration)(Tonnage) Regulations..

4 Vessels of Less Than 24 Metres in Length

- 4.1 All vessels of less than 24 m in length shall be ascertained in accordance with this section.
- 4.2 Gross tonnage
- 4.2.1 The gross tonnage (GT) shall be determined by the following formula:

$$GT = K_1 (V_1 + V_2)$$

where: $K_1 = 0.2 + 0.02 \log_{10} V_1$

$V_1 = V_H$, total volume of all enclosed spaces under the main deck, in m³; which shall be obtained from section 4.2.2 (in catamaran, $V_1 = 2 \times V_H$).

V_2 = total volume of all enclosed spaces above the main deck, in m³; which shall be obtained from section 4.2.3.

- 4.2.2 V_1 shall be determined by the following formula:

$$V_1 = L_m B D C \quad m^3$$

where: L_m = length of the main deck, m;

B = in vessels of other than wooden construction, the moulded breadth (in catamaran, the moulded breadth of one hull); and in wooden vessels, the breadth measured to the outer planking of the hull, m;

D = moulded depth, m;

C = coefficient obtained from the following table depending on the type of vessel:

Main deck is the deck which form the top of the enclosed space of the hull.

Vessel and Type of Vessel	Propulsion	Basic Hull Form	Hull Form Factor (C)
Class II Vessel			
Dangerous Goods Carrier	No Propulsion engine	box	0.90
Noxious Liquid Substances Carrier	No Propulsion engine	box	0.90
Oil Carrier	No Propulsion engine	box	0.90 (Note)
	with Propulsion engine	ship	0.80 (Note)
Dry Cargo Vessel	With Propulsion engine	junk	0.60
		box	0.90 (Note)
		ship	0.80 (Note)
Dumb Lighter (incl. Flat Top Barge)	No Propulsion engine	box	0.90
Edible Oil Barge	No Propulsion engine	box	0.90
Water Boat	With Propulsion engine	ship	0.60
Tug	With Propulsion engine	ship	0.60
Transportation Vessel	With Propulsion engine	ship	0.55
Transportation Sampan	With Propulsion engine	junk	0.60
Pilot Boat	With Propulsion engine	ship	0.60
Floating Workshop (incl. Repair Pontoon, Welding Barge), Crane Barge, Flat Top Work Barge, Landing Pontoon, Separation Barge, Ice Boat, Fish Drying Hulk	No Propulsion engine	box	Vertical ends 1 (Note)
			Sloped ends 0.90 (Note)

Note: For a vessel with intermediate hull form, for example, bow in ship form and stern in box form, C shall be the mean of the two coefficients, i.e. $(0.80 + 0.90) / 2 = 0.85$.

4.2.3 V_2 shall be determined by the following formula:

$$V_2 = \Sigma l \times b \times h \quad \text{m}^3$$

where l , b , h are respectively the mean length, mean breadth and mean height of each tier of the enclosed spaces above the main deck, in m.

4.3 Net Tonnage

The net tonnage (NT) shall be determined by the following formula:

$$NT = K_2GT$$

where: K_2 = coefficient obtained from the following table;

GT = gross tonnage calculated by section 4.2.1 above.

Class and Type of Vessel	K ₂	
Class II Vessel		
Dangerous Goods Carrier Noxious Liquid Substances Carrier Oil Carrier Dry Cargo Vessel Edible Oil Carrier	With Propulsion engine	No propulsion engine
	0.56	0.84
Dumb Lighter (incl. Flat Top Cargo Barge) Hopper Barge	0.84	
All types other than the above	0.30	

CHAPTER X

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR VESSELS CARRYING DANGEROUS GOODS

PART 1 Hull Construction and Equipment

1 **Hull Construction**

- 1.1 ≤ The hull shall be constructed of metal ≥.
- 1.2 Cargo holds shall be efficiently ventilated.
- 1.3 A means for effectively closing the engine room and other machinery spaces shall be fitted so as to prevent a fire in that space from spreading.
- 1.4 No passenger is to be carried on board a vessel when it is engaged in carrying dangerous goods.

2 **Windlass**

Every vessel shall be fitted with windlass of sufficient number, strength and power for recovering the cables and anchors.

3 **Signals**

- 3.1 A vessel on which explosives are being handled (carriage, loading and unloading, etc.) must –
 - (a) between sunrise and sunset, fly the signal "B" as specified in the International Code of Signals published by the International Maritime Organization at the fore masthead; and
 - (b) between sunset and sunrise, exhibit an all-round red light at a height of not less than 6 metres above the uppermost deck, and such light shall be of such intensity as to be visible in clear atmosphere on a dark night at a distance of at least one nautical mile.
- 3.2 A vessel on which petroleum having a flash point of **not exceeding 60°C** (closed cup test) is being handled must –
 - (a) between sunrise and sunset, fly a red flag of not less than one metre square with a white circular centre 150 mm in diameter at the fore masthead; and
 - (b) between sunset and sunrise, exhibit an all-round red light at a height of not less than 6 metres above the uppermost deck, and such light shall be of such intensity as to be visible in clear atmosphere on a dark night at a distance of at least one nautical mile.

4 **Notices**

A vessel on which dangerous goods is being handled shall prominently display at suitable locations onboard two of each of the following notices –

不准吸煙 No Smoking

不准明火 No Naked Lights

The Chinese characters and English letters shall be at least 100 mm in height.

PART 2 Carriage of Dangerous Goods in Packaged Form or in Solid Form in Bulk

5 Regulatory Requirements

5.1 Unless otherwise specified elsewhere in this code, any vessel intended for the carriage of dangerous goods in packaged form or in solid form in bulk shall -

- (a) (i) in addition to complying with the fire protection requirements prescribed in Schedule 4 of the Survey Regulation;
- (ii) comply with the special requirements for ships carrying dangerous goods as stipulated in SOLAS II-2/Part C; and
- (b) be in accordance with the requirements of the IMDG Code with regard to classification, identification, marking, labelling, placarding, packing, stowage, segregation, fire precautions and documentation.

6 Dumb Steel Lighters carrying Packaged Dangerous Goods in Freight Containers

6.1 Dumb steel lighters intended for the carriage of any class(es) of dangerous goods as shown in the following table may, instead of complying with the section 5.1(a)(ii), comply with the relevant requirements indicated in the following table. Dumb lighters which carry cargoes in open-hatch type cargo hold shall meet the requirements of items A to G; flat top barges which carry cargoes on a complete weather deck shall meet the requirements of items A, F and G. Notwithstanding meeting the safety construction requirements shown in the table, the carriage of such cargoes shall comply with the control measures that embrace segregation, stowage and safe handling of dangerous goods as imposed from time to time by the Port Control Division of the Department.

(✓ means applicable)

No.	Class of DG Requirement	1.4 s	2 Note ^a	3	4 Note ^a	5.1	5.2 Note ^a	6.1	8	9
A	Fire Pump Water Supplies readily availability of water supplies sufficient for 4 ^{Note^d} jets, each with a 18 m length hoses and Ø12 mm nozzles, to cover the whole designated cargo area. Nozzles shall be of an approved dual-purpose type (i.e., spray/jet type) incorporating a shutoff. On existing vessel such fire pump may be electrical driven submerged pump rigged on frame fitted at shipside with hose attached for readily uses. On new vessel, A permanently installed fire pump shall be fitted.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

No.	Requirement	Class of DG								
		1.4 s	2 Note ^a	3	4 Note ^a	5.1	5.2 Note ^a	6.1	8	9
B	Electrical Installation electrical equipment and wiring fitted in cargo hold shall be of ignition-proof type. However there shall not be any electrical equipment or wiring fitted in such cargo space if classes 1.4s, 2.1 and class 3 having flashing point less than 23°C (closed cup test) are to be carried.	✓	✓	✓	✓ Note ^b			✓	✓	✓ Note ^c
C	Detection System fixed fire detection and fire alarm system or a sample extraction smoke detection system shall be fitted in cargo hold. However such system may be waived if it can be shown that the crew can provide constant supervision of the cargoes onboard.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
D	Ventilation System power ventilation of at least 6 ^{Note c} air changes per hour for an empty hold. The fans shall be of ignition-proof type. On existing vessel portable extraction fans of sufficient power may be provided. On new vessel, A fixed ventilation fan and ducting system shall be fitted. The fans shall be of ignition-proof type. Suitable wire mesh guards shall be fitted over inlet and outlet ventilation openings.		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
E	Bilge Pump An independent cargo hold bilge pump shall be provided. Note: (*) Bilge pump shall be of self-priming type and of capacity not less than 50mm/hour multiplied by the length and breadth of the cargo hold. There shall be two bilge wells; one on Port and one on Starboard of the cargo hold, connecting to the bilge pump located outside the cargo hold.			✓				✓	✓	
F	Portable Fire Extinguisher A minimum of additional 3 × 4 kg dry powder portable fire extinguishers shall be provided.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

No.	Class of DG Requirement	1.4 s	2 Note ^a	3	4 Note ^a	5.1	5.2 Note ^a	6.1	8	9
G	Separation from Machinery Space and Fire Protection lifting appliance and generator engines located on fore mast shall be partitioned (with height not less than to the top of the engines) on the rear side (facing the cargo stowage area) and the two sides. Spark arrester shall be fitted for engine exhaust pipes.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	

Note

- (a) Under the provisions of the IMDG Code, stowage of following classes of dangerous goods under deck is prohibited:
- (i) class 2.3 having subsidiary risk class 2.1;
 - (ii) class 4.3 liquids having a flashpoint less than 23°C.
 - (iii) class 5.2;
- (b) Only applicable to dangerous goods evolving flammable vapour listed in the IMDG Code.
- (c) Only applicable to dangerous goods having a flashpoint less than 23°C listed in the IMDG Code.
- (d) Subject to the following conditions the vessel may equip with only 2 jets/lengths of fire hose:
- (i) when operating within Hong Kong waters ; or
 - (ii) when operating within River Trade Limits the vessel is at all times accompanied by a tug equipped with at least 2 jets/lengths of fire hose.
- (e) New vessel ^{Note1} - at least 6 air changes/hr; existing vessel - at least 2 air changes/hr.

PART 3 Carriage of Dangerous Goods in Liquid Form in Bulk

7 Carriage of Flammable Cargoes

- 7.1 Oil carriers and any vessel intended for carrying cargoes having a flash point of or less than 60°C (closed cup test) shall meet the applicable structural fire protection requirements prescribed in the relevant plan approved under Part 3 of the Survey Regulation.
- 7.2 Any internal combustion engine installed on deck shall be of air, hydraulic or hand starting. The engine exhaust pipe shall be fitted with spark-arrestor.

8 Carriage of Dangerous Liquid Chemicals

The construction and equipment of any vessel constructed or adapted and used for the carriage in bulk of any liquid product listed in chapter 17 of the IBC Code shall comply

^{Note1} A vessel which is when the reference to “the commencement date” of the Survey Regulation in the definition of “new vessel” under section 2 of the Survey Regulation is substituted by “17 February 2017”.

with the relevant requirements of the said Code.

CHAPTER XI
VESSELS BUILT TO CLASSIFICATION SOCIETY'S RULES
AND REGULATIONS FOR HIGH SPEED CRAFT

1 General

- 1.1 This chapter applies to high speed craft (HSC) which are designed and built to the requirements of rules and regulations applicable to HSC issued by a classification society as listed in Annex A of this Code.
- 1.2 The requirements of this chapter apply to new vessels of HSC since 1 January 2000 operating solely within the waters of Hong Kong.

2 Intact Stability

The intact stability shall meet the relevant requirements of sections 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.11, 2.12 and annex 7 of the HSC Code¹.

3 Damaged Stability

The damaged stability shall meet the relevant requirements of sections 2.6, 2.13 and sections 2 and 3 of annex 7 of the HSC Code.

4 Seating construction, Safety belts

- 4.1 A seat shall be provided for each passenger and crew member for which the vessel is certified to carry.
- 4.2 The installation of seats shall be such as to allow adequate access to any part of the accommodation space. In particular, they shall not obstruct access to, or use of, any essential emergency equipment or means of escape.
- 4.3 Seats and their attachments, and the structure in the proximity of the seats, shall be of a form and design, and so arranged, such as to minimize the possibility of injury and to avoid trapping of the passengers after the assumed damage in the collision design condition. Dangerous projections and hard edges shall be eliminated or padded.
- 4.4 One-hand-release safety belts shall be provided for front row seats. The g_{coll} acceleration for seat belt shall not be less than 3.
- 4.5 All seats, the supports and deck attachments shall have good energy-absorbing characteristics and shall meet the requirements of annex 9 of the HSC Code.

5 Directional control system

Means for directional control in compliance with requirements of chapter 5 of the HSC Code shall be provided.

6 Structural fire protection

- 6.1 The bulkheads and decks of engine room boundary shall be provided with structural

¹ International Code of Safety for High Speed Craft adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee of the International Maritime Organization by resolution MSC. 36(63) (HSC Code 1994), as may be amended by the Organization from time to time

fire protection based on providing protection for a period of 30 minutes.

6.2 The bulkheads and decks separating wheelhouse and passenger spaces shall be constructed with smoke-tight materials.

6.3 The requirements of sections 7.4.3.1 and 7.4.3.4 of HSC Code shall be complied with.

7 Fire detection and fixed fire extinguishing system

7.1 A fire detection system and a fixed fire extinguishing system shall be provided for engine rooms.

7.2 A fire detection system shall be provided for compartments where fuel oil tanks are located.

8 Remote control, alarm and safety systems

The remote control, alarm and safety systems shall meet the requirements of chapter 11 of the HSC Code.

9 Radar installations

One set of radar shall be fitted. If a radar in compliance with section 80 of the Survey Regulation has been fitted on the vessel, no additional radar is required.

10 Wheelhouse Layout

10.1 The wheelhouse shall be designed so that an all-round view of the horizon from the navigating workstation is obtained.

10.2 The layout of the wheelhouse shall comply with the requirements of sections 15.3.2~15.3.6 of HSC Code.

11 Documentation

Every vessel shall be provided with operating manual, route operating manual, training manual and maintenance manual in accordance with section 18.2 of HSC Code.

12 Failure mode and effect analysis

A failure mode and effect analysis (FMEA) in respect of the vessel's directional control systems, machinery, electrical installation and stabilization systems shall be conducted according to the requirements in annex 4 of the HSC Code. A detailed FMEA may not be required for a system if it meets the conditions stated in sections 4.4 and 4.5 of the annex.

13 Operational and safety trial

The operational and safety performance of the vessel shall be demonstrated in accordance with annex 8 of the HSC Code.

CHAPTER XII

VESSEL SAFE OPERATION AND OPERATOR REQUIREMENTS

1 General

Every vessel that is fitted with propulsion engine shall be controlled by the following appropriate complement when underway -

- (a) coxswain; and
- (b) engine operator, except that specified in Schedule 3 of the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Certification and Licensing) Regulation (Cap. 548 sub. leg.).

2 Certificate Classes and Validity

- 2.1 Local certificates of competency issued before, and after commencement of the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels)(Local Certificates of Competency) Rules, (Local Certificates of Competency Rules), and its validity limitations are shown in the following table :

Certificates issued before the commencement of Local Certificates of Competency Rules	Certificates issued under Local Certificates of Competency Rules	Vessels Applicable
Local Certificate of Competency as Master of a vessel of 300 tons and under; Local Certificate of Competency as Trawling Master	Coxswain Grade 1	Up to and including 1600 gross ton ^{Note 1}
Local Certificate of Competency as Master of a vessel of 60 tons and under	Coxswain Grade 2	Up to and including 24 m length ^{Note 2} , and 26.4 m length overall ^{Note 3}
Local Certificate of Competency as Master of a Fishing Vessel;	Coxswain Grade 3	Up to and including 15 m length ^{Note 2} , and 16.5 m length overall ^{Note 3}
Local Certificate of Competency as Ferry engineer; Local Certificate of Competency as Engineer for a vessel with engine power over 150 BHP	Engine Operator Grade 1	Up to and including 3000 kW aggregate power ^{Note 4}
	Engine Operator Grade 2	Up to and including 1500 kW aggregate power ^{Note 4}
Local Certificate of Competency as engineer of a vessel with engine power up to 150 BHP; Local Certificate of Competency as Engineer of a Fishing Vessel	Engine Operator Grade 3	Up to and including 750 kW aggregate power ^{Note 4}

Note

- 1 If vessel's gross tonnage is greater than 1600 or vessel's total propulsion power is greater than 3000kW, special consideration may be sought from the Director.
- 2 "Length", as defined in Ch. I/3.1.

- 3 “Length overall”, as defined in Ch. I/3.1.
- 4 “Aggregate power” (總功率), according to Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels)(Local Certificates Of Competency) Rules, means the total power of all the vessel’s propulsion engines as specified in the certificate of survey or certificate of inspection issued to the vessel in accordance with the provisions of the Survey Regulation.
- 2.2 Local certificate of competency as master restricted to operate a craft of not more than 10 metres in length and fitted with either a petrol outboard engine of not more than 12 kW power or a diesel engine of not more than 38kW power within limits of permitted areas issued before the commencement of the Local Certificates of Competency Rules shall, unless earlier suspended or cancelled-
- (a) continue in force until the date of its expiry;
 - (b) valid for operation within the limits of the permitted areas as shown shaded on the map in Schedule 3 of the Local Certificates of Competency Rules; and
 - (c) subject to the conditions except the geographic operational limits as endorsed in the original certificate.
- 2.3 Local certificate of competency as master restricted to operate in typhoon shelters only issued before the commencement of the Local Certificates of Competency Rules shall, unless earlier suspended or cancelled-
- (a) continue in force until the date of its expiry;
 - (b) valid for operation in typhoon shelters only; and
 - (c) subject to the conditions as endorsed on the original certificate.
- 3 Vessel Permitted to be Operated by Combined Coxswain and Engine Operator**
- 3.1 Except the types of vessels stated in section 3.2, and subject to the condition stated in section 3.3, vessels equipped for unattended machinery space operation as required in Ch. IIIA/18 when operating within Hong Kong waters may be operated under the command of a person who is a holder of both valid coxswain certificate and valid engine operator certificate (i.e. "combined coxswain").
- 3.2 The following types of mechanically propelled vessels while underway are not allowed to be controlled by only a combined coxswain:
- (a) oil carrier;
 - (b) dangerous goods carrier;
 - (c) noxious liquid substances carrier;
 - (d) tug;
 - (e) vessel of length exceeding 24 metres;
 - (f) vessel of total propulsion engine horsepower exceeding 1000 kW (1340 BHP);
 - (g) gas carrier;
 - (h) any other type of vessel as considered by the Director not suitable to be operated by only a combined coxswain.
- 3.3 On a vessel commanded by only a combined coxswain, there shall be at least one crew member with common engineering knowledge on board to assist the combined coxswain while the vessel is underway.

4 Reporting of Accidents

It is a statutory requirement for the owner or coxswain or agent of any local vessel to report accidents relating to collisions and fires etc. as required in Part XI of the Ordinance.

5 Observance of Safe Navigational Speed, Carrying Certificated Operators and Adequate Number of Crew

5.1 When any vessel is under way, the coxswain shall ensure the vessel is proceeding at a safe navigational speed, and diligently comply with the speed limits in the relevant operating areas and the relevant operational requirements as promulgated in Marine Department notices from time to time.

5.2 Any vessel owner or coxswain of the vessel shall observe any specified licensing conditions on vessel operator requirements, including those indicated in Ch. IIIA/18, IIIB/13, XII and Annex U-4 of this Code, in order to cope with operational needs including helping out emergency measures etc.

6 Third Party Risks Insurance Coverage

It is the obligation of the owner and agent of any local vessel to ensure compliance with the relevant requirements of the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Compulsory Third Party Risks Insurance) Regulation.

7 Duties Relating to Owner and Agent of Vessel

7.1 It is the responsibility of the owner and agent of any vessel:-

- (a) to ensure that the vessel is properly maintained, surveyed and certificated in accordance with the requirements of the Ordinance and regulations as mentioned in section 2, in addition to this Code; and
- (b) to ensure that the vessel is built and constructed with adequate strength and stability, adequacy in safety for machinery, electrical and in safety arrangement and equipment for vessel's intended purpose through statutory survey and certification.

7.2 It is the responsibility of the owner, agent and the coxswain of any to observe applicable duties as indicated in the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels)(General) Regulation and Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels)(Certification and Licensing) Regulation, and in particular relating to restrictions imposed under section 6 and operators holding relevant certificates of competency etc. required on any vessel specified under sections 46 to 50 of the latter Regulation.

8 Operational Safety Requirements on Cleanliness

8.1 The owner of a passenger carrying vessel and his agent shall ensure that vessel is kept clean at all times as specified under section 31 of general regulation.

8.2 The owner or master of a passenger carrying vessel shall ensure the vessel is in a proper state of cleanliness and repair, its equipment and appliances to be maintained in good order and kept in readiness for immediate use.

9 First Aid Kit

Every vessel plying within River Trade Limits shall be provided onboard a first aid kit. Refer to the following table for the complement of each kit.

	Name	Description	Quantity required
1	Triangular of Calico	110cm x 110 cm x 127 cm	4 offs
2	Conforming bandage	5cm x 2m	1 rolls
3	Bandage (ordinary or elastic type)	5cm x 5.5m	1 rolls
4	Bandage (ordinary or elastic type)	7.5cm x 5.5m	1 rolls
5	Tape	Assorted, sterile, adhesive	10 offs
6	Dressings	Sterile paraffin gauze	5 offs
7	Dressing strip	2.5cm x 5m	1 rolls
8	Absorbent cotton wool	35 gm	1 packs
9	Safety pins	Rustless, size 5cm	6 offs
10	Scissors	Stainless steel throughout	1 pair
11	Disinfectant		0.1 Litre

Notes:

- (1) The first aid kit shall be regularly replenished as and when it is used up.
- (2) The first aid kit shall be placed in conspicuously marked and easily accessible container.
- (3) Ship owner/coxswain may add more contents to first aid kit to meet the need of their operations.

CHAPTER XIII

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR GAS CARRIERS

1 Application to Gas Carriers

- 1.1 Unless expressly provided otherwise, this chapter applies to gas carriers that fall under the definition of a new vessel as defined in S.2 of the Survey Regulation. Such gas carriers shall comply with the requirements of this chapter in addition to any other applicable requirements of this code of practice.

2 Requirements for Gas Carriers

- 2.1 A gas carrier shall comply with the requirements of the 2014 IGC Code in entirety and be surveyed and certified as provided for in that Code.
- 2.2 A gas carrier shall hold a valid classification certificate issued by an AO as a gas carrier certifying the vessel is in full compliance with the rules published by the AO governing the main and additional class notations assigned which cover all aspects of the design, construction, service and operation under 2014 IGC Code for the gas carrier's purposes.
- 2.3 A gas carrier shall hold a valid Certificate of Fitness as defined in the 2014 IGC Code issued by an AO.

CHAPTER XIV

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR BATTERY POWERED VESSELS

1 Application to Battery Powered Vessels

- 1.1 This chapter applies to local vessels that use electric power for the propulsion or general electrical loads with an installed battery capacity greater than 600Wh using cells and batteries containing alkaline or other non-acid electrolytes. Such vessels shall comply with the requirements of this chapter in addition to any other applicable requirements of this code of practice.

2 Requirements for Battery Powered Vessels

- 2.1 Batteries shall be constructed and tested in accordance with the relevant IEC Publications or equivalent where applicable.
- 2.2 Any lithium-ion batteries and battery systems with a capacity greater than 600 Wh installed a local vessel shall comply with the Technical Specification Small Craft – Lithium-ion batteries (ISO/TS 23625:2021) or equivalent.
- 2.3 Any local vessels of 24 meters or above, or any of the vessel type listed below, shall comply with the relevant rules published by an Authorized Organization for Electric Propulsion Systems or equivalent.
- Class I vessels;
 - Dangerous goods carrier;
 - Oil / Noxious liquid substance / Gas carriers;
 - Special purpose vessels;
 - Mobile fishing vessels; and
 - Any Class II vessels that may navigate within river trade limits.
- 2.4 Any local vessels which do not belong to the vessels in paragraph 2.3 shall comply with the following:
- (a) Vessels shall be constructed to the International Standards – Small Craft – Electric Propulsion System (ISO 16315:2016) and Small craft — Fire protection (ISO 9094), or their equivalent.
 - (b) Batteries shall be positioned aft of the collision bulkhead.
 - (c) Boundaries of battery compartment which is part of a vessel's structure or enclosures shall be of equivalent structural integrity and A-60 fire integrity.
 - (d) A battery compartment shall be fitted with fire/heat detectors or detection system where suitable.

- (e) A battery compartment with combined stored energy over 50 kWh in lithium ion batteries shall be equipped with a type of fixed fire extinguishing system recommended as suitable for suppressing battery fire by the battery maker of that batteries.

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR CLASSIFICATION OF VESSELS APPLICABLE TO LOCAL VESSELS

1 American Bureau of Shipping (ABS)

- (i) Rules for Building and Classing Steel Vessels under 90 metres in Length
- (ii) Rules for Building and Classing High Speed Craft
- (iii) Rules for Building and Classing Steel Barges
- (iv) Steel Vessels for Service on Rivers and Intracoastal Waterways (for vessels operating within smooth waters)

2 Bureau Veritas (BV)

- (i) Rules for the Classification of Steel Ships
- (ii) Hull Structure and Arrangement for the Classification of Cargo Ships less than 65 m and Non Cargo Ships less than 90 m
- (iii) Hull Arrangement, Stability and Systems for Ships less than 500 GT
- (iv) Hull in Composite Materials and Plywood, Material Approval, Design Principles, Construction and Survey
- (v) Hull in Aluminium Alloys, Design Principles, Construction and Survey
- (vi) Rules for the classification of high speed craft

3 China Classification Society (CCS)

- (i) Rules for Classification of Sea-going Steel Ships
國內航行海船建造規範
- (ii) Rules for the Construction and Classification of Coastal Boats (applicable to vessels of length not exceeding 20 metres)
沿海小船入級與建造規範
- (iii) Rules for the Construction and Classification of Sea-Going High Speed Craft
海上高速船入級與建造規範
- (iv) Rules for Classification of Inland Waterways Steel Ships (applicable to vessels of length equal to or greater than 20 metres, operating in waters of Hong Kong or River Trade Limits not exceeding 5 km from coast)
鋼質內河船舶建造規範

4 DNV - AS

- (i) DNV Rules for Classification of Ships
- (ii) DNV Rules for Classification of High Speed, Light Craft and Naval Surface Craft

5 Lloyd's Register of Shipping (LR)

- (i) Rules and Regulations for the Classification of Ships
- (ii) Rules and Regulations for the Classification of Special Service Craft
(applicable to high speed craft, light displacement craft, multi-hull craft, yachts of overall length 24 m or greater and craft with draught to depth ratio less than or equal to 0.55)

6 Nippon Kaiji Kyokai (NK)

- (i) Rules and Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships
- (ii) Rules and Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Passenger Ships
- (iii) Rules and Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Inland Waterway Ships
- (iv) Rules and Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Ships of Fibreglass Reinforced Plastics
- (v) Rules and Guidance for High Speed Craft

7 Register of Fishing Vessel of the People's Republic of China (RFV)

The following are applicable to fishing vessel/fishing sampan

- (i) Regulation for Statutory Surveys of Fishing Vessels of the PRC – River Trade, GRP, Wooden Sea-going and Small Steel Fishing Vessels Statutory Surveys and Technical Regulations
《漁業船舶法定檢驗規則——內河、玻璃鋼、海洋木質及小型鋼質漁業船舶法定檢驗技術規則》
- (ii) Rules and Regulations for Construction of Sea-going Steel Fishing Vessel
《鋼質海洋漁船建造規範》
- (iii) Rules and Regulations for Statutory Inspection of Fishing Vessel
《漁業船舶法定檢驗規則》
- (iv) Rules and Regulations for Construction of Glass Reinforced Fibre Fishing Vessel (applicable to fishing sampan only)
《玻璃纖維增強塑料漁業船舶建造規範》

Note

- (1) The lists include the current rules and regulations applicable to local vessels issued by 7 classification societies/recognized authority and are not exhaustive. Rules and regulations issued by other authorized organizations; and alternative standards may be considered.
- (2) Hull scantlings and engine shafting calculations shall be verified and stamped by the respective Classification Society/Recognized Authority.

FREEBOARD MARK

1 Position of Marks

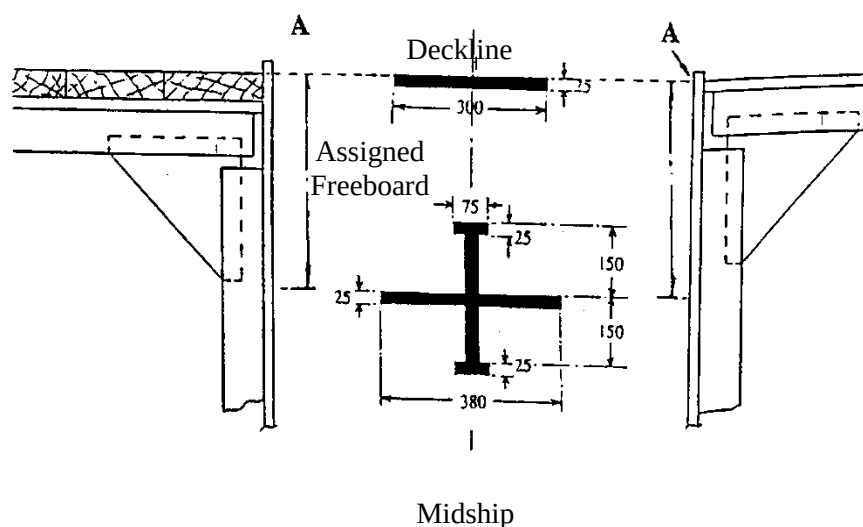
On receiving particulars of the assigned freeboard, the owner of the Class II vessel concerned or his agent shall cause to be marked on each side of the vessel, to the satisfaction of the Director or competent surveyor, the appropriate marks in accordance with this Annex.

2 Method of Marking

- 2.1 The lines described in section 3 shall be marked in such a manner as to make them plainly visible. They shall be painted in white or yellow on a dark background or in black on a light background.
- 2.2 On steel or aluminium vessels, the marks shall be made by cutting plate or welding bead; on wooden vessels, the marks shall be cut into the planking to a depth of not less than 3 mm; on glass reinforced plastic (GRP) vessels, the marks shall be permanently affixed to the sides of the vessel by bonding or some other effective method.

3 Details of Marks

A Class II vessel to which this Part applies shall be marked on each side at amidships, with a deck line and freeboard line as follows -



- (a) The deck line shall be a horizontal line of 300 mm in length and 25 mm in breadth marked amidships with its upper edge passing through the point where the continuation outwards of the upper surface of the freeboard deck intersects the outer surface of the shell. Where the deck is partly sheathed amidships, the upper edge of the deck line shall pass through the point where the continuation outwards of the upper surface of the actual sheathing at amidships intersects the outer surface of the shell.
- (b) The horizontal freeboard line shall be 380 mm in length and 25 mm in breadth, and 2 additional lines each 75 mm in length and 25 mm in breadth, shall be located with their upper edges at distances of 150 mm, one above, and one below, the upper edge of the horizontal freeboard line. All horizontal lines shall

be at right angles to a vertical line 325 mm in depth and 25 mm in width which bisects the horizontal lines.

- (c) The assigned freeboard shall be measured from the upper edge of the deck line to the upper edge of the horizontal freeboard line.

STABILITY WHEN LIFTING

1 Conditions to be computed

A vessel's various loading conditions at free running and at the worst condition of combination of hook load and outreach of hook shall be computed.

2 Stability Standard

2.1 If the vessel's hull proportions fall within any one of the following limits:

- (a) Beam / depth 3.40~4.75; or
- (b) Length / beam 3.20~4.50; or
- (c) Draft / depth 0.60~0.85

it is sufficient if the vessel owner can demonstrate that the vessel, at the condition stated in paragraph 1, will not heel beyond the limits of one-half of the freeboard or one-half of the draft, whichever occurs first.

2.2 Any vessel which hull proportions fall beyond the limits stated in 2.1 above, shall meet the stability standard prescribed below:

At the worst loading condition (maximum load/maximum outreach condition), the residual area contained between GZ curve and heeling arm curves, in m-rad, up to the smallest of the following angles:

- (a) the angle corresponding to the maximum GZ
- (b) the downflooding angle
- (c) 40°

shall not be less than:

- 0.053 m-rad if the vessel operates solely within Hong Kong waters; or
- 0.080 m-rad if the vessel operates in River Trade Limits.

APPROXIMATE DETERMINATION OF STABILITY

Part 1 Simple Inclining Test

1 General

- 1.1 The simple inclining test is to ascertain the angle of heel a vessel would occur when 2/3 of the persons distributed on one side of the vessel and 1/3 on the other side. The objective being that it should be ensured that no angle of heel exceeding 7° will arise as a result of the movement of persons from one side of the vessel to the other side.

2 Test Procedure

- 2.1 The vessel should be tested with weights to represent the fully laden service condition.
- 2.2 The weights should be disposed, as far as practicable, with their centres of gravity in the correct vertical and lateral positions having regard also to those vessels where persons should be taken as congregated at 0.3 m² each on the uppermost deck or decks to which they have access.
- 2.3 The test should be carried out in the following manner: -
- (a) the vessel is to be loaded with weights as described above,
 - (b) calculate a heeling moment equal to 1/12th the weight of the persons (W) multiplied by the extreme breadth (B) of the vessel (WB/12),
 - (c) transfer weights from one side of the vessel to the other side in 3 equal increments such that the final heeling moment is equal to WB/12, the same vertical CG of the whole being maintained.

The weights and the distance that are moved together with the angle of heel should be recorded for each of the 3 moves.
 - (d) restore all the weights to their original positions and record angle of heel when they are restored,
 - (e) repeat (c) moving weights from opposite side,
 - (f) repeat (d),
 - (g) if the angle of heel exceeds 7° during the test, the owner might add ballast weight and to repeat the test procedures (c), (d), (e) and (f). The weight and position of such ballast should be recorded.

3 Acceptance of Stability

- 3.1 As a general rule, no vessel will be accepted where the angle of heel exceeds 7° as a result of a heeling moment of WB/12 or any greater heeling moment that could be expected to arise in service.
- 3.2 In any case where an angle of heel exceeding 4° has arisen as a result of a heeling

moment of WB/12, the seating and other arrangements of the vessel should be examined to see whether a heeling moment greater than WB/12 could be expected to arise in service. If this is found to be so, proper measure should be taken to avoid an angle of heel greater than 7° would arise as a result of this heeling moment.

Part 2 Rolling Period Test

4 General

The rolling period is the duration for one complete oscillation, i.e. starting from the extreme end of a roll to one side of the vessel, moves right across to the other extreme side and returns to the original starting point.

5 Test Procedure

- (a) The test should be conducted in harbour, in smooth water with the minimum interference from wind and tide.
- (b) The mooring should be slack. A reasonable clearance at the sides of the vessel should be maintained to avoid making any contact during its rolling.
- (c) Weights which are liable to swing or liable to move (e.g. a drum) should be secured against such movement. The free surface effects of slack tanks should be kept as small as is practicable.
- (d) The vessel is made to roll (e.g. by rhythmically lifting up and putting down a weight far off middle-line; by people running athwartships in unison; or by any other means). As soon as this forced rolling has commenced the vessel is allowed to roll freely and naturally.
- (e) By means of a stopwatch, the time is taken for not less than about five complete oscillations.
- (f) After allowing the roll to completely fade away, repeat the operations in paragraphs (d) and (e) twice and time recorded.

6 Determination of Metacentric Height (GM)

- (a) From the total time for the total number of oscillations made, calculate the mean time (say T seconds) for one complete oscillation.
- (b) The metacentric height GM_0 is to be determined from the following formula:

$$GM_0 = (0.77 B/T)^2$$

where

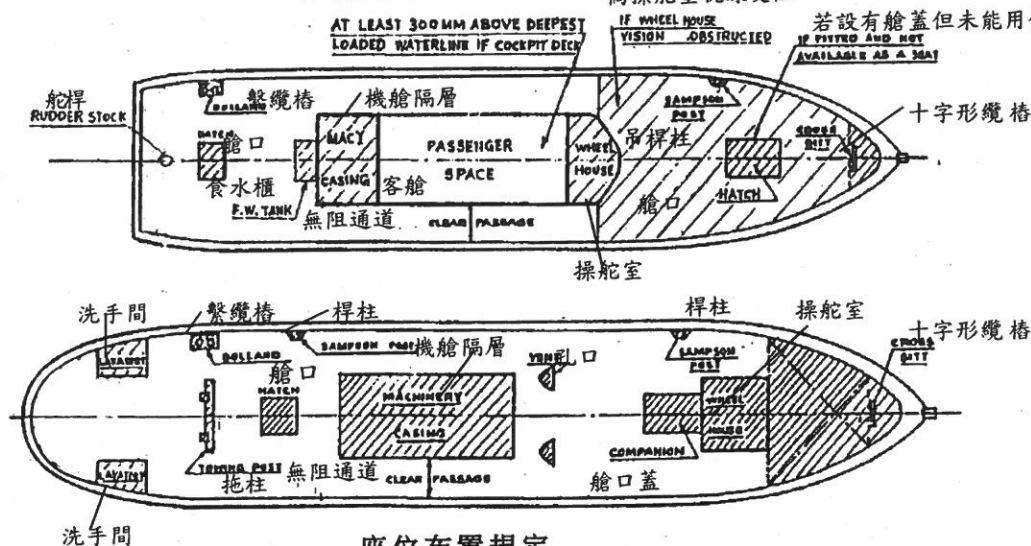
B = extreme breadth of vessel in metres

(Note: the formula is valid for motor dry cargo vessel of length not more than 24 metres in lightweight condition).

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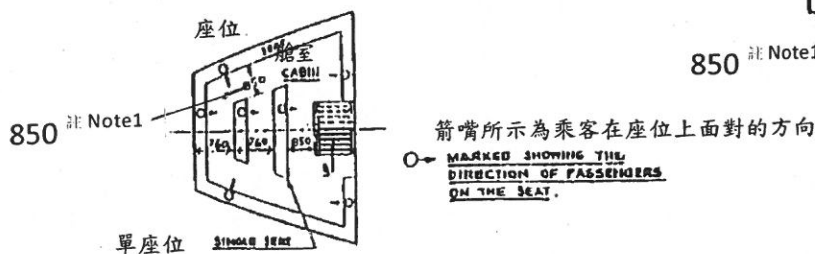
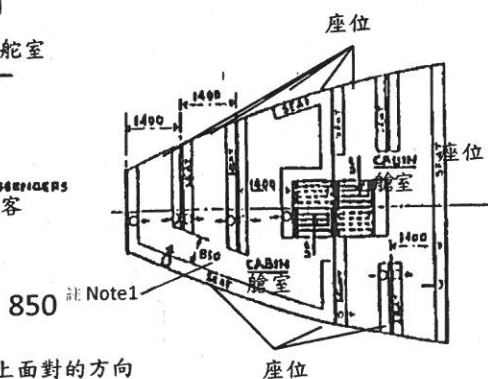
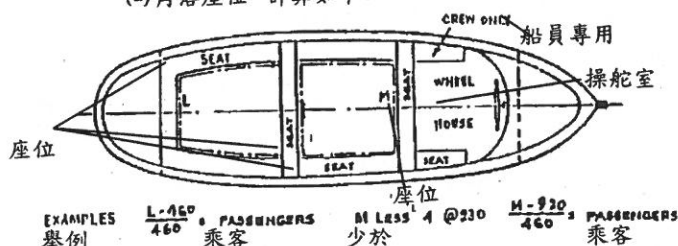
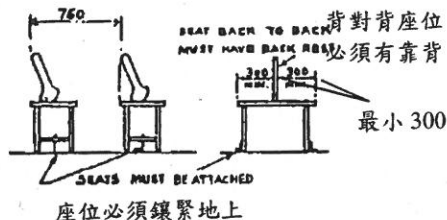
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座位布置規定
(以 mm 為量度單位)

(a) 最小闊度	460
(b) 最小距離	
(i) 面對面的座位	1400
(ii) 面向同一方向的座位	760
(c) 最小伸腳空間	
(i) 一行不超過 6 個座位	250
(ii) 一行超過 6 個座位	300
(d) 角落座位，計算如下：	



^[註1] 適用於在《檢驗規例》第2條“新船隻”的釋義中，對於《檢驗規例》“生效日期”的提述，以“2017年3月3日”替代的船隻。

Note¹ Applicable to a vessel which is when the reference to “the commencement date” of the Survey Regulation in the definition of “new vessel” under section 2 of the Survey Regulation is substituted by “3 March 2017”.

VISIBILITY REQUIREMENT FOR WHEELHOUSE

Regarding navigation bridge visibility, new vessels of 45m and over in length shall comply with the Regulation 22, Chapter V of the SOLAS; new vessels of 12m to 45m in length shall comply with the following paragraphs 1 to 12; new vessels of under 12m in length should comply as far as practicable to the requirements for larger vessels as set out in this Code of Practice.

Requirements for new vessels of 12m to 45m in length are as follows.

1. The view of the sea surface from the conning position (it is defined in this Code of Practice as the main steering position controlled by the coxswain in wheelhouse) shall not be obscured by more than two ship lengths, or 500 m, whichever is the less, forward of the bow to 10 degrees on either side under all conditions of draught, trim, deck weight and cargo handling gear. Attention should be drawn on the blind sector created on tankers whilst in lightweight condition.
2. No blind sector caused by cargo, cargo handling gear or other obstructions (e.g. securing bars fitted on window) outside of the wheelhouse forward of the beam which obstructs the view of the sea surface as seen from the conning position, shall exceed 10 degrees. The total arc of blind sectors shall not exceed 20 degrees. The clear sectors between blind sectors shall be at least 5 degrees. However, in the view described in para. 1, each individual blind sector shall not exceed 5 degrees;
3. The horizontal field of vision from the conning position shall extend over an arc of not less than 225 degrees, that is from right ahead to not less than 22.5 degrees abaft the beam on either side of the ship.
4. From each bridge wing the horizontal field of vision of vision shall extend over an arc of at least 225 degrees, that is from at least 45 degrees on the opposite bow through right ahead and then from right ahead to right astern through 180 degrees on the same side of the ship.
5. From the main steering position the horizontal field of vision shall extend over an arc from right ahead to at least 60 degrees on each side of the ship.
6. The ship's side shall be visible from bridge wing.
7. The height of the lower edge of the wheelhouse front windows above bridge deck should be kept as low as possible. In no case shall the lower edge present an obstruction to the forward view.
8. The upper edge of the wheelhouse front windows shall allow a forward view of the horizon, for a person with a height of eye of not less than 1600 mm above the deck at the conning position, when the ship is pitching in seas.
9. Framing between the wheelhouse windows shall be kept to a minimum and not be installed immediately forward of any workstation.

10. To help avoid reflections, the bridge front windows shall be inclined from the vertical plane top out, at an angle of not less than 10 degrees and not more than 25 degrees.
11. Polarized and tinted windows shall not be fitted.
12. At all time, regardless of weather conditions, at least two of the forward windows shall provide a clear view, and in addition depending on the wheelhouse configuration, an additional number of windows shall provide a clear view.
13. On ships of unconventional design which, in the opinion of the Director, cannot comply with this Annex, arrangements shall be provided to achieve a level of visibility that is as near as practical to that prescribed in this Annex.

Requirement for existing vessels

It is required that existing vessels have a clear view ahead from the steering position and where practicable, comply with the requirements in this Code.

Checklist for Engine Inspection

Annex I-2

(to be completed by Engine Workshop except Part 3)

[Note : This form is applicable to mechanized vessels installed with propulsion and generator engines]

Name of Vessel : _____ C.O.O. No.: _____

Type of Engine : _____

Engine Model : _____

Engine Serial No.: _____

Part 1 : Inspection item	Yes	No	N/A	Remarks
Cylinder head				
Valves, inlet/exhaust				
Liners and jackets				Hydraulic test
Pistons and gudgeon pins				
Bottom end bearings				
Cooling system				Hydraulic test
Injectors				Injectors calibration report shall be submitted
Fuel system				Fuel pump calibration report shall be submitted
Crankshaft/main bearing/Camshaft system				Inspection report shall be submitted
Governors				
Turbocharger				Inspection report shall be submitted
Lubrication system				
Starting system				
Electrical system				
Control system				
Instrumentation and monitoring system				
Mounting and alignment				
Detailed engine maintenance report attached				

Part 2 : Maintenance Workshop Particulars

Name of Responsible Person : _____ Tel.: _____

Position / Rank : _____ Date : _____

Responsible Person's Signature : _____ Tel : _____

Name of Engine Workshop : _____ Company Chop : _____

Company Address : _____

Business Registration No. : _____

Part 3: Vessel Owner Declaration

I have inspected the open up and overhaul of engine on _____

Actual Completion date: _____ Signature/Chop: _____

Name of Owner/Coxswain/Engine Operator _____

Telephone No. : _____

- Note : (1) Please use separate sheets if inspections are conducted by more than one workshop.
(2) Officers of Marine Department or Authorized Surveyors/Organizations reserve the right to inspect and dismantle the engine if necessary.

Checklist for Gearbox Inspection

(to be completed by Maintenance Workshop except Part 3)
 [Note : This form is applicable to mechanized vessels installed with gearboxes for propulsion]

Name of Vessel : _____ C.O.O. No.: _____

Type of Gearbox : _____

Gearbox Model : _____

Gearbox Serial No.: _____

Part 1 : Inspection item	Yes	No	N/A	Remarks
Casing				
Gears and shafts				
Disc				
Clutch system				
Bearings				
Gasket and seal				
Gearbox control system				
Cooling system				Hydraulic test
Hydraulic system				
Lubrication system				
Instrumentation and monitoring system				
Mounting and alignment				
Other items				
Detailed gearbox maintenance report attached				

Part 2 : Maintenance Workshop Particulars

Name of Responsible Person : _____ Tel.: _____

Position / Rank : _____ Date : _____

Responsible Person's Signature : _____ Tel : _____

Name of Maintenance Workshop : _____ Company Chop : _____

Company Address : _____

Business Registration No. : _____

Part 3: Vessel Owner Declaration

I have inspected the open up and overhaul of gearbox on _____

Actual Completion date: _____ Signature/Chop: _____

Name of Owner/Coxswain/Engine Operator _____

Telephone No. : _____

Note: (1) Use separate sheets if inspections are conducted by more than one workshop.
 (2) Marine Department Officers or Authorized Surveyors/Organizations reserve the right to inspect and dismantle the gearbox if necessary.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF MAIN ENGINE

1 Document/Data/Drawing to be Submitted

- 1.1 Proof of sales of the new / used engine;
- 1.2 Type Approval Certificate / Maker Certificate certified Marine Type of the new/used engine;
- 1.3 The added weight, vertical centre of gravity (VCG) and longitudinal centre of gravity (LCG) of new new/used main engine and its accessories;
- 1.4 The percentage of the added weight based on the lightship weight;
- 1.5 Engine Seating Arrangement for approval (if any modification);
- 1.6 Piping Arrangement for approval (if any modification);
- 1.7 When replacing engine power output is more than 130kW, it shall comply requirements in Annex I-10.

2 Devices to be Provided and Fitted

- 2.1 Main engine automatic shut-off and alarm arrangements (see remarks for applicable vessels)
- 2.2 Main engine emergency stopping device in the wheelhouse (all vessels);
- 2.3 A silencer or expansion chamber should be fitted on the exhaust pipe (all vessels);
- 2.4 Existing gearbox and shafting system should be in acceptable condition (all vessels).

3 Fee and Form to be Done by Owner

- 3.1 Appropriate fees are to be paid in advance and surveys are to be arranged at appropriate stages;
- 3.2 "Form Survey 6B" is to be completed and returned to this office for further action.

4 Inspection/Measurement to be Taken

- 4.1 Inspection of device of para. 2.3;
- 4.2 Testing of all safety devices of 2.1, 2.2 and general inspection of 2.4;
- 4.3 Lightship weight verification (inclining experiment if required);
- 4.4 Inspection of modified items; and
- 4.5 The engine should be stripped down and inspected by MD officer/authorized inspecting personnel (used engine only).

Remarks:

Types of new vessels applicable in accordance with Ch. IIIA/8.4:

- (i) Oil tanker carrying cargo oil having a flash point not exceeding 60°C (closed cup test);
- (ii) Dangerous goods carrier;

- (iii) Noxious liquid substances carrier;
- (iv) Tug;
- (v) Category A vessels that may ply beyond Hong Kong waters;
- (vi) Gas Carrier.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF GENERATOR SET

1 Document/Data/Drawing to be Submitted

- 1.1 Proof of sales of the new generator set;
- 1.2 Maker Certificate certifying that the new/used generator set is of Marine Type;
- 1.3 The added weight, vertical centre of gravity (VCG) and longitudinal centre of gravity (LCG) of new new/used main engine and its accessories;
- 1.4 The percentage of the added weight based on the lightship weight;
- 1.5 Engine Seating Arrangement for approval; (if any modification);
- 1.6 Piping Arrangement for approval; (if any modification);
- 1.7 Electrical Arrangement / Revised Electrical Arrangement; (if any modification);
- 1.8 Main Switchboard Wiring Diagram; (if any modification);
- 1.9 A.C. Electrical System Diagram. (if any modification);
- 1.10 When replacing engine power output is more than 130kW, it shall comply requirements in Annex I-10.

2 Devices to be Provided and Fitted

- 2.1 A silencer or expansion chamber should be fitted on the exhaust pipe (all vessels).

3 Fee and Form to be Done by Owner

- 3.1 Appropriate fees are to be paid in advance and surveys are to be arranged at appropriate stages;
- 3.2 "Form Survey 6B" is to be completed and returned to this office for further action.

4 Inspection/Masurement to be Taken

- 4.1 Lightship weight verification (inclining experiment if required).
- 4.2 Inspection of modified items.
- 4.3 The engine should be stripped down and inspected by MD officer/authorized inspecting personnel (used engine only).

**REQUIREMENTS FOR WAIVING INCLINING EXPERIMENT
AFTER THE ADDITION / REPLACEMENT OF ENGINE(S)
OR MINOR ALTERATION**

1 Technical Requirements

In general speaking, the Inclining Experiment can be waived subject to the total increased/decreased weight of the engine and its accessories or minor alteration do not exceed 2% of lightship weight (which was measured in the last inclining test) and the following conditions:

- (a) Heel is not more than 5 degree;
- (b) Ship's trim in any probable loading condition does not make the passenger deck less than 300mm above deepest loaded waterline;
- (c) The intact and damage stability (where applicable) comply with the requirements of Ch. IV/1.3 and 2 respectively;
- (d) Minimum freeboard complies with the requirements of Ch. IV/1.2.
- (e) Comply with the applicable requirements of this Code.

2 Information to be Submitted

- (a) The added/decreased weight, vertical centre of gravity (VCG) and longitudinal centre of gravity (LCG) of engine and its accessories or proposed alteration.
- (b) The lightship weight and longitudinal centre of gravity (LCG) calculation with the percentage change.

GUIDANCE NOTES FOR INSPECTION OF LANDING PLATFORM, LANDING PONTOON

PART 1 LANDING PLATFORM and LANDING PONTOON of other than that included in PART 2

Landing Platform is defined as a floating structure having construction in the form of floating bridge or overhang platform supported by objects with sufficient flotation, used for embarking and disembarking of any people from vessels other than ferry vessels, kaitos and floating restaurants.

1. At the first time of licensing, photos and drawings of general arrangement of Landing Platform should be submitted for record purpose
2. Life saving appliances are to be provided per Schedule 3, Part 2, Table 3 of Survey Regulation. Note that lifejacket is not required to be provided on board according to Schedule 3, Part 1, paragraph 5(3)(b)(i) and (ii).
3. Fire-fighting apparatuses (FFA) are to be provided per Schedule 4, Part 2, Table 3 of Survey Regulation. If there is no fuel oil or engine installations fitted on board no FFA is required.
4. If the platforms are used in the night time, adequate illumination should be provided. An all round white light should be installed if a location of platform is within the marine traffic area.
5. If two or more platforms chained together to form a single walkway, the requirement of provision of life buoy may be reduced appropriately to suit the conditions.
6. A notice board for the maximum allowable passengers on transit to be installed on board or adjacent to landing area.
7. The lightship freeboard at four corners will be recorded in the licence book
8. A visual inspection for structure will be carried out. The structural scantling for deck loading may be submitted for approval subject to the working condition, shape and size of the landing platform.
9. A simple inclining experiment for the landing platform may be carried out for approval-in the present of surveyor. The simple inclining experiment requires that the angle of heel should not be greater than 7° and the deck edge should not be immersed, when the passengers distributed on the platform with $\frac{2}{3}$ of the passengers standing on one side of the platform and $\frac{1}{3}$ on the other side. The simple inclining experiment can be replaced by an acceptable naval architecture calculation.
10. The landing platform is to be surveyed afloat every two years. A written declaration from owner stating the landing platform is in good operating condition is to be provided in the

alternate year when survey is not carried out.

PART 2 LANDING PONTOON for PASSENGER USE

Item Nos 2, 3, 7, 8, 9 and 10 of this Part applies only to new vessel^{Note1}

1. “Landing pontoon for passenger use” is defined as a vessel with pontoon type hull form, to be made fast to shore or moored at midstream, used for embarking and disembarking of people from vessels of ferry vessels, launches, kaitos and floating restaurants. According to Schedule 1 of the Survey Regulation landing pontoon is categorized as a Category B vessel.
2. When applying for first licence, the construction plans and stability information approval; and initial surveys to be carried out per chapter II of this Code for items applicable to Category B vessels.
3. The construction is to follow requirements of chapter IIIB of this Code, and scantlings to class rules. Due regard is to be paid to safety of passengers during transit viz, handrails, non-slip deck and ramp surfaces, adequate illuminations, etc.
4. Life saving appliances (lifebuoy, buoyant lifeline, self-igniting light (for new vessel of $L \geq 37$ m) are to be provided per Schedule 3, Part 2, Table 3 of Survey Regulation. Note that lifejacket is not required according to Schedule 3, Part 1, paragraph 5(3)(b)(ii).
5. Fire-fighting apparatuses (FFA) are to be provided per Schedule 4, Table 3 of Survey Regulation. If there is no fuel oil or engine installations fitted on board no FFA is required according to Note (1)(a) of Table 3.
6. Lights and sound signals are to be fitted per Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Signals of Distress and Prevention of Collisions) Regulations, Cap. 369 sub. Leg. N. Side lights, stern light and anchor light are to be fitted if vessel is intended for operation in midstream; and anchor light (all round white light) only if the vessel is to be made fast to shore.
7. The vessel, when in the fully loaded condition (with full number of passengers and ballast water (if any)), etc. should have at least a freeboard in accordance with Chapter IV of this Code applicable to L&FV.
8. The intact stability of vessel should be assessed per Chapter IV of this Code applicable to L&FV, except the turning stability.

The vessel may instead meet the equivalent standard stipulated in recommended by IMO if it is not practical to meet the stability criteria for L&FV, due to its geometric characteristics (e.g. the ratio of beam / depth is exceeding 2.5).

^{Note1} A vessel which is when the reference to “the commencement date” of the Survey Regulation in the definition of “new vessel” under section 2 of the Survey Regulation is substituted by “17 February 2017”.

9. The maximum number of passengers is to be determined at the scale of $4P/m^2$ on deck areas accessible to passengers.
10. A notice board for the maximum number of passengers on transit to be installed on board or adjacent to landing area.
11. After licensing the vessel is to be surveyed afloat every two years; and surveyed on slip every 6 years. A written declaration from owner stating the landing pontoon is in good operating condition is to be provided in the alternate year when survey is not carried out.

HARMFUL ANTI-FOULING SYSTEMS

The Merchant Shipping (Control of Harmful Anti-Fouling Systems on Ships) Regulation (Cap. 413N) which comes into effect on 1 January 2017 is to implement the International Convention on Control of Harmful Anti-Fouling Systems on Ships, 2001. The requirements of the Regulation are highlighted as follows:

- (1) Any vessel must not, on or after the commencement date of the regulation, bear any organotin compounds that act as biocides in the anti-fouling system of the vessel. If a vessel bore any organotin compounds that act as biocides in its anti-fouling system before the commencement date, it must, as from that date, bear a coating that forms a barrier to the compounds.
- (2) Any vessel of 400 gross tonnage or above and engaged in international voyages must be subject to survey for the issue / endorsement of International Anti-Fouling System Certificates.
- (3) Any vessel of 24 meters or more in length, less than 400 gross tonnage and engaged in international voyages, the owner and the master of which must ensure that a declaration that is made in respect of anti-fouling system of the vessel is kept on board the vessel.

**Implementation of the Requirements of
Annex VI of MARPOL 73/78 to Locally Licensed Vessels**

The new Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Air Pollution) Regulation, CAP 413P has entered into force on 1 July 2016. The regulation is to implement the requirements of MARPOL Annex VI in Hong Kong. The Marine Department Notice (MDN) No. 39 of 2016 promulgated on 6 April 2016 gives details of the relevant requirements applicable to local vessels under the regulation. The MDN 39 of 2016 is available at the following URL:
<http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/notices/pdf/mdn16039.pdf>

ALTERATION TO LOCAL VESSELS

Ship owners, agents, operators and repairers shall take relevant responsibilities with respect to alteration intended to be made on a licensed local vessel which is issued with a Certificate of Survey (COS) or a Certificate of Inspection (COI):

1. Alteration that will cause a local vessel be regarded as a new vessel

If the intended alteration is so substantial that it causes the vessel to fall within the definition of “New Vessel” described in paragraph (b) under the section 2 of the Survey Regulation, the vessel needs to be issued with a new license and shall comply with all the latest applicable requirements.

2. Alteration that requires permission

If the intended alteration is of such an extent that will render the particulars stated in any documents referred to in section 75(a) of the Survey Regulation inaccurate, but not to the extent that it will render the vessel a new vessel, the owner shall follow the provision of section 76 or section 77 of the Survey Regulation to apply for a written permission before making any alteration to the vessel. If an alteration is made without the required written permission, the person who makes or causes the making of the alteration commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine at level 3. The altered vessel will be required to be restored to the condition it was in immediately before the alteration. Vessel’s certificates may be suspended before the required restoration work is completed.

3. Other alteration

Under section 28(2)(a)(v) of the Survey Regulation, COS or COI of a vessel may be suspended or cancelled if any material change occurs after the survey leading to the issue of the COS or COI.

4. Application required to be made by the owner or his agent

- 4.1 Owner or his agent shall apply to MD according to the procedure of licensing a new vessel if the intended alteration of his vessel falls in paragraph 1.
- 4.2 Owner or his agent shall make an application for alteration using the specified form if the intended alteration of his vessel falls in paragraph 2 or 3. The application form for alteration can be downloaded from the website of MD. The application form should be submitted to MD or an authorized surveyor (AS) depending on the type of certificate that the vessel is issued with:
 - (a) if the certificate is a COS, the application form shall be submitted to the Local Vessels Safety Section of MD;
 - (b) if the certificate is a COI, the application form shall be submitted to the AS who issued the COI.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS OF INITIAL SURVEY FOR
LICENSING OF NEWLY BUILT WOODEN VESSELS**

1. General Requirement

Due to the difference in hull form and the structure pattern, if the arrangement of main longitudinal structural component and the section scantling satisfy the total section area of the various components in the midship region, it is allowed to adequately adjust the section scantling of various components in the deck and the ship's bottom part (below bilge keel).

2. Inspection before Commencement of Work

2.1. Examination of raw material

2.1.1. Examine whether the material quality, strength and performance of primary structural components for the construction of ship are conformed to the requirements of drawings, rules and standards.

2.1.2. Besides the natural contorted material used in the curving shape structure, the timber wood used on ship should be fully exsiccated.

2.1.3. According to the toughness of different types of tree, it may be divided into hard wood (如坤甸、紅稠、柞、櫟、榆、水曲柳、黃菠蘿、樟、槐、柚、柯、梢等) and soft wood (如紅松、落葉松、馬尾松、杉柏、桉等) two major types.

The components of bulkhead base, stem, stern frame, rudder post, stern centre girder, stern side girder, bracket, bulkhead stiffeners etc should used hard wood. Keel plate, side planking and engine bed plate should used hard wood or high quality pine wood

2.1.4. Whether it is planking or batten, the front side should be facing outward when installed. And the reverse side (tree ring side) should be facing inward

2.1.5. Defects and limitation of usage of timber material can refer to the relevant requirements of recognized classification societies or flag administrations.

2.2 Building yard should submit the important construction workmanship to Marine Department for approval.

2.3 Examine the workshop for pre-fabrication of frames and ensure the workshop is neat and solid.

3. Hull Inspection

3.1. According to approved drawing, inspect whether the material and dimensions of all

components and shell plate are conformed to the approved drawing or the relevant requirements of recognized classification societies or flag administrations. Keel plate, engine bed and rubbing strake should use hard wood. If good quality pine wood is to be used, permission from Marine Department to be obtained.

- 3.2. When laying the keel, surveyor should check the size and type of the joint. Also check whether two hard wood treenails are effectively piled at the centre line of the joint.
- 3.3. To inspect the structural style of stem, stern frame structural style, and whether the connections of other components are fasten and reliable.
- 3.4. Spot check the quality of the constitution of frames, the deviation of the half breadth of the frames at waterline should not be greater than 3mm. The quality of the joint should conform to the relevant requirement.

To survey the position of the frame installed on the keel and the deviation of the level of left and right, the deviation should not be greater than 4mm. If distortion appeared after the installation, corresponding corrective process should be carried out before the construction can continue.

- 3.5. The end of the joints of longitudinal structure, side shell and deck plating, except there is limitation in the structure, should fit in the transverse aggregate and fastened by bolts. The contact face must be closely fitted. The shifted distance between planks in way of the joints should satisfy the relevant requirements of recognized classification societies or flag administrations.
- 3.6. The side shell plating and frame should be closely fitted; the contact area should not be less than 90% of the total contact area. The contact face should be spread with putty. The gap of plank seam between every plate should meet the requirements of recognized classification societies or flag administrations.
- 3.7. The joints of garboard plate and sub-garboard plate should avoid placing under the engine base, the connection to the two sides of the keel plate should be suitably process and closely fitted.
- 3.8. Deck plating and beams should be closely fitted. The contact face should be spread with putty. The gap of plank seam between every plate should meet the requirements of recognized classification societies or flag administrations.
- 3.9. According to the approved drawings, inspect the installation position of the engine bed plate. The deviation should not be greater than 5mm. If the installation position changed, permission must be obtained from surveyor.

The lower surface of engine bed plate and the upper surface of side shell frame should be closely fitted. The un-contact face of each side shell frame should not be more than 30% of the total contact face. The thickness of the outside engine base plate should not be less than 60mm.

4. The Installation and Process of Hull Components

- 4.1. Inspect the condition of the process of the surface of the hull main components, the smooth finish of the surface should conform to the relevant requirement.
- 4.2. Mast post, rudder stock and others round shape components should be fine processed.
- 4.3. The adjoining plane of stern frame and stern tube, mutual adjoining plane of parts of combination stern tube should be precise processed, the surface can be rough machining.
- 4.4. Engine bed plate surface should be precise processed, other surface allow fine processed.
- 4.5. Measurement of main components of hull dimensions, the tolerances should not be more than the following required value:
 - a) The allowable deviation of material of keel, keelson, stem, stern frame, rudder stock, stern tube: length is $\pm 0.3\%$; wide is $\pm 1\%$; thickness (height) is $\pm 1\%$
 - b) The allowable deviation of material of garboard plating, ship side planking, deck planking, longitudinal girder, beam stringer: width is ± 5 mm; thickness is ± 4 mm.
 - c) The allowable deviation of deck beam, hatch end beam, half beam, hatch side girder, hatch coaming, engine base plate, deck plate, side planking: width is ± 4 mm, thickness is ± 2 mm.
 - d) The allowable deviation of the height of side frame is $\pm 3\%$
- 4.6. The allowable deviation of the hull principal dimensions:
 - a) The allowable deviation of ship length (L) is $\pm 0.3\%$
 - b) The allowable deviation of ship breadth (B) is $\pm 0.3\%$
 - c) The allowable deviation of ship depth (D) is $\pm 0.4\%$
 - d) The allowable deviation of stem, centre line of stern frame and centre line of keel should not be greater than 5mm
 - e) The allowable deviation of centre line of tailshaft and centre line of rudder stock should not be greater than 3mm
 - f) The width of side frame at waterline level should not be greater than 0.3% of the width of waterline

5. Inspection of Nails, Screws and Bolts

- 5.1. Examine the strength performance test report of the connection of material, verify the whether the machined dimension of the connecting piece conform to the requirements.
- 5.2. Check whether the number and arrangement of nails, screws and bolts for connection of each component are conforming to the relevant requirements.

- 5.3. Check whether the size of the hole drilled for nails and bolts during fabrication with diameter 1mm less than the diameter of the nails and bolts to be fitted. Check whether the nails and bolts inserted into each component are fastened.
- 5.4. When using nails and bolts, gasket (rove) should be added. Before insert, the head should wrap with 2 to 3 layer of yarn (or rattan) soaked with putty. The nut of the bolts should be in the inboard of the hull.
- 5.5. The end of the joints of longitudinal structure, side shell and deck plating, except there is limitation in the structure, should fit in the transverse aggregate and fastened by bolts. The contact face must be closely fitted.
- 5.6. Except due to special condition in the structure, all nails, ends of bolts and the top surface of screws installed on board should be embedded 3mm to 10mm under the surface of components, and plastered by putty.

6. Caulk and Watertight

- 6.1. General requirement of caulking of hull
 - 6.1.1. Caulking must not be carried out on any components when nails, screws and bolts are not in fasten condition or the timber is in wet condition.
 - 6.1.2. The seam of all components such as hull plating, deck plating, deck house, bulkhead of superstructure and watertight transverse bulkhead, etc after caulking and all nails, screw and bolts should be plastered to ensure the watertightness and surface smoothness of the hull.
 - 6.1.3. In the important watertight position, such as side planking, deck plating, watertight transverse bulkhead and water tank, etc, “clinch” and “spike nail” for connection of seam should be applied at suitable distance (about 100mm).
 - 6.1.4. When the depth of crackle on the hull surface components exceeds 1/10 the thickness of the material, repair by caulking should be carried out. When there is decay, borer or other defects on components, patch should be applied (remove all the defected timber and inert the filler material of the caulk) to bridge and fill up. For larger area, should gouge and clinching, and then patch to increase the adhesive strength.
 - 6.1.5. The edge of the seam of the two plank should be beveled, the seam should be in “V” shape when place in position together.
 - 6.1.6. The seam between two planks should be as close as possible. If the thickness of plank is less than 60mm, the outside gap of the seam should not be greater than 5mm, the inside gap of the seam should not be greater than 3mm. If the thickness of the plank is greater than 60mm, the outside gap of the seam should not be greater than 8mm, the inside gap of the seam should not be greater than 3mm.

6.1.7. The gap of the seam of hull plating, deck plating cannot meet the about requirement, it is allowed to use clinching to process.

6.2. The requirements of caulking technique

6.2.1. Caulking layer included bottom putty, filling material and top putty three parts. The bottom putty should be a smaller amount and evenly spread, do not put excessive putty. The filling material should be shredded into small piece and squeezed into the seam. After squeezed into the seam should have a recess of 2 ~ 5 mm. After the external area of the filler about 30% ~ 35% desiccated, the seam should be plastered by putty. The putty should be leveled with the surface of the plank.

6.2.2. The overlapping of the same putty connection should not be less than 100mm and should be repeatedly kneaded.

6.2.3. For double side caulk, caulking to be carried out in the inboard side before the outboard side. The depth of the caulk of the seam in the inboard side should be 10% ~ 20% of the plank thickness. The depth of the caulk of the seam in the outboard side should be 50% ~ 60% of the plank thickness. For single side caulk, the depth of the caulk should be 60% ~ 70% of the plank thickness.

6.2.4. If the putty is not congealed 15 days after the completion of the caulking of the hull, the reason to be find out and take necessary action.

6.3. Inspection of caulking material

6.3.1. Examine whether the yarn, gauze, rattan and putty are conforming the requirements of recognized classification societies or flag administrations.

6.3.2. Examine the certificate of the product of wood oil, whether the physical properties are conforming the requirements of recognized classification societies or flag administrations. The following simple testing methods can be used during survey to verify:

a) Smell: Whether there is a special odour of the wood oil;

b) Colour: Whether the oil is clear. The colour of good oil is pure and no impurity;

c) Viscosity: Use a rod to soak some oil and drop into still and clear water. Check whether the oil will congregate into a circular droplet and not diffuse. If the oil quickly diffused into the water, it means water content is high and it fake oil;

d) Boil: Put a spoon of wood oil into an iron pan, heat to 250°C ~ 290°C temperature. If the oil can form a honeycomb shape solid, the wood oil is pass.

6.4. Hull Tightness Test

6.4.1. After all the putty of the vessel dried up, tightness test is to be carried out before launching of the vessel. Surveyor can deem necessary the condition of the vessel to decide which part to be tested. During the test, no leakage occur in the part tested is

considered acceptable.

6.4.2. There are three types of tightness test, flood test, hose test and spray test:

- a) Flood test: the height of the flooding to be up to maximum loaded draught for not less than 1 hour;
- b) Hose test: The nozzle diameter for the test should not be less than 16mm. During the test, the height of the water jet should not be less than 10m and the distance between the nozzle and the testing area should not be greater than 3m;
- c) Spray test: Use water spray to testing area and simulate the windy and rainy weather condition.

6.4.3. Flood test is applicable for the hull shell plate and water tank bulkhead; hose test is applicable for deck plate, deck house bulkhead and hatch cover; spray test is suitable for skylight of engine room, windows and doors of bridge and other windows and doors to open area.

6.4.4. When it is difficult to carry out tightness test when the vessel is on slipway, the tightness test can be carried out after the launching of the vessel with the approval from the surveyor.

7. Special Requirements and Inspection of Machinery and Electrical Installation

7.1. Inspection of main engine and gearbox installation

7.1.1. Main engine and gear box seating should have adequate strength and rigidity. The roughness of upper and lower contact area of seating should not exceed $6.3 \mu\text{m}$, and the tolerance of the total length of plane should not exceed 0.10mm. The holding down fitted bolts of engine should not be less than 15% of the total bolts and minimum should have 4 fitted bolts. At least 2 fitted bolts are to be fitted for gearbox.

7.1.2. The foundation and the engine bed plate should be uniformly contact, the contact area should not be less than 75%.

7.1.3. One to three layer of metallic liners may be used for adjusting the space between the engine bed plate and foundation, and preventive measure is to be provided to avoid loosen of fitted bolts.

7.1.4. The gap between side frame and the casing of main engine and gear box shall not be less than 25 mm.

7.1.5. If the main engine has been installed on the slipway, the main engine and the shafting system to be re-examined after 48 hours of the launching of the vessel.

7.2. Inspection of lightning protection system

7.2.1. All wooden fishing vessels should be fitted with lightning protection.

- 7.2.2. Air terminals should be made from copper rod of not less than 12mm diameter or iron rod of not less than 25mm diameter, and project at least 150mm above the top of the vessel (or fittings).
- 7.2.3. Down conductors should have a minimum cross sectional area of 70mm² for copper tape or 100mm² for iron tape. The tape shall be solidly connected between air terminal and earth plate.
- 7.2.4. Down conductors should be securely connected between air terminal and earth plate. The earth plate shall be installed on exterior of hull shell plate and ensure the plate remain immersed when the vessel is rolling. The earth plate shall be of copper and the area shall not be less than 0.2m². The earth plate shall not be painted.
- 7.3. Inspection of earthing of electrical appliance
- All electrical appliances should be earthed. The requirements of main earth plate and lightning earth plate are the same. However, the two systems shall not be connected to the same earth plate.

Note: The above are made reference to the relevant requirements of “The ‘Ocean Fishing Vessels Statutory Survey Standard 2003’ of Register of Fishing Vessels of the People’s Republic of China”

HULL INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS (OPERATION INSPECTION) OF WOODEN VESSEL

1. General Requirements

- 1.1. If the components or parts of the hull of wooden vessel under operation, exceed the required erosion (decay) limitation as specified in the following Table. The repair or renewal shall be carried out according to the requirements of original building.

Limitation of erosion (decay) of main components of hull

Serial No.	Components	Type of erosion, decay	Allowable erosion limit
1	Keel, keelson	Normal borer, decay	Depth exceeding 20% of the thickness; Partial depth exceeding 30% of the thickness
2	Hull shell plate	Borer, decay, wear down	Depth exceeding 25% of the thickness
3	Deck plate	Wear down, decay	Depth exceeding 25% of the thickness
4	Stem, rudder stock, deck beam, hatch side girder	Rotten	Depth exceeding 35% of the thickness
5	Side frame and its stiffeners	Erosion	Partial depth exceeding 25% of the thickness; Area of erosion more than 25% of the surface

- 1.2. On hull shell plate, main deck and other external and internal longitudinal components. If the depth and area of the wear and tear or decay affect the fastening function of the nails and bolts or cannot carry out caulking and there is leakage. The repair or renewal shall be carried out according to the requirements of original building.
- 1.3. Before docking of the vessel, the fuel tank, cargo hold, fish hold, refrigerating hold and water tank, etc should be emptied. Blocking should be properly arranged to avoid local concentration of loading.
- 1.4. Inspect of hull of wooden vessel also need to conform the relevant requirements of Chapter II of this Code.

2. Annual Survey

- 2.1. In general external inspection of each part of the hull is to be carried out. Particular attention will be paid on the main structural components of amidship and forward side planking (planking), rubbing strake, bulwark stay, bulwark stringer, fwd and aft handrail, deck longitudinal, etc. Also the technical condition of the caulk will be checked.

- 2.2. All opening and hatch arrangement to be inspected and tested. The relevant requirements of Load Line survey shall refer to Chapter IV of this Code.

3. Intermediate Survey

- 3.1. The inspection items, contents and requirements of intermediate survey shall include the annual survey items. In addition, the survey of hull bottom is to be carried out.
- 3.2. Intermediate survey shall normally carry out on slipway. External inspection of keel, garboard plate, bottom plate, bilge keel, stem, stern frame, rudder stock and keel band shall be carried out. The caulk of the underwater hull part to be carefully examined. When crack appear on caulk of seam, the caulk to be partially gouged out for inspection if necessary. Inspection shall also include the effectiveness of the coating for the prevention of borer, decay and anti-fouling.
- 3.3. The underwater hull inspection shall also include the examination of propeller, rudder, oil sealing arrangement of tail shaft and the examination and measurement of the rudder pintle clearance and tail shaft bearing clearance.

4. Renewal Survey

- 4.1. Renewal survey shall be carried out on slipway together with the repair works of the vessel if possible. Surveyor shall carry out survey together with the ship owner and the shipyard. According to the results of the survey and the requirements of Table at para. 1.1 of this Annex, verify the repair items of the vessel.
- 4.2. After docking of the vessel, the bottom sheathing and any sundries inside the fish hold, refrigerating hold and water tank etc. shall be removed. The paneling, insulation and other obstacle shall be partially removed, if necessary, to facilitate the inspection of the technical condition of the covered hull structure.
- 4.3. For vessel less than 10 years of age, inspection shall concentrate on the hull shell plate, keel band, deck plate, bulwark, cargo hold or fish hold, including the components near the insulation and the condition of the joints, tabled-scarf, caulk and coating, etc.
- 4.4. For vessel more than 10 years of age, more thorough inspection shall be carried out on main components of the vessels such as keel, stem, stern frame, side frame, deck beam, internal longitudinal girder, bulkhead, etc. To check the level of borer, decay, wear and tear and contact damage. If the damages exceeding the required limit, repair or renewal shall be carried out.
- 4.5. Full inspection shall be carried out for all the caulk below waterline. For vessels more than 8 years old, all caulk of the hull shall be gouged and renewed. In general the outer gap of the seam should not be greater than 15mm; the inner gap of the seam shall be closely fitted. Otherwise, it shall not carry out caulking. If the width of the seam is large and not suitable for caulking, the plank shall be replaced to reduce the width of the seam.

All caulk shall be subject to tightness test after repair or renewal.

- 4.6. When examine the condition of the stern structure, pay attention to distortion in the joints of components, leakage in seam, variation in shaft line of tailshaft, increase in vibration, etc. If abnormality find, repair shall be carried out. If the variation of the shaft line of tailshaft is due to insufficient hull strength, repairs shall combine with partial reinforcement of the strength and rigidity of the hull.

5. Hull Repair Requirements

- 5.1. When the main components of the hull exceeding the erosion (decay) limit prescribed in the Table at para. 1.1, the component shall be replaced. If the limit is not excess, the borer and decay part shall be removed. Use patch method to gouge and fill up. For wider area, rabbet shall be bored or clinching and patch to increase the adhesive strength.
- 5.2. If transverse cracks or broken damages appear in the components of the hull, the component shall be renewed.
- 5.3. If the joint in side shell, longitudinal components, strengthened deck plate, transverse framing of amidship area find loosen or crack or distortion appear in the seam. Repair and reinforcement of the structure shall be carried out.
- 5.4. In the seam and tabled-scarf area at the end face of the important components. If cross crack appear and the colour of the component near the crack changed to black, the component shall be replaced. Under the condition that the strength and watertightness are not affected, the main plank can be partially renewed.
- 5.5. The requirements for the precision of machining, tolerance after machining, connection method, the shifted distance between planks, choice of nails, screw or bolts, etc shall follow the relevant requirements of recognized classification societies or flag administrations.
- 5.6. The old caulking material shall be removed and re-filled with new caulking material in caulk required for repair. The bevel edge of the plank shall not be damage during the removed of old caulking material. The caulk shall be smooth, clean and grease free.
- 5.7. For scattered worm holes with diameter less than 5mm. The worm shall be removed and fill up with putty and gauze. For diameter less than 10mm, bore hole in way of the worm hole and remove the worm. Plug the hole with treenail and interlace the surrounding gap with gauze and cover with putty.
- 5.8. For exposed nuts, depend on the condition of the surrounding timber. Interlace with gauze and plaster with putty, if necessary. Not caulking shall be carried out if the bolt is not fastened.

6. Prevention of Worm and Decay

6.1. The periodical requirements of worm and decay preventive measure on main structural components:

- a) The wooden structural components below fully loaded waterline shall carry out a worm prevention process every four years (in line with renewal survey).
- b) The surface of all steel components below fully loaded waterline and weather exposed area shall be coated every year, can be in line with annual survey.
- c) Anti-fouling coating for the vessel bottom shall be re-coated every year.
- d) Asphalt type coating for under water hull below the fully loaded waterline and coating for the hull surface above fully loaded waterline and components inside accommodation. Shall be re-coated every two years together with renewal survey or intermediate survey.

Note: The above are made reference to the relevant requirements of “The ‘Ocean Fishing Vessels Statutory Survey Standard 2003’ of Register of Fishing Vessels of the People’s Republic of China”

**IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
REVISED REGULATIONS OF ANNEX I
OF MARPOL 73/78 TO LOCALLY LICENSED VESSELS**

Locally licensed oil carriers shall comply with the Merchant Shipping (Prevention Of Oil Pollution) Regulations regarding the requirements with respect to control of oil pollution. The electronic version of the Regulations is available at the following URL (bilingual):

<https://www.elegislation.gov.hk/hk/cap413A!en-zh-Hant-HK.assist.pdf>

GUIDANCE ON MACHINERY AND HULL WEAR DOWN OR CORROSION TOLERANCE LIMITS AND OTHER INSPECTION ITEMS

Note: If a vessel is classed with a recognized classification society (AO), the corresponding technical guidance of the classification society may be applied to such vessel.

(A) Hull

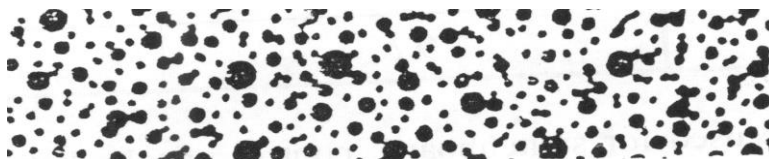
1. Repairing of Corroded Hull and Structural Member

- 1.1 The thickness reduction of hull envelope plating and internal structural members caused by corrosion shall not be more than the specified percentage of the original built thickness as shown in the following table (in the case of increased thickness from minimum requirement will be separately considered):

Material	Corrosion Limit (%)	
	Steel	Aluminium
Deck Plating Shell Plating	30	15
Internal Structural Member	30	20
Seating for Main Engine, Crane, Windlass, etc.	25	15

When the corrosion exceeds the above limit, the relevant plate or structural member shall be cropped and renewed.

- 1.2 Local scar corrosion: the corroded member shall be cropped and renewed if the width of the scar exceeds 50mm or the depth of the scar exceeds 40% of the fabricated thickness.
- 1.3 Pitting corrosion: the corroded member shall be cropped and renewed if the depth of the pitting exceeds the limit of paragraph 1.1 and the pitted area exceeds 30% of the concerned area. (see following diagram for reference).



- 1.4 According to the requirements of paragraphs 1.1 to 1.3, the renewed plating shall be a minimum dimension of 150mm x150mm and the structural member shall be minimum 150mm in length.

- 1.5 Scattered pitting: pitting, which diameter between 15mm to 50mm and depth exceeds 50% of the fabricated thickness, generally may be repaired by welding. Prior to the repair the surface shall be properly cleaned; and after repair, the rebuilt areas shall be smoothed and ground to normal thickness.
- 1.6 For significant worn out structural member or suspected area, ultra-sonic test or other equivalent method may be required.

2. Other Requirement for Inspection of Structural Member

2.1 Buckling of plating(deformation of plating between framing)

Maximum allowable deflection $= 0.06s$;

Where s = frame spacing at indents area (mm)

2.2 Indent of framing structure (deflection of combined framing and plating)

Maximum allowable deflection $= 6l + 10\text{mm}$;

Where l = span (m)

- 2.3 Buckling of plating and indent of framing structure are generally to be rectified by hot work; and if failed to return to original to be cropped and renewed.
- 2.4 Crack is not allowed in any case on hull envelope plating and structural members below main deck.
- 2.5 No buckling is allowed at bracket. Mis-alignment between beams and frames shall not exceed the frame thickness.

3. Water Tank & Oil Tank Tightness Test Pressure

3.1 Initial Inspection

Item	Type Of Tank	Water Pressure Head (m)
1	Fore / Aft Peak Tank, Deep Tank, Cofferdam	Top of air pipe
2	Fuel Tank, Liquid Cargo Tank	2.5m above highest point of tank top or to the height of the overflow whichever is the higher

3.2 Periodical Inspection

For all tanks, pressure test, which may be carried out using liquid of the tank carries, to top of air pipe or 2.5m above highest point of tank top as appropriate, or air test to 0.14kg/cm^2 .

4. Requirements for the Inspection of Water Tightness by Hose Test

- 4.1 The water jet pressure shall not be less than 2 kgf/cm^2

4.2 Nozzle shall not be more than 1.5m from the test item

4.3 Nozzle diameter shall not be less than 13mm for vessels of length below 90 m.

5. Mooring Equipment

5.1 Wear down of chain cable and related parts shall not exceed 85% of the original diameter.

5.2 Loss of anchor weight shall not exceeds 20 % of original weight.

6. Wear Down Limit of Steering System and Tightness Test

6.1 Wear down tolerance for rudder

No.	Items	Wear Limit
(a)	Rudder stock	7 % of rule diameter
(b)	Kort nozzle, Rudder	30 % of design thickness
(c)	Flange	10 % of design thickness
(d)	Rudder chain	10 % of design diameter

Defect of steering component may be repaired by welding.

6.2 Kort nozzle and double plate rudder tightness test

(i) Hydraulic test - 0.25 kg/cm^2

(ii) Air test - 0.20 kg/cm^2

(B) Machinery & Electrical

7. Air Receiver

7.1 Corrosion limit of plating for air receiver shall not exceed 10% of original thickness.

7.2 Air receiver and piping system shall be hydraulic tested to the pressure specified in the IIIA/15.6.

8. Tail Shaft and Bearing

8.1 Polishing may be used to remove defect on tail shaft, however, the diameter of the tail shaft shall not be less than rule requirement after surface finishing.

8.2 Clearance limit between tail shaft and bearing

Tail Shaft Diameter (Mm)	Bearing Material	Lignum Viatae, Layered Rubber	White Metal Alloy		Cast Rubber
	Clearance Limit (mm)		Oil lubricated	Water lubricated	
<100		4.0	1.50	2.0	3.5
100~<150		4.4	1.65	2.2	4.4
150~<200		4.8	1.80	2.4	4.8
200~<250		5.2	1.95	2.6	-

9. Minimum Allowable Insulation Resistance Value

For the electrical circuit of nominal voltage over 50V, the insulation resistance shall not be less than 1.0 MΩ.

Note: The insulation resistance shall be measured by a 500V megger tester.

第 I 或 II 類別船隻的最高可運載人數的計算及/或檢驗證明裝置是適合由一名“兼任輪機員船長”操控

**Determination of maximum number of persons to be carried and / or Survey
Certification on installation suitable for “combined coxswain” operation of a Class I or II vessel**

Name of Vessel.....Certificate of Ownership No:.....Class/ Cat Vsl:.....		
船名 :.....擁有權證明書編號 :.....船隻類別/分類:.....		
Type of vessel 船隻類型:.....		
1 (a) 最高可運載量和座椅 Maximum Carrying Capacity and Seating		
船隻的最高可運載量(包括乘客和船員在內)的計算方法如下:(參照第 V 章相關的要求) The maximum carrying capacity (including passengers and crew) are determined as follows:(Chapter V refers)		
[]	(i) 第二類別機動船隻在特定遮蔽水域 Mechanized Class II vessel operating in specified sheltered water	
	0.35 x L x B passenger numeral	所得乘客人數 () ≤ 10
	Minimum number of crew	最少船員名額 () ≤ 4
	Determined Total No. of Persons	計算總人數 ()
[]	(ii) 圍蔽式甲板船隻 enclosed deck vessel	
	總人數 total number of persons = L x B x Cnp	(Cnp : 0.35~ 0.85)
	計算總人數 Determined Total No. of Persons	()
	及/and 船東指示要求最少船員名額 Owner's indicated the requested minimum number of crew	= ()
	式中 where L : 船隻(甲板)的總長(米) vessel's (deck) length overall in metres	= ()
	B : 船隻的最大寬度(米) vessel's maximum breadth in metres	= ()
(b)	乘客坐椅的形狀、設計與固定在甲板的狀況須足以應付所需服務。第 I/4.2 節所述高速船隻的坐椅結構和安全帶須遵守第 XI 章所訂明的相關規定。乘客坐椅安置及要求應按照第 V/3 及 4.2.2 節的相關規定。 The form, design and attachments to the deck of passenger seats should be adequate for the intended service. The seating construction and safety belts on high speed vessels as stated in Ch. I/4.2 should comply with the relevant requirements specified in Ch. XI. Seating arrangement and requirements should be as per Ch V/3 and 4.2.2 as relevant.	不適用 Not applicable 足夠 / 不足夠 Adequate / Not Adequate
(c) 運載乘客的船隻之乘客空間的標記		
Marking in Passenger Space for vessel carrying passengers		
須在乘客上船的顯眼位置，以中、英文註明每層甲板可載運的乘客人數，如以下所示 The number of passengers in which each deck can accommodate should be indicated, in a conspicuous location, at all spaces where passengers will be embarking, in Chinese and English :-		
	上層甲板 Upper level ()	不適用 Not applicable
	主甲板 Main Deck ()	
	等等 Etc. ()	
	最高乘客名額 Maximum number of passengers ()	
	最少船員名額 Minimum number of crew ()	已標記 / 未有標記
	最高運載量 Maximum carrying capacity ()	Marking Completed / Marking Not Done
2.	證明這船隻裝置是適合由一名“兼任輪機員船長”操控 Certification on installation suitable for “Combined Coxswain” operation for this vessel	不適用 Not applicable 適合 / 不適合 Suitable / Not suitable
以此證明這船隻的無人操作機器艙間備有適合由一名“兼任輪機員船長”操控的配備並經檢驗及測試滿意，包括艙底水警報，主要的主機控制、儀錶、主機及發電機故障警報裝置，主機、發電機及抽氣扇的遙控關閉，煙霧偵測及警報裝置等裝置。(參照第 IIIA/18 節及第 XII 章相關的要求) This is to certify that this vessel has appropriately equipped, inspected and tested satisfactory, including fittings of bilge alarm, essential main engine controls, indicators and main / generator engines abnormal warning alarms, remote shutdown of main / generator engines and ventilation fans, and a fire or smoke detection system etc., as appropriate, for unattended machinery space requirements suitable for “combined coxswain” operation. (Refers to relevant requirements in Ch. IIIA/18 and Chapter XII) - 裝置 / 額外詳細資料 Installation / Additional Details: -		

備註 Remark : (如有需要可另加頁數 additional sheet if required)

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特許驗船師姓名 / 特許機構名稱 / 獲承認的當局及其驗船師姓名

Name of Authorized Surveyor / Authorized Organization / Recognized Authority and name of surveyor

簽署 Signature 日期 Date

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(A) General Plans / 一般圖則		
1. 簡單圖則 Plan(Simp)-G-01 General Arrangement Plan (Owner to provide necessary information on layout, decks etc.) 一般佈置圖則 (船東提供所需資料如外形、甲板層數等)		Yes / No / Not Applicable * 有 / 沒有 / 不需 *
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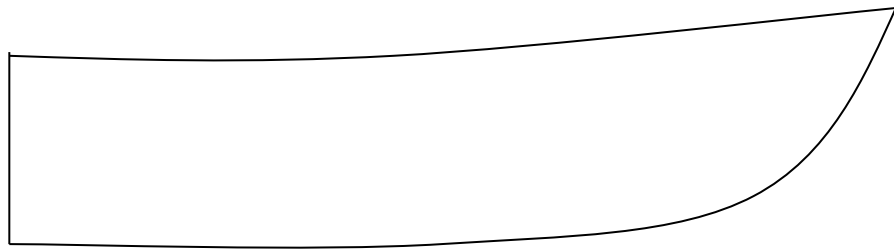
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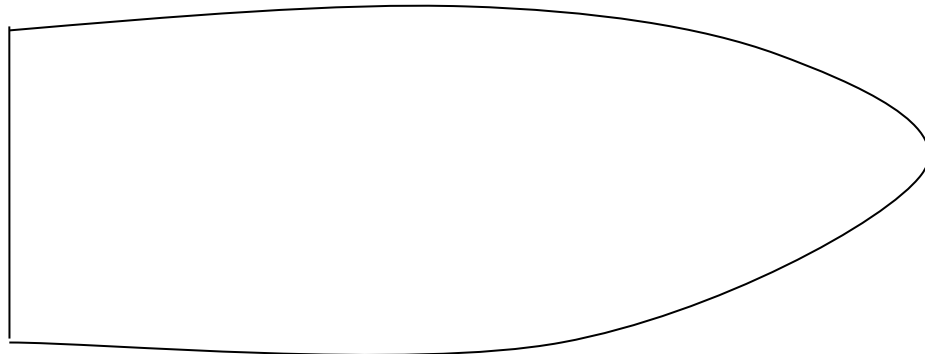
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7. No. of decks 甲板層數 (Please Show Location / 請顯示位置)	
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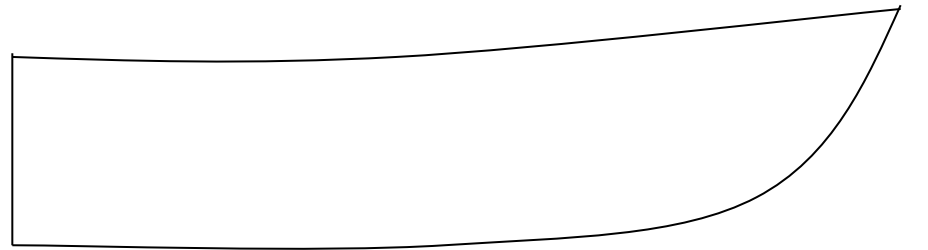
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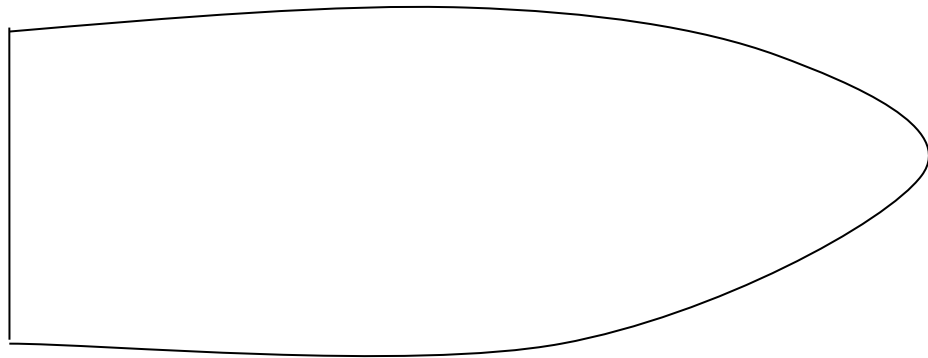
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8. Seating Arrangement / Position(*) 座佈置及座位設置(*)	
Approved by 經辦審批 :	Date 日期 :

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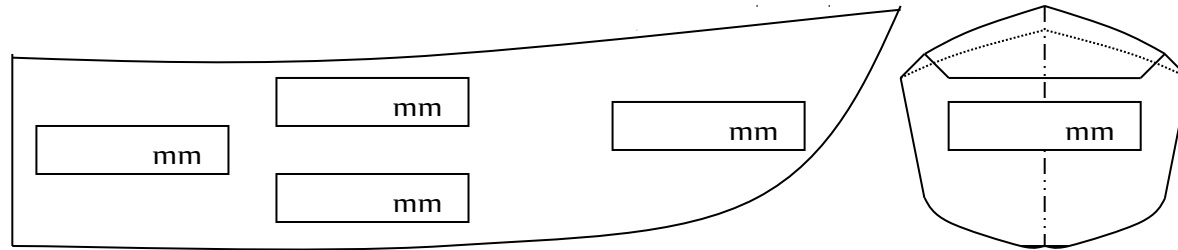
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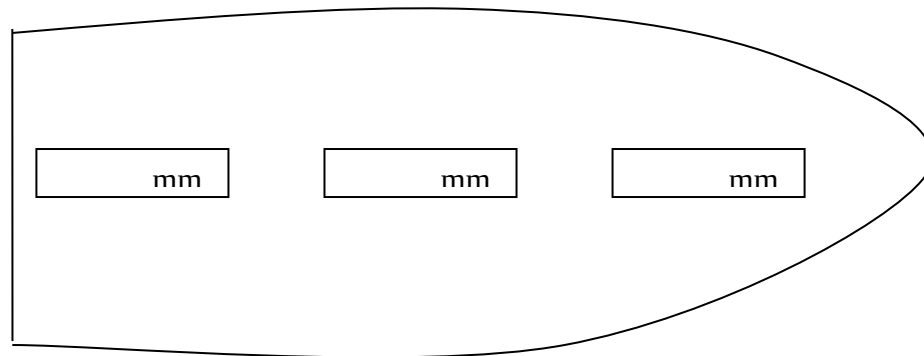
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船旁及船底板
SIDE & BOTTOM PLATING

船尾板圖
TRANSOM



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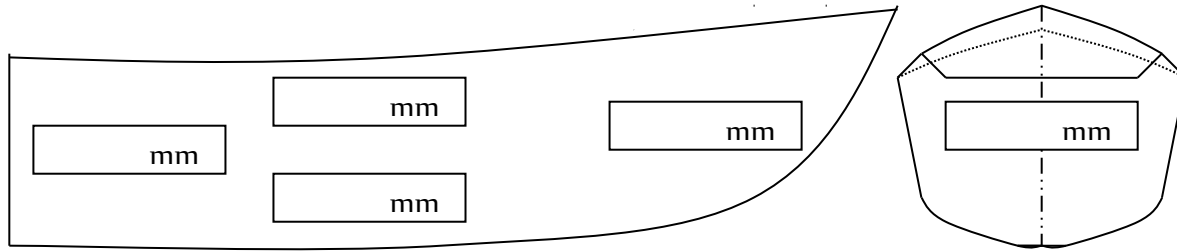
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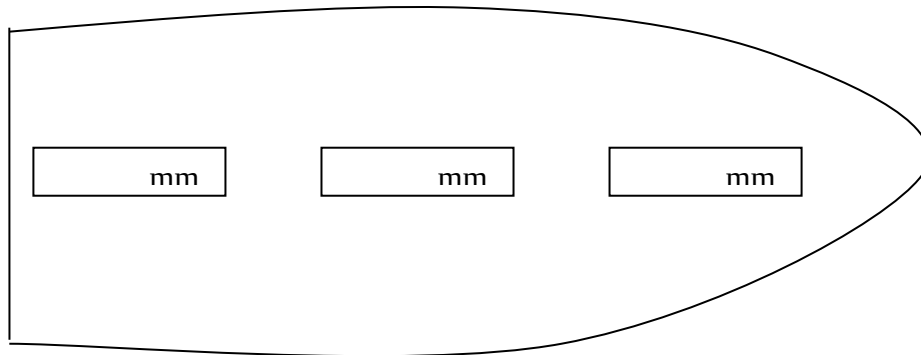
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船旁及船底板
SIDE & BOTTOM PLATING

船尾板圖
TRANSOM



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Inclining Experiment Report/Rolling Period / Simple Inclining - Test Report

傾斜試驗／橫搖週期／簡單傾斜- 測試報告

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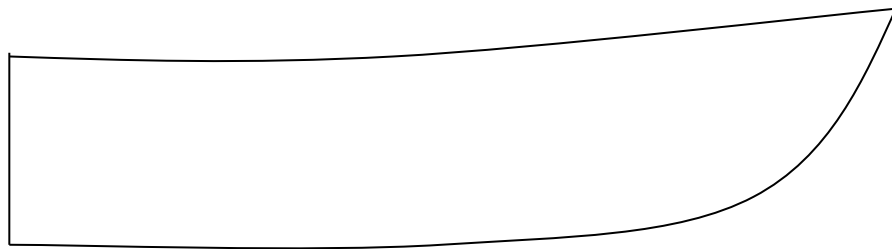
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LSA & FFA Installation and Arrangement Diagram

救生及救火設備及佈置示意圖則

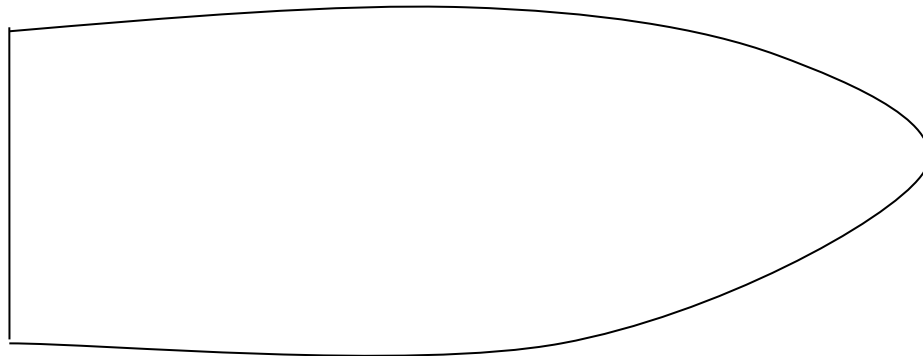
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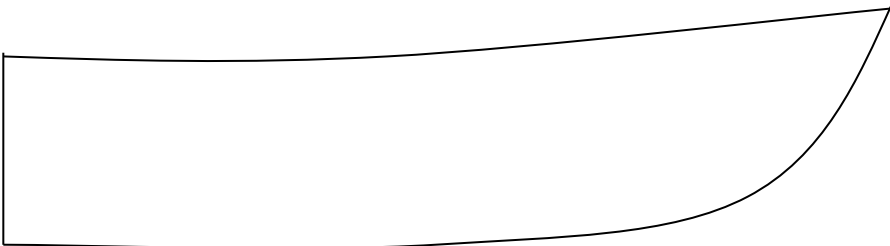
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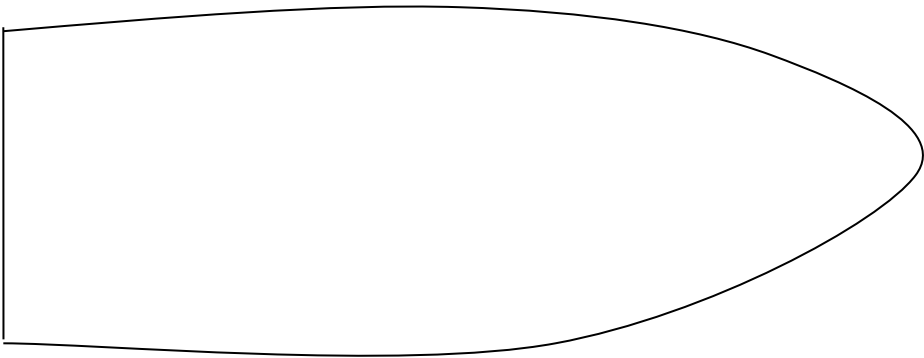
逃生設備及佈置示意圖則

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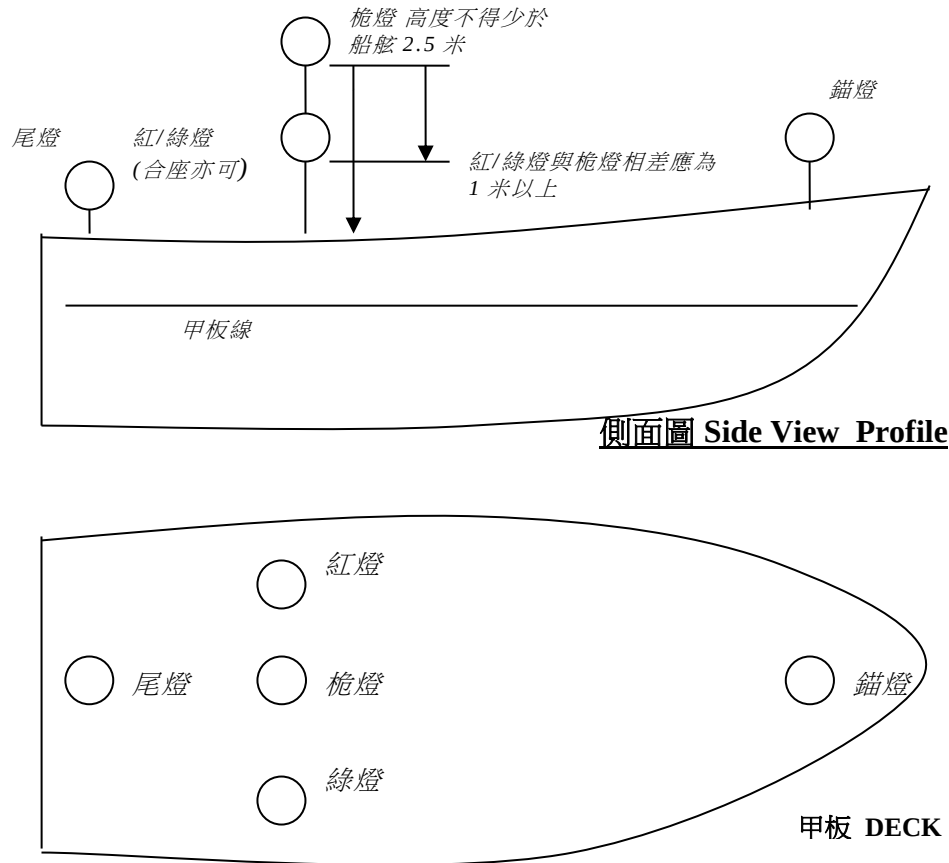
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Lights, Shapes & Sound Signals Installation and Arrangement Diagram

號燈、號型、聲號設備及佈置示意圖則

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註: 1) 長度未滿 7 米, 最大航速不超過 7 節, 只需環照白(錨燈)一盞。如條件許可, 亦需裝設紅及綠燈。
 2) 長度滿 7 米至小於 12 米, 需加 3 個黑色球體, 1 個黑色菱形體及一個能發出有效聲號器具。
 3) 長度滿 12 米至小於 20 米, 需加 2 支環照紅(失控燈), 1 個黑色菱形體及 3 個黑色球體, 號笛及號鐘各一個。

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Machinery Installation Plans 機器及其系統設備圖則

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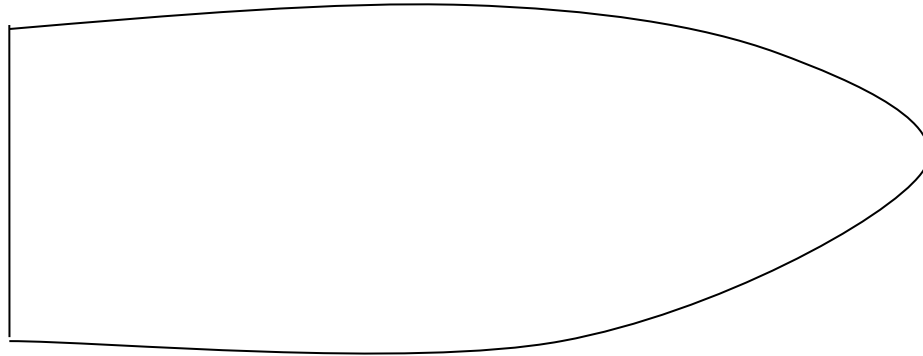
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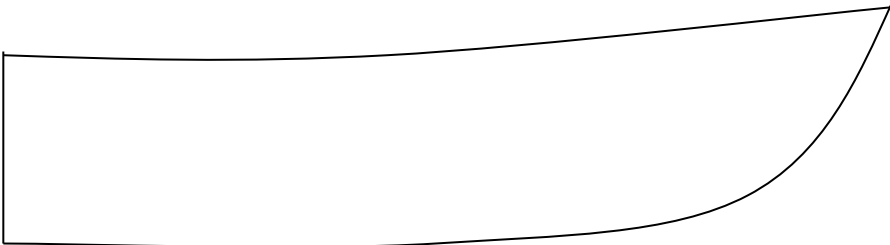
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Electrical Installation Plans

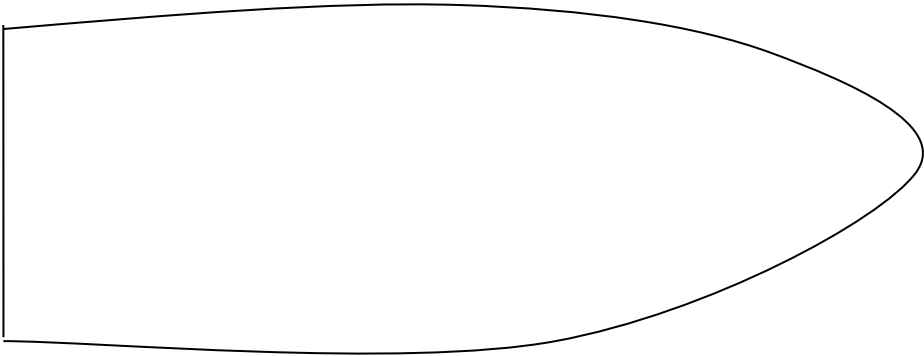
電器及其系統設備圖則

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機器與電器及其系統設備圖則

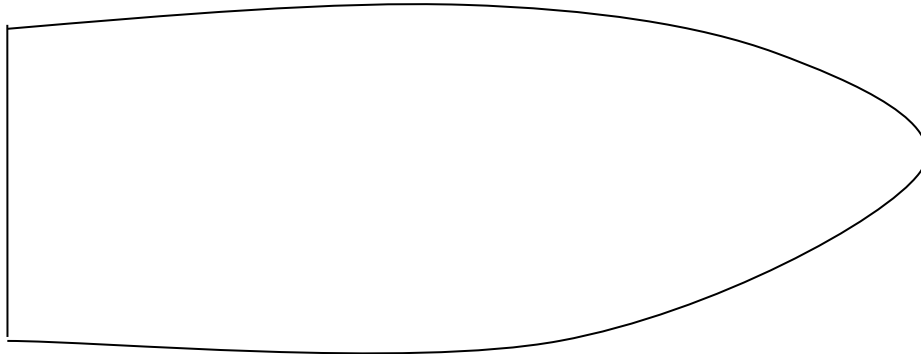
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DOMESTIC LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS INSTALLATION

1 Marking

- 1.1 Liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) cylinders shall be clearly marked of the name of their contents.

2 Properties of LPG

- 2.1 Possible dangers arising from the use of LPG appliances include fire, explosion and asphyxiation due to leakage of gas from the installation, etc.
- 2.2 LPG is heavier than air and, if released in a space with coaming, may travel some distance whilst seeking the lowest part of that space and its adjoining spaces. The accumulation of LPG probably poses dangerous consequence and fatality when triggered by inadvertent spark or ignition.

3 Storage

- 3.1 No more than 50 kg (or combined water capacity 130 litres) of LPG shall be carried on board.
- 3.2 LPG cylinders and expended cylinders shall as far as practicable be stowed on open decks. The cylinders and all valves, pressure regulators and pipes leading from such cylinders shall be properly secured, protected against mechanical damage, and excessive variations in temperature and direct rays of the sun. The cylinders shall be installed upright to prevent liquid from flowing into the pipes.
- 3.3 The LPG cylinder storage locker, and associated pipes and joints shall be readily accessible for the check of suspected leaks; and shall be as far away from any air pipes, ventilators, hatchways, etc. and close to the cooking appliances as practicable.
- 3.4 Except as necessary for service within the space, electrical wiring and fittings shall not be permitted within compartments used for the storage of LPG. Where such electrical fittings are installed, they shall be to the satisfaction of the Department for use in a flammable atmosphere. Sources of heat shall be kept clear of such spaces and "不准吸煙 No Smoking" and "不准明火 No naked light" notices shall be displayed in a prominent position.
- 3.5 Compartments used for the storage of LPG shall not be used for storage of other combustible products nor for tools or objects nor part of the gas distribution system. The LPG locker shall be marked with "LPG" on the door of the locker.

4 Installation

4.1 LPG pipes-

- (a) LPG pipes shall be of solid drawn copper alloy or stainless steel pipes, with appropriate compression or screwed fittings.
- (b) Flexible connections shall be avoided. Should they be used, an approved type of synthetic rubber hose connection shall be fitted. When used with flexible connections, appliances shall be controlled from the nearest isolating valve fitted on metallic pipe.

4.2 LPG cylinder storage locker

- (a) For storage above main deck-
 - (i) ventilation openings shall be provided on top and bottom of locker;
 - (ii) when LPG pipe is arranged to pass through bulkhead, the opening on bulkhead shall be of suitable size and height, to avoid the gas being leaked into the accommodation. If the LPG pipe is a synthetic rubber hose, precaution shall be taken to prevent the hose being chafed. A protecting conduit shall be fitted when necessary.
- (b) For storage below main deck-
 - (i) the locker bulkhead shall be of gastight construction. Bulkhead piece shall be fitted when LPG pipe is arranged to pass through bulkhead;
 - (ii) adequate ventilation shall be provided at top and bottom of locker and be led overboard;
 - (iii) gas detectors shall be fitted to detect any accumulation of LPG in the bilge.

- 4.3 Newly fitted or replaced gas consuming appliances shall be of type approved by Gas Authority, EMSD and marked with “GU” on them. Existing Gas consuming appliances (e.g. stove, water heater etc.) are recommended to be fitted with automatic gas shut-off device to stop the gas supply in the event of flame failure.



批准氣體用具GU標誌

5 Maintenance

- 5.1 Changing cylinders shall be done according to instructions of gas dealers. If it is suspected that either a cylinder or valve is faulty, put it ashore as quickly as possible, and in the meantime keep it in the open air, clear of any gratings, hatches or other openings leading below decks.
- 5.2 Sufficient ventilation shall be provided at the cooking space to displace the products of combustion and respiration.

6 Inspection

- 6.1 The vessel's crew or operator shall regularly examine joints of the LPG installation. If a leakage is suspected, the cylinder stop valve shall be turned off immediately; the vessel's engine shall be stopped, no switch on/off of electrical appliances and no other means of ignition allowed until it is certain that the vessel is clear of gas. Never put an appliance back into use without the leak having been found and rectified.

[Table-1] Minimum Safe Manning Requirements for Hong Kong Licensed Vessels**operating in Hong Kong Waters and River Trade Limits** [Remark (1), (2) and (3)]

(These requirements on Minimum Safe Manning are based on vessels meeting unmanned engine room installation requirements)

Minimum Safe Manning Standards			Mechanically Propelled Class II Vessels - Types and Length Limits						
Persons onboard	Trading Area/ Vessel Length (L)	No. of Persons	Tug		Dry Cargo Vessel ^(c) and Oil Carrier/Tanker and Gas Carrier ^(f)				
			L < 24m	24m ≤ L < 35m	L < 24m	24m ≤ L < 35m	35m ≤ L < 50m	50m ≤ L < 75m	75m ≤ L < 100m
Coxswain (a) (h)	Hong Kong Waters	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	River Trade Limits ^(b)	2 (g)	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Engine Operator ^(a)	Hong Kong Waters or River Trade Limits	1 ^(e)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Deck crew ^(d)	Hong Kong Waters or River Trade Limits	as below							
	24m ≤ L < 35m	+1	-	1	-	1	1	1	1
	35m ≤ L < 50m	+1	-	-	-	-	1	1	1
	50m ≤ L < 75m	+1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
	75m ≤ L < 100m	+1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Hong Kong Waters: Minimum Manning Scale			2	3	2	3	4	5	6
River Trade Limits: Minimum Manning Scale			3	4	3	4	5	6	7

Remarks: (1) These requirements are made under section 11 of Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (General) Regulation. The minimum safe manning scales are prescribed for practical guidance of owners and coxswains to ensure sufficient crew onboard with appropriate skills and experience, having regard to vessel size, speed, power, duration and nature of voyage or trade area, equipment and machinery commonly adopted for different types of vessels, for the purpose of maintaining general surveillance and safe navigation, mooring and unmooring operation safety, safe of carriage of cargo during transit, measures on prevention of fire and pollution of environment and the handling of general emergency situation. For vessel types or operation condition or situation outside the above basic scope would require consideration or assessment on case by case basis by Marine Department. In general, the manning crew number would be expected higher for additional work or tasks to be taken by crewmember on repair maintenance and business/cargo handling etc. The requirements in this Annex should be complied together with those specified in Ch. XII of this Code.

(2) For Class I vessels including passenger ferries or high speed ferries operating in Hong Kong waters, the manning requirements would depend on their operational needs. Marine Department will prescribe the minimum safe manning requirement individually through making reference to necessary assessment including fire and emergency drills etc. during final inspection of the vessel. Refer to Annex U-6 for “Guideline on the Minimum Safe Number of Crew for Ferry Vessels and Launches”.

(3) On HK licensed fishing vessels operating in mainland waters, all crewmembers (including coxswain & engine operator) shall carry “four mini certificates” and maintain necessary watchkeeping duties and minimum manning as required by mainland authority. In Hong Kong waters, owner and Master / Coxswain should observe the practice indicated in Note (h) below with particular consideration of safe navigation and the size and length of the vessel.

Notes: (a) Crew of Vessels should hold relevant basic maritime safety training certificates (see Remark (3) above and Note (d) below). Types of Local Certificates of Competency as required under statutory requirements are indicated in Table-2 of this Annex.

(b) River Trade Limits is defined in section 2 of the Survey Regulation.

(c) Also applicable to Class II vessel types: edible oil carrier, water boat, work boat and pilot boat. The minimum manning of these are treated same as dry cargo vessel.

(d) Deck and engine crew (other than certificated coxswain and engine operator) of mechanically propelled Class II vessels operating in mainland waters should hold the basic maritime safety training certificates issued by Hong Kong Maritime Services Training Institute- Basic Safety Training for Local Vessels' Crew Certificate (Yellow Card), or “Fire fighting Certificate” plus “Personal Survival Techniques Certificates”.

(e) If the navigation time of the vessel is exceeding 12 hours within any 24 hours operation and the vessel does not meet unmanned engine room requirements, one additional engine operator is required for vessels of length exceeding 24 metres.

(f) Coxswain, engine operator and crewmembers working onboard oil carriers and gas carriers should hold relevant oil carrier and gas carrier safety training certificates respectively. For oil carriers, gas carriers, noxious liquid substance carriers and dangerous goods carriers, one extra deck crew is required to assist with deck operational and emergency measures.

(g) (i) Alternative, the arrangement of one coxswain and one assistant coxswain are acceptable provided that the assistant coxswain must hold a Certificate of Competency of one grade lower than the coxswain relevant to the type of vessel and have gained not less than 12 months practical experience relating to River Trade Limits / mainland waters operation and have familiar with watchkeeping duties to assist the Coxswain.

(ii) For those vessels trading to close limits to neighbouring ports of Hong Kong, including Macau, Zhuhai, Shenshen Yantian in Mirs Bay and Shenzhen Shekou in Deep Bay, one assistant coxswain could be waived.

(h) Master /Coxswain should ensure adequate hands of ship's crew available for mooring and unmooring /berthing and unberthing operations as required.

**[Table-2] Statutory Requirements on Local Certificates of Competency for
Hong Kong Licensed Vessels operating in Hong Kong Waters or River Trade Limits**

Post onboard	Before LVO ⁽ⁱ⁾ being in force		After LVO ⁽ⁱ⁾ being in force	
	Size of Vessel - Tonnage (NT) or Main Engine Power (HP)/ (kW)	Local Certificate of Competency required (see Remarks (v))	Size of Vessel - Gross Tonnage (GT)/ Length (m) or Total Main Engine Power (kW)	Local Certificate of Competency required
Master/ Coxswain	Vessel Tonnage: 60 NT and under	Master [60 NT and under]	Vessel Length: not more than 15m and 16.5 m length overall	Coxswain Grade 3
	Vessel Tonnage: Exceeded 60 NT But vessel length < 24m and Tonnage < 300 NT	Master [60 NT and under] + Exemption or Master [300 NT and under]	Vessel Length: not more than 24m and 26.4 m length overall	Coxswain Grade 2
	Vessel Tonnage: More than 300 NT But not more than 1600 NT	Master [up to 300 NT] ⁽ⁱⁱ⁾ + Tonnage Endorsement	Vessel Tonnage: Not more than 1600 GT	Coxswain Grade 1 ^(iv)
Engineer/ Engine Operator	Power of one single engine: Up to 150 HP	Engineer [for engine power up to 150 HP]	Main engine total power: Up to 750kW	Engine Operator Grade 3
	Power of one single engine: Over 150 HP, but total main engine power not more than 750 kW	Engineer [for engine power up to 150 HP] + Exemption		
			Main engine total power: Not exceeded 1500kW	Engine Operator Grade 2
	Power of one single engine: Over 150 HP	Engineer [for engine power over 150 HP] ⁽ⁱⁱⁱ⁾	Main engine total power: Up to 3000kW	Engine Operator Grade 1 ^(iv)

Remarks

- (i) LVO means [Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) Ordinance]. Local Certificates of Competency issued under LVO, except those endorsed with restrictions, would be valid for use on relevant size of Class I, II or III vessels.
- (ii) After the enforcement of LVO, holder of the Local Certificate of Competency as Master – [up to 300 NT] issued before LVO with Tonnage Endorsement could operate vessels not exceeded 1600 GT.
- (iii) After the enforcement of LVO, the Local Certificate of Competency as Engineer – [for engine power over 150 HP] issued before LVO would be applicable to vessels with main engine total power not more than 3000kW.
- (iv) Based on experience and/or oral/practical assessment, Director may consider application for endorsement to relevant Grade 1 Local Certificate of Competency to allow the holder to operate vessels more than 1600 GT or main engine total power more than 3000kW.
- (v) Local Certificates of Competency issued before LVO mentioned in above table, including Local Certificates of Competency as Ferry Engineer, would continue to be valid for use on relevant size or type of Class I or II vessels. Local Certificates of Competency as Master of a Fishing Vessel, “Restricted Master” Certificates of Competency and Local Certificates of Competency as Engineer of a Fishing Vessel would continue to be valid for use on the relevant size/type of Class III vessels. If a Local Certificate of Competency is obtained through examination held by Marine Department, the holder of:
 - (1) a Local Certificate of Competency as Master of a Fishing Vessel issued before LVO may apply with prescribed fee paid for the issue of a Local Certificate of Competency as Coxswain Grade 3. If the holder has more than 1 year experience as the master of a fishing vessel or vessels other than pleasure vessel within 3 years before application, he may apply, within 2 years after the commencement date of the new legislation, for a Grade 2 Certificate that is endorsed to the effect that the holder may also act as the coxswain on a fishing vessel of more than 24 metres in length overall.
 - (2) A Local Certificate of Competency as Engineer of a Fishing Vessel issued before LVO may apply with prescribed fee paid for the issue of a Local Certificate of Competency as Engineer Operator Grade 3 or for examination of Grade 2 certificate under LVO.
 - (3) a Local Certificate of Competency as Ferry Engineer issued before LVO may apply with prescribed fee paid for the issue of a Local Certificate of Competency as Engineer Operator Grade 1 under LVO.

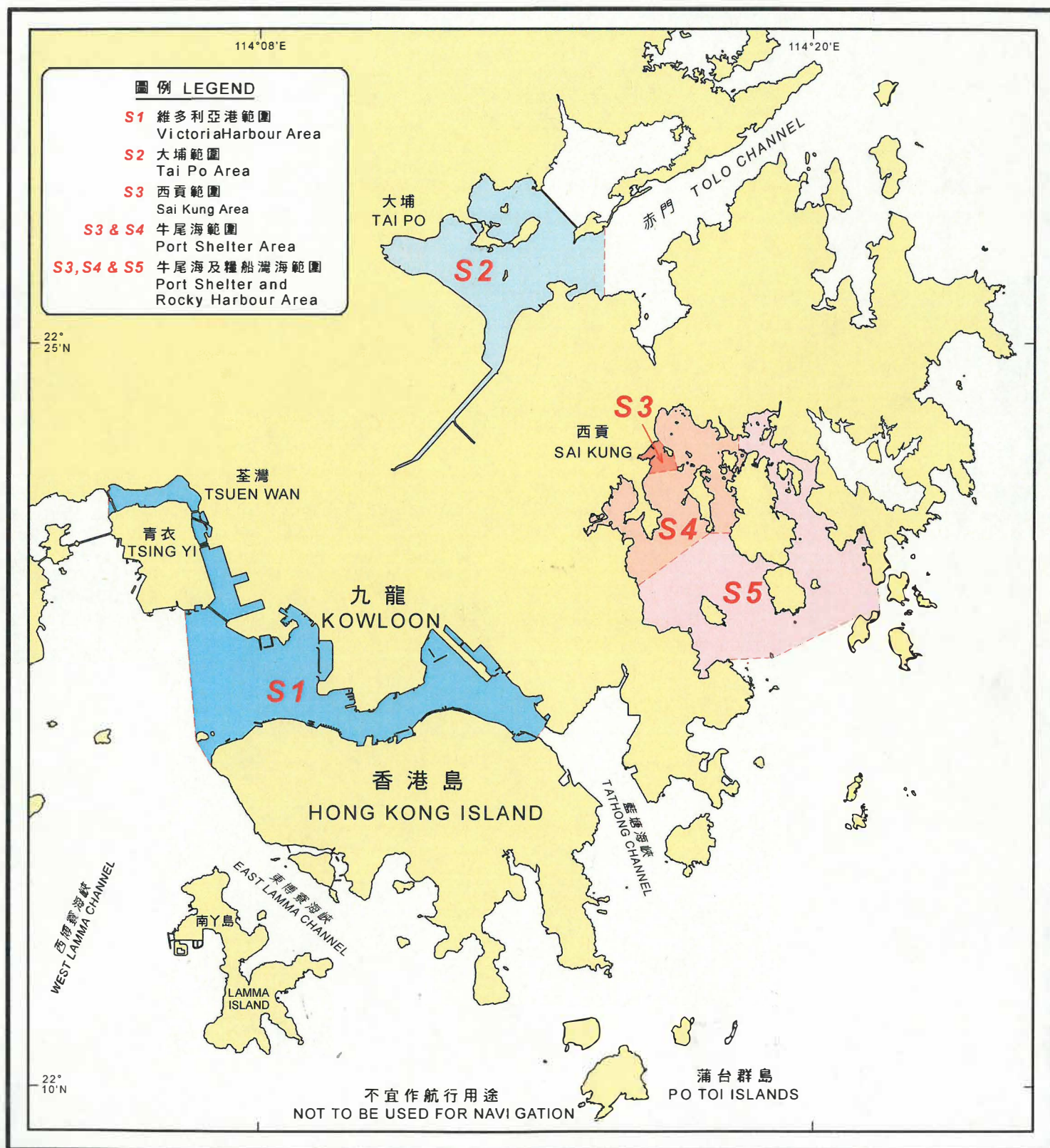
**SAFETY BRIEFING FOR CLASS I AND CLASS II VESSELS
ENGAGED IN VOYAGE CARRYING PASSENGERS**

1. The coxswain shall brief at least one other crew or assistant who will be sailing with the vessel regarding the following: -
 - (a) Procedures for the recovery of a person from the sea;
 - (b) Location of first aid kit, if any;
 - (c) Procedures and operation of radios carried on board, if any;
 - (d) Location of navigation light switches and other light switches;
 - (e) Location and use of fire-fighting equipment;
 - (f) Method of starting, stopping, and controlling the main engine; and
 - (g) Handling emergency situations and communication arrangements.
2. Safety guide plates or cards will be considered to be an acceptable way of providing the information required in paragraph 1 above.

Certificates Relevant to Local Vessels

1. Apart from the certificates listed in Chapter II, the following plan approval, surveys and/or issuance of certificates or record document, which may be for operational purpose or requirements specified under legislations outside the Ordinance, Cap 548, are also relevant to local vessels if applicable:
 - (1) Minimum Safe Manning document;
 - (2) International Tonnage Certificate;
 - (3) International Load Line Certificate;
 - (4) International Oil Pollution Prevention Certificate;
 - (5) International Pollution Prevention Certificate for the Carriage of Noxious Liquid Substances in Bulk;
 - (6) International Air Pollution Prevention Certificate or HKAPP Certificate.
2. For the issuance of items 1.(1) and (5) of the above, owners shall apply to Marine Department directly. For initial certificate, application must be enclosed with relevant application details/plans for assessment.
3. For items 1.(2), (3), (4) and (6), the indicated International Convention certificates may be issued by recognized classification societies directly to the owner, together with survey records in accordance with the requirements of the relevant Convention. A copy of such certificate and record is required to be submitted to Marine Department.

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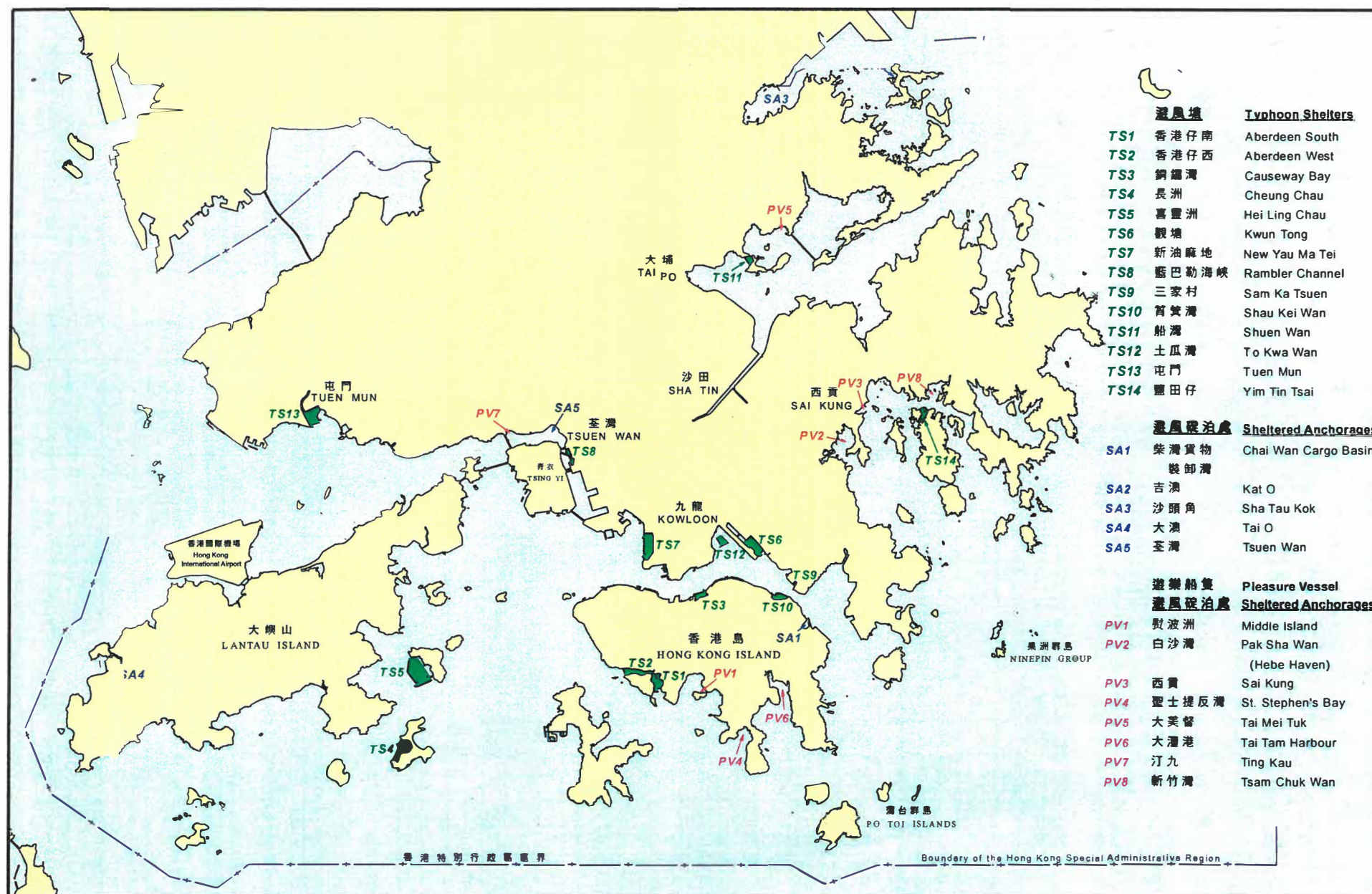
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避風塘及避風碇泊處位置圖

Location Plan of Typhoon Shelters and Sheltered Anchorages



Owner's Declaration of Permanent Ballast

Annex Y

Note: You must fill in the information required and sign the owner's declaration below the table.

COO/AIP No.		Vessel Class	*I	*II	*III	*IV	Vessel Name	
			* Please delete as appropriate					

This is to certify that the positions of all permanent ballast installed on board this vessel are:

- ☐ as shown in the table below and the sketch on a separate sheet.
☐ as shown in the approved permanent ballast plan enclosed.

Note: ① The positions, quantity, materials, unit weight, etc. of permanent ballast should be the same as the information stated in the stability information booklet (the owner may seek advice or assistance from the Marine Department). Inclining experiment or other methods for confirming the installation positions and quantity of permanent ballast may be required.

② The positions of permanent ballast should be the same as those shown in the photos submitted earlier.

No.	Position				Material	Unit Weight (kg)	Quantity (Pcs)	Total Weight (kg)	Serial Number	Remarks
	Longitudinal: The frame number or forward bulkhead frame number of the position of the front point of the ballast	Transverse: Distance between the outer edge of the ballast and the shipside (m)	Vertical: Distance between the bottom of the ballast and the bottom of the vessel (m)	Tier						
1										
2										
3										
4										
5										

The owner should ensure that the correct quantity of ballast is fixed (or stowed in a way that it is not movable while at sea) at the positions specified above at all times.

Owner's Declaration

	Signature of the owner/ owner's representative	Grade of survey	Date
1st year		A/B/Others	
2nd year		A/B/Others	
3rd year		A/B/Others	
4th year		A/B/Others	
5th year		A/B/Others	
(Endorsement in the 5th year is only applicable to classed vessels)			

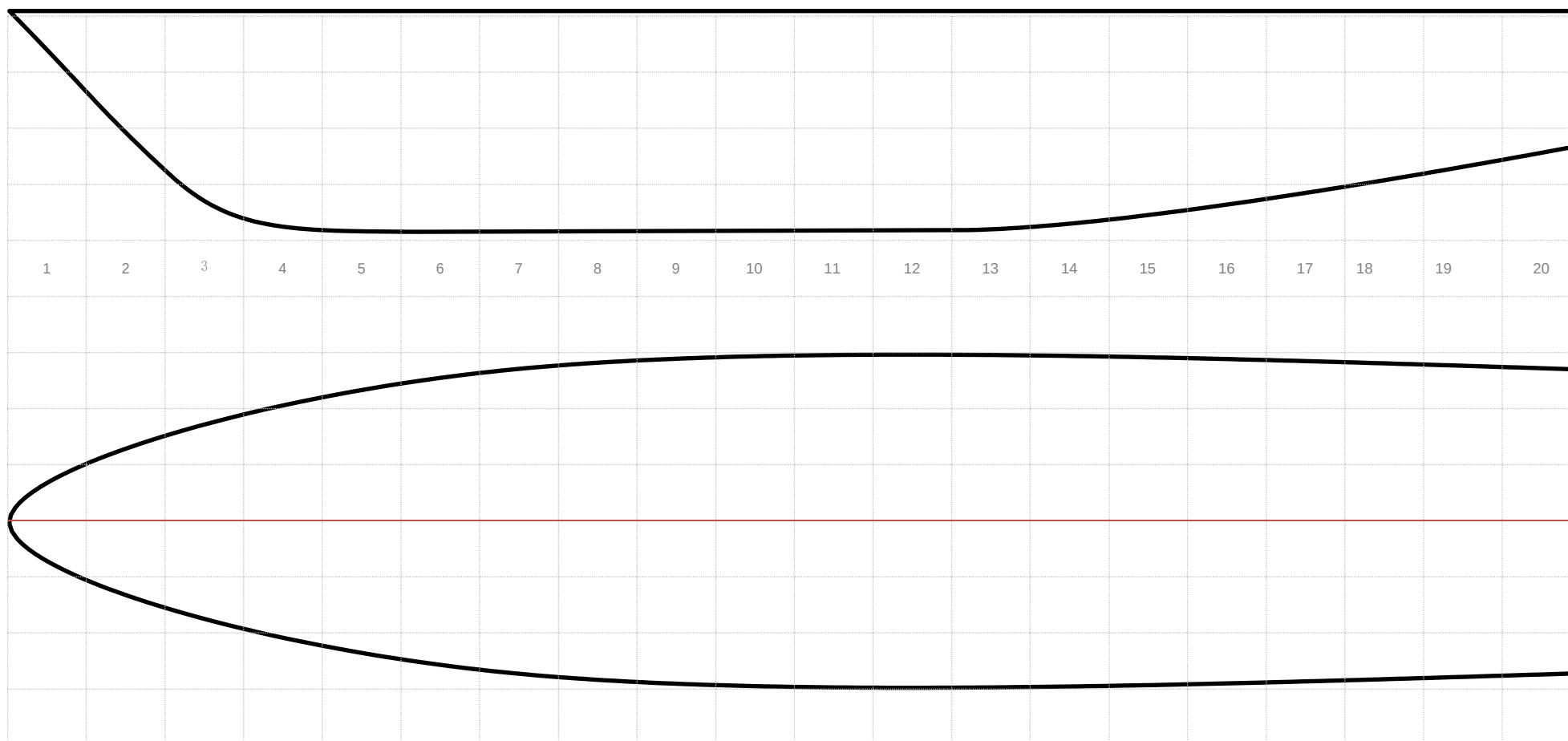
Application for Grade B survey for the vessel's next full survey (if applicable)

This is to certify that in the Grade B survey of this vessel, no excessive corrosion (1/2 or above of the corrosion limit stated in Annex M of the Code of Practice) was found at the bottom of the hull where the ballast was stowed and on the internal structural members, etc., and the coating was in good condition with no obvious damage.	
Signature of the owner/owner's representative and date	
[This part is applicable to vessels surveyed by competent surveyors]	
Name of the surveying officer and his/her organisation/company	
Signature and date	confirm that the above is true
Comments of the Marine Department [Approve/Not Approve]	
Signature and date	

COO/AIP No.

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Please mark the positions of permanent ballast on the sketch

CODE OF PRACTICE ----

Safety Standards for Class III Vessels

(issued under Section 8 of the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) Ordinance, Cap 548)



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1	G.N.7136	29 November 2013	29 November 2013	revision of sections 7.2 and 8.2 of Chapter I / Page 17
2	G.N.7136	29 November 2013	29 May 2014	addition of new item 13 to “(A) GENERAL AND SAFETY” in the table under section 5 of Chapter II/ Page 5& 9
3	G.N.7136	29 November 2013	29 May 2014	addition of new sections 6.4 and 6.5 to Chapter II / Page 9
4	G.N.7136	29 November 2013	29 May 2014	addition of new section 2.7 to Chapter IIIA / Page 2
5	G.N.7136	29 November 2013	First annual survey after 1 March 2014	addition of new section 15 to Chapter VII / Page 5&6
6	G.N.7136	29 November 2013	section 10.2.1(i) and (ii)—first annual survey after 29 November 2014. section 10.2.1(iii) and section 10.2.2 – 29 November 2014	addition of new section 10 to Chapter XII / Page 4&5
7	G.N.7136	29 November 2013	First annual survey after 1 March 2014	revision of section 1 of Annex U-5/Page 1
8	G.N.6640	21 November 2014	29 November 2014	revision of section 3.1 of Chapter I for – (i) addition of a new definition of “authorized organization” and “classification society”; (ii) repeal of the definition of “classification societies”; and (iii) addition of a new definition of “margin line”
9	G.N.6640	21 November 2014	29 November 2014	revision of sections 4.2, 4.3 and 6.1 of Chapter II;
10	G.N.6640	21 November 2014	29 November 2014	revision of the heading of section 5 of Chapter II
11	G.N.6640	21 November 2014	29 November 2014	addition of a new provision on high risk vessel to section 5 of Chapter II

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13	G.N.6640	21 November 2014	29 November 2014	revision of items 1, 2 and 3 under “(B) HULL” in the table under section 5 of Chapter II
14	G.N.6640	21 November 2014	29 November 2014	revision of items 3, 4(a), 4(b), 5, 6 and 7 under “(C) MACHINERY INSTALLATION” in the table under section 5 of Chapter II
15	G.N.6640	21 November 2014	29 November 2014	revision of item 1 under “(D) ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION (including Emergency Power System)” in the table under section 5 of Chapter II
16	G.N.6640	21 November 2014	29 November 2014	revision of remark *7 on the table under section 5 of Chapter II
17	G.N.6640	21 November 2014	29 November 2014	repeal of remark *12 on the table under section 5 of Chapter II
18	G.N.6640	21 November 2014	29 November 2014	omission of remark *13 on the table under section 5 of Chapter II
19	G.N.6640	21 November 2014	29 November 2014	addition of a new section 6.1A to Chapter II
20	G.N.6640	21 November 2014	29 November 2014	omission of the remarks on sections 6.4 and 6.5 of Chapter II
21	G.N.6640	21 November 2014	29 November 2014	revision of items 1 and 12 under “(A) GENERAL AND SAFETY MEASUREMENT” in Table 1 under section 7 of Chapter II
22	G.N.6640	21 November 2014	29 November 2014	revision of remark *11 on Table 2 under section 7 of Chapter II
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25	G.N.6640	21 November 2014	29 November 2014	addition of a new item 9A under “(C&D) MACHINERY AND ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION” in Table 3 under section 7 of Chapter II
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31	G.N.6640	21 November 2014	29 November 2014	revision of sections 6.1, 9.1 and 9.2 of Chapter IV
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34	G.N.6640	21 November 2014	29 November 2014	revision of section 10.1(a) of Chapter VI
35	G.N.6640	21 November 2014	29 November 2014	repeal of section 13.5.2 of Chapter VI
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38	G.N.6640	21 November 2014	29 November 2014	addition of a new section 11 to Chapter XII;
39	G.N.6640	21 November 2014	29 November 2014	omission of paragraph 1 of Annex U-5
40	G.N.6640	21 November 2014	29 November 2014	revision of paragraph 2 of Annex U-5
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44	G.N.4986	2 September 2016	2 September 2016	addition of new requirements to section 1.3 of Chapter III B
45	G.N.4986	2 September 2016	2 September 2016	omission of section 1.3(c) of Chapter III B
46	G.N.4986	2 September 2016	2 September 2016	addition of new section 1.4 to Chapter IIIB
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52	G.N.4986	2 September 2016	2 September 2016	revision of sections 4.1 to 4.4 and 5.1[Note(F)] of Chapter VIII
53	G.N.4986	2 September 2016	2 September 2016	revision of Annex I-10
54	G.N.4986	2 September 2016	2 September 2016	addition of Annex K-2
55	G.N.4986	2 September 2016	2 September 2016	revision of Annex L
56	G.N.4986	2 September 2016	2 September 2016	addition of new requirements to Annex N-4B
57	G.N.4986	2 September 2016	2 September 2016	addition of new requirements to Annex N-4C
58	G.N.1134	3 March 2017	3 March 2017	the code is rewritten and partitioned into 3 volumes; namely Code of Practice – Safety Standards for Class I Vessels, Code of Practice – Safety Standards for Class II Vessels and Code of Practice – Safety Standards for Class III Vessels; and contents are comprehensively amended
59	G.N.5924	11 August 2017	11 August 2017	Chapter II amended: in Table 7-2, omission of item (A)(1); revision of items (C)(1),(2),(5) and (6); in Table 7- 3, revision of items (E)(6) and Remark *4
60	G.N.5924	11 August 2017	11 August 2017	Chapter IIIA: revision of section 7.3 (English version only)
61	G.N.5924	11 August 2017	11 August 2017	Chapter IIIB: revision of section 2.3
62	G.N.95	4 January 2019	4 January 2019	Chapter II: addition of remark *9 attached to item (B)(5) under Table 7-2
63	G.N.95	4 January 2019	4 January 2019	Addition of new Annex Z
64	G.N. 8215	20 December 2019	20 December 2019	Chapter VII Section 1 –definition of “LSA Code” revised; Section 2 –subsections 2.1 and 2.3 revised; subsection 2.2 repealed and new subsection 2.1A inserted to specify the new and former lifejacket requirements;
65	G.N. 8215	20 December 2019	20 December 2019	New Annex AA added to specify the requirements of former regulations
66	G.N.7604	3 December 2021	3 December 2021	Chapter II: Section 3—all revised

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69	G.N. 949	10 February 2023	20 February 2023	Chapter III A Section 19 – subsection 19.2(d) revised Section 20 – subsection 20.5 revised
70	G.N. 949	10 February 2023	20 February 2023	Chapter VI: Section 2 – subsection 2.2 and 2.3 revised Section 5 - new paragraph 5.5 inserted
71	G.N. 949	10 February 2023	20 February 2023	Chapter VII Section 2 –subsection 2.1A.2, 2.1A.3 and 2.1A.8 revised; Section 2 –subsection 2.1A.1, 2.1A.9 and 2.1A.10 repealed; Section 4 – subsection 4.2 revised
72	G.N. 949	10 February 2023	20 February 2023	Chapter XII Section 2 – new Note*4 added in the Table 2.1 Section 3 – subsection 3.2(b) revised
73	G.N. 949	10 February 2023	20 February 2023	Annex V-4 Section 1.(6) revised
74	G.N. 949	10 February 2023	20 February 2023	Annex AA – deleted
75	G.N. 4206	19 July 2024	22 July 2024	New Chapter XIII added

FOREWORD

(1) The Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) Ordinance, Cap 548 (here below refers as “the Ordinance”), is to provide for the regulation and control of local vessels in Hong Kong and for other matters affecting local vessels, including their navigation and safety at sea (whether within or beyond the waters of Hong Kong).

(2) This Code of Practice is approved and issued by the Director in pursuant to section 8 of the Ordinance for the purpose of ensuring acceptable technical and safety standards in the design, construction, maintenance and inspection of local vessels in conjunction with the condition required or the standards prescribed by the Director under Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels)(Safety and Survey) Regulation. This Code also provides necessary practical guidance on operational safety practices in conjunction with the relevant requirements in the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels)(Certification and Licensing) Regulation.

(3) Section 9 of the Ordinance explains the use of approved codes of practice in proceeding .

(4) The owner, agent and the coxswain of any Class III vessel when engaged in operations outside the waters of Hong Kong are required -

- (a) to ensure the compliance with relevant safety requirements specified by the Director. These requirements are promulgated in the Marine Department notices from time to time, and
- (b) to observe any relevant requirement required by local Authority of those waters.

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CHAPTER I

GENERAL

1 Introduction

- 1.1 The legislation relating to the control, licensing and regulation of local vessels in Hong Kong is contained in the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) Ordinance, Cap. 548 (the Ordinance) and its subsidiary legislations. This Code of Practice is issued under section 8 of the Ordinance.
- 1.2 This "Code of Practice – Safety Standard for Class III Vessels" has been developed by the Hong Kong Marine Department in consultation with the local maritime industry through representation in relevant working groups and committees.
- 1.3 The primary aim in developing the Code has been to set standards of safety and protection for all crew on board. The Code relates especially to the construction of a vessel, its machinery, equipment and stability and to the proper operation of the vessel so that safety standards are maintained. In accordance with the legal status prescribed in section 9 of the Ordinance, requirements set out in this Code shall be followed.
- 1.4 The legislative requirements quoted in this Code should be subject to authentic provisions of the legislative instrument and its latest amended. These requirements are mandatory and must be complied with.
- 1.5 The builder, repairer or owner/managing agent of a vessel, as appropriate shall take all reasonable measures to ensure that a material or appliance fitted in accordance with the requirements of the Code is suitable for the purpose intended having regard to its location in the vessel, the area of operation and the weather conditions which may be encountered.

2 Statutory Legislation and Standards

- 2.1 This Code must be construed in the light of the following statutory provisions and their amendments from time to time (if any) as appropriate:
 - (A) Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) Ordinance (Cap. 548) (hereafter referred to as “the Ordinance”)
 - (1) Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Certification and Licensing) Regulation (Cap. 548, sub. leg. D) (hereafter referred to as “Certification and Licensing Regulation”)
 - (2) Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Typhoon Shelter) Regulation (Cap. 548, sub. leg. E)
 - (3) Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (General) Regulation (Cap. 548, sub. leg. F)
 - (4) Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Safety and Survey) Regulation (Cap. 548, sub. leg. G) (hereafter to be referred as "Survey Regulation")
 - (5) Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Compulsory Third Party Risks Insurance) Regulation (Cap. 548, sub. leg. H)
 - (6) Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Fees) Regulation (Cap. 548, sub. leg. J)
 - (7) Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Local Certificates of Competency) Rules
 - (B) Merchant Shipping (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Ordinance (Cap. 413)
 - (1) Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Oil Pollution) Regulations (Cap. 413, sub. leg. A)

- (2) Merchant Shipping (Control of Harmful Anti-Fouling Systems on Ships) Regulation (Cap. 413, sub. leg. N)
- (3) Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Pollution by Garbage) Regulations (Cap. 413, sub. leg. O)
- (4) Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Air Pollution) Regulations (Cap. 413, sub. leg. P)

(C) Merchant Shipping (Safety) Ordinance (Cap. 369)

- (1) Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Signals of Distress and Prevention of Collisions) Regulations (Cap. 369, sub. leg. N)
- (2) Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Use of Signals of Distress) Regulations (Cap. 369, sub. leg. O)

2.2 Other Standards

The vessel's strength, structure, arrangements, materials, scantlings, main and auxiliary machinery, boilers and pressure vessels, electrical installations, etc. shall be so designed and installed as to ensure that the vessel is fit for the service for which it is intended. Apart from the requirements in this Code, present rules and standards of classification societies recognized by Marine Department or other equivalent standards may be used as assessment standards.

3 Definitions

3.1 In this Code-

“approved”, in relation to equipment, appliances, machinery, any other fittings or materials, means approved by the Director;

“authorized organization (AO)” means the classification society authorized (by means of authorization document) by the Director to carry out statutory survey work for local vessels;

“authorized surveyor”, as defined in section 2 of the Ordinance;

“certificate” means a Certificate of Survey, issued by the Director under the Survey Regulation; and a HKOPP Certificate or a HKAPP Certificate issued under Merchant Shipping (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Ordinance, Cap. 413;

“classification society (CS)” means an organization approved under section 8 of the Merchant Shipping (Safety) Ordinance (Cap 369)

- (a) American Bureau of Shipping (ABS);
- (b) Bureau Veritas (BV);
- (c) China Classification Society (CCS);
- (d) DNV AS;
- (e) Korean Register of Shipping (KR);
- (f) Lloyd's Register (LR);
- (g) Nippon Kaiji Kyokai (NK);
- (h) RINA S.p.A. (RINA); or
- (i) Russian Maritime Register of Shipping (RS)

“Code” means this Code;

“Declaration” means Declaration of Survey;

“existing vessel” means a vessel which is not a new vessel defined in section 2 of the Survey Regulation

“extreme breadth”, in relation to a local vessel, means the athwartship distance between the extremity of the outermost permanent structure (including fenders of any kind, bulwark, hand rails, etc.) on the port side and the extremity of the outermost permanent structure on the starboard side of the vessel;

“favourable weather” means weather, when the visibility is good and when the combined effects of wind, sea or swell, upon the ship under consideration are never greater than those which would cause moderate rolling or pitching, or result in the shipping of green seas onto the main deck (in the case of open boats, over the gunwale);

“final inspection” means the last or final visit for the purpose of survey or inspection, usually carried out on safety equipment items and functional trials in an initial survey or a periodical survey for a vessel;

“gross tonnage”, a measurement figure for a local vessel of which the details and calculation can be referred to Chapter IX of this Code;

“IMO” means the International Maritime Organization;

“initial survey” in connection with anyone of the certificates mentioned in Part 3 and Part 4, in so far as applicable, of Survey Regulation means the survey (including its final inspection) to be completed for a new vessel for the first issue of the concerned certificate;

“length” or the symbol “(L)”, as defined in section 2 of the Survey Regulation;

“length overall”, as defined in section 2 of the Ordinance;

“main engine” means the propulsion engine(s) of vessel;

“moulded breadth” is measured at amidship and is the maximum breadth over the frames in respect of vessels built of steel or aluminium; and is the maximum breadth over the outside surface of hull planking in respect of vessels built of wood or composite materials;.

“moulded depth” , as defined in section 2 of the Survey Regulation;

“new vessel”, unless indicated otherwise, as defined in section 2 of the Survey Regulation;

“Ordinance” or “LVO” means the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) Ordinance (Cap 548).

“owner” , as defined in section 2 of the Ordinance;

“periodical survey” in connection with anyone of the certificates mentioned in Part 4, in so far as applicable, of Survey Regulation means the survey (including its final inspection) to be completed for an existing vessel for the renewal survey, annual endorsement survey or intermediate survey for the issue of the concerned certificate;

“Recognized Authority (RA)”, as defined in section 2 of the Survey Regulation;

“river trade limits” , as defined in section 2 of the Survey Regulation;

“sister vessels” or “series of vessels” means vessels constructed of the same design (i.e. the

same hull form with identical length, breadth, depth and arrangement) in the same shipyard;

“waters of Hong Kong ” means waters of Hong Kong within the meaning of Schedule 2 of the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance (Cap. 1).

"watertight", as defined in regulation 1 of the Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Passenger Ship Construction And Survey) (Ships Built On Or After 1 September 1984) Regulations;

"weathertight", as defined in regulation 1 of the Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Passenger Ship Construction And Survey) (Ships Built On Or After 1 September 1984) Regulations

4 Application

- 4.1 Subject to 4.2 below, this Code will apply to Class III vessels of all types of construction.
- 4.2 Existing vessels shall comply with the requirements previously applicable to these vessels unless otherwise expressly specified in the Survey Regulation or in this Code. The approval and/or exemption of construction and equipment, if any, given to the existing vessels shall remain valid unless otherwise repealed.
- 4.3 Requirement in pair of angle brackets < > are applicable to new vessels only; i.e. the new vessels as on or after 2 January 2007.

5 Category of Vessel

Every vessel shall be categorised into Category A or B as indicated in the following table:

Class and Type of Vessel	Vessel Category	A		B	
	Material	Steel / Al / GRP		GRP / Wooden	
	Propulsion	with Main Engine	No Main Engine	with Main Engine	No Main Engine
Class III Vessel					
Fishing Vessel		*		*(1)	*(1)
Fish Carrier		*		*(1)	*(1)
Fishing Sampan				*(2)	*(2)(3)
Outboard open sampans (P4)				*(3)	

(Asterisk* means applicable)

Abbreviations in Table

Al : Aluminium

GRP : Glass reinforced plastic

Remarks in Table

- (1) Vessels of wooden construction only.
- (2) GRP vessels of less than 15 metres or wooden vessels of less than 8 m in length.
- (3) See Ch. II/1.4.

6 **Equivalent**

Under section 83 of the Survey Regulation Marine Department may grant permission for providing on board any other fitting, material, appliance or apparatus, or type thereof, or other facilities that are different from those required in this Code if the department is satisfied by testing or other methods that their effectiveness is equivalent to that required in this Code; supported by necessary survey and test reports.

CHAPTER II

SURVEY / INSPECTION, ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATE AND PLAN APPROVAL

1 Survey / Inspection for Issue or Endorsement of Certificate

- 1.1 Any local vessel to which sections 7(1) and (3) of Survey Regulation apply when applying for an initial licence is subject to the approval of plans per items (appropriate according to category and type of vessel) indicated in Table 5-1.
- 1.2 Any local vessel to which Part 4 of Survey Regulation applies when applying for an initial licence is subject to the initial survey per items (appropriate according to category and type of vessel) indicated in Tables 7-1 and 7-3; and after licencing the periodical survey per items indicated in Tables 7-2 and 7-3.
- 1.3 Any licensed vessel of the above sections 1.1 or 1.2 intended for alteration shall be subject to the approval of plans (if section 1.1 is applicable) and survey relating to the alteration under section 76(5) of the Survey Regulation.
- 1.4 Outboard open sampans (P4) and fishing sampans if meeting the requirements prescribed in sections (a) and (b) respectively of Schedule 2 of the Survey Regulation are exempted from plan approval and survey.
- 1.5 A laid-up vessel (which is granted with a permission for laid-up) shall be subject to survey when returning to service if the Certificate of Survey previously issued has expired. If the expiry is not exceeding 2 years, the survey shall cover items due in the past 2 years as the vessel was not laid up.
- 1.6 Any vessel having its Certificate of Survey expired for more than 2 year but less than 8 years, the surveys shall follow the quadrennial survey programme prescribed in Table 7-2.
- 1.7 Any vessel having its Certificate of Survey expired for more than 8 years, it shall be subject to thorough inspection according to items of Table 7-1. If alterations had been carried out onboard vessel plans relating to the alterations shall be submitted for approval. The survey and plan approval are to comply with standards applicable to existing vessels, and the amended (if any).
- 1.8 When deemed necessary or at his discretion, the attending surveyor/inspector may request any other item to be presented for inspection
- 1.9 The Director may, on the certificate of ownership of a certificated Class III vessel, make an endorsement to the effect that the certificated vessel may be used with one or more ancillary vessels where each ancillary vessel meeting the following conditions: –
 - (a) belongs to the same owner as the certificated vessel;
 - (b) does not exceed 4 metres in length overall; and
 - (c) is not fitted with an engine.

2 Statutory Surveys and Application

- 2.1 Subject to the below section 2.2 officers delegated by the Director are responsible for the

statutory plan approval and survey of vessel.

- 2.2 The Director may delegate some or all of the statutory plan approval and surveys of Class III vessel to Authorized Surveyor (AS)/Authorized Organization (AO)/Recognized Authority (RA)(see definition at Ch. I/3.1) as indicated in the authorization/recognition document. List of AS/AO/RA will be promulgated in the Marine Department Notice issued from time to time. Vessel owner or agent, when required, may also apply to Marine Department for plan approval and surveys.
- 2.3 Upon satisfactory completion of statutory surveys or assessment, the following relevant statutory certificates or record document would be issued by Marine Department as specified in the following table. Annex V-4 also lists the other certificates and documents that a local vessel might require, as appropriate:

No.	CERTIFICATES / RECORDS
(1)	Certificate of Survey
(2)	Exemption Certificate / Permit for alternative material, fitting or equipment (when applicable)

- 2.4 If the owner or agent wishes his vessel to be surveyed by an authorized organization or authorized organization or recognized authority, he shall provide the Department an “Engagement Form”:
- (a) prior to the survey - the name of the authorized organization or authorized organization or recognized authority, the place and date of the intended survey; and
 - (b) on completion of survey - a survey report and a declaration duly signed and issued by the authorized organization or authorized organization or recognized authority. The survey report may be furnished to the attending surveyor during final inspection (item No. E-4 in Table 7-3 refers).

3 Validity of Certificates and Endorsement

For the expiry date of the certificate or endorsement, refer to Marine Department Notice No. 199 of 2021. (Amended G.N. 7604 of 2021)

4 Submission of Plans and Data

- 4.1 Plans and data shall be submitted, to the relevant authority/person indicated in section 2.3, according to Table 5-1 (as marked with "✓"). Additional plans and data will be required when deemed necessary. The required plans and data may be consolidated into one plan (or plans) according to the size of vessel and complexities of the plan.
- 4.2 Except for any vessel classed with a classification society; and otherwise indicated in the table (items marked with ‘MD’), the plans and data may be submitted to any of the AS/AO/RA for approval at the discretion of the owner. For any vessel classed with a classification society, plans and data shall be submitted to the relevant classification society for approval.
- 4.3 For plans and data to be submitted for Marine Department’s approval, 3 copies of each shall be submitted of the 1st vessel of a series and 2 copies for the subsequent vessels.
- 4.4 One copy of such plans and data approved by AS/AO/RA shall be submitted to Marine Department for record. Supplementary plans and data may be required should any survey be

undertaken by Marine Department.

- 4.5 Plans of General Arrangement, vessel construction and relevant plans shall be drawn in appropriate scale of legibly quality.

5 **Plans and Data required to be submitted** [Survey Regulation, section 9 refers]

Table 5-1 Plans and Data

“✓” means applicable

Table 5-1 No.	Material of Construction & Length (L) of Vessel	Steel: All Lengths; GRP: L ≥ 15m	GRP: 8m ≤ L < 15m (*1)(*2)
(A)	GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS, ACCOMMODATION LAYOUTS AND ESCAPE ROUTES		
(1)	General Arrangement (*3)	✓	✓
(B)	SAFETY EQUIPMENT INCLUDING LIFE-SAVING APPLIANCES, FIRE-FIGHTING APPARATUS, LIGHTS, SHAPES AND SOUND SIGNALS ; EMERGENCY CONTROLS, STRUCTURAL FIRE PROTECTION		
(1)	Safety Plan showing arrangement of -	✓	✓
	(a) life saving appliances,	✓	✓
	(b) fire fighting apparatus	✓	✓
	(c) structural fire protection arrangement	✓	
	(c) light and sound signals	✓	✓
	(d) means of escape, escape installation and arrangement, etc.	✓	
(2)	Structural Fire Protection Arrangement	✓	
(C)	STABILITY, FREEBOARD CALCULATIONS, ARRANGEMENTS RELATING TO WATERTIGHTNESS, WEATHERTIGHTNESS, BULKHEADS, HATCHWAYS, COAMINGS, SIDE SCUTTLES, AIR VENTS, FREEING PORTS, SCUPPERS, INLETS AND DISCHARGES		
(1)	Lines Plan and Offsets Table (for record)	✓	
(2)	Hydrostatic Curves	✓	
(3)	Cross Curves of Stability	✓	
(4)	Inclining Experiment Report / Simple Inclining Experiment Report	✓	✓
(5)	Stability Information Booklet (after inclining experiment)	✓	✓
(6)	Draft Marks	✓	
(7)	Arrangements relating to Watertightness, Weathertightness, Bulkheads, Hatchways, Coamings, Side Scuttles, Air Vents, Freeing Ports, Scuppers, Inlets and Discharges, etc.	✓	
(D)	STRUCTURES AND SCANTLINGS		
(1)	Midship Sections	✓	✓

Table 5-1 No.	Material of Construction & Length (L) of Vessel Plans and Data	Steel: All Lengths; GRP: L≥15m	GRP: 8m≤ L <15m (*1)(*2)
(2)	Scantling Calculation	✓	
(3)	Profile, Decks and Bulkheads (incl. Hull and Superstructure decks)	✓	✓
(4)	Shell Expansion	✓	
(5)	Rudder/Kort Nozzle, Rudder Stock, Skeg and Sole Piece	✓	
(E)	FUEL, MACHINERY, SHAFTING		
(1)	Engine Room Arrangement	✓	
(2)	Propeller Shafting, Stern Tube and Coupling	✓	✓
(3)	Fuel Oil System (incl. tanks, piping)	✓	✓
(4)	Fire-fighting Piping Arrangement (incl. fire main, fixed fire extinguishing system,etc)	✓	✓
(5)	Bilge Pumping Arrangement	✓	✓
(6)	Compressed Air Piping System (for pressure ≥ 10 bar)	✓	
(7)	Air Receiver (Ch. IIIA/15 refers)	✓	
(8)	Filling, Sounding and Air Vent System	✓	
(F)	ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS (including Emergency Power System)		
(1)	Electrical System Line diagram	✓	✓ (>220V)
(2)	Wiring Diagram of Main Switchboard	✓	
(3)	Layout of Main Switchboard	✓	
(4)	Electrical Arrangement	✓	✓ (>220V)
(5)	Wiring Diagram of Distribution Boxes	✓	
(G)	PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF POLLUTION		
(1)	Prevention of Oil Pollution Installation (Ch. IIIA/19.2 refers)	MD	
(2)	Prevention of Air Pollution Installation (Annex I-10 etc)	MD/AO	
(H)	NAVIGATIONAL AND COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT		
(1)	Radio Communication equipment and arrangement	✓	✓
(I)	MEASURES AGAINST POTENTIAL HAZARDS TO THE SAFETY OF THE VESSEL AND ANY PERSON OR PROPERTY ON BOARD THE VESSEL		
(1)	Domestic LPG Installation (Annex U-1 refers)	✓	

Remarks in Table 5-1

- *1 Applicable to the first vessel (original design vessel) of an approved series. Information such as the design standards or construction specifications of the hull components and engine equipment shall be produced.

For the second to the eighth sister vessels of a series built in the same workshop, the submission of the certificate of manufacture, construction inspection and test records issued by the inspected workshop together with photos; and lightship weight confirmation report are suffice.
- *2 For any new vessel of length not exceeding 10 metres, in lieu of the listed plans above, owner may submit relevant “simple plans/information” for verification.
- *3 Amended plan to be submitted should there be any change from the arrangement of vessel shown on the original General Arrangement Plan.

6 Plans to be retained onboard

- <6.1 Every Class III vessel (excluding wooden fishing vessel and sampan) shall be provided onboard one copy of the plan(s) approved by the relevant authority, person or organisation at least with the following information indicated thereon :
- (a) general arrangement of vessel;
 - (b) types and dispositions of life saving appliance, fire-fighting appliance, light, shape, sound signals and radiocommunications equipment (if fitted).
- 6.2 For every Class III vessel (excluding wooden fishing vessel and fishing sampan) which has been modified or altered in a way that would change the escape routes or dispositions of life saving appliance or fire-fighting appliance, all plans and documentation carried or displayed on board shall be modified to reflect those changes and approved by the relevant authority, person or organization.
- 6.3 Stability / loading & unloading information where applicable shall be provided on board. >

7 Survey / Inspection Items and Survey / Inspection Programmes

Table 7-1 Initial Survey

“✓” means applicable

Table 7-1 No.	Material of Construction & Length (L) of Vessel	Steel: All Lengths; GRP: L ≥ 15m	GRP: 8m ≤ L < 15m (*1)
	Survey Item		
(A)	CONSTRUCTION – GENERAL, SHIP STABILITY		
(1)	Draft Marks – verification	✓	✓
(2)	Measurement of Principal Dimensions	✓	✓
(3)	Inclining Experiment	✓	✓
(4)	Lightship Verification	✓	✓(*2)
(5)	Simple Inclining Test		✓(*3)
(6)	Means of Escape in Accommodation Space and Machinery Spaces - inspection	✓	

Table 7-1 No.	Material of Construction & Length (L) of Vessel Survey Item	Steel: All Lengths; GRP: L ≥ 15m	GRP: 8m ≤ L < 15m (*1)
(B)	FIRE-FIGHTING APPARATUS, STRUCTURAL FIRE PROTECTION, APPLIANCES FOR PREVENTION OF COLLISION		
(1)	CO ₂ Pipe - inspection, hydraulic test and blowing test	✓	
(2)	Fire Main - inspection and hydraulic test	✓	
(3)	Structural Fire Protection (Ch. VI/13 refers) - inspection	✓	
(4)	Position of Navigational Light and its Foundation – verification	✓	
(C)	CONSTRUCTION – HULL		
(1)	Material test - Steel Plate/Aluminium Plate ^(*4) /GRP Polyester Resin	✓	✓
(2)	- Propeller Shaft, Coupling, Rudder Stock ^(*4) ^(*5)	✓	
(3)	Hull Scantlings - verification	✓	✓
(4)	Welding / GRP Lamination and Finishing - inspection	✓	✓
(5)	Below Main Deck W.T. bulkhead and W.T. door fitted thereon - Hose test ^(*6)	✓	
(6)	Structural Tanks - internal inspection	✓	
(7)	- hydraulic test/air test ^(*6)	✓	
(8)	Watertight / Weathertight Appliances - inspection	✓	✓
(9)	- hose test ^(*6)	✓	
(D)	CONSTRUCTION - FUEL, MACHINERY, SHAFTING, ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS		
(1)	Main Engine, Gear Box - Type Approval Certificate ^(*7) inspection	✓	✓
(2)	Generator, Auxiliary Machinery Diesel Engine Certificate ^(*7) - inspection	✓	
(3)	Tail Shafts and Coupling - verification of dimensions	✓	
(4)	- taper bedding test	✓	
(5)	Stern Tube - verification of dimension and hydraulic test	✓	
(6)	Independent Fuel Oil Tanks - internal inspection and hydraulic test ^(*6)	✓	✓
(7)	Verification of No. and Volume of Structural and Independent fuel oil tanks	✓	✓
(8)	Bilge Line - inspection and hydraulic test	✓	
(9)	Sea Suction valve – inspection and hydraulic test	✓	
(10)	Steering System Hydraulic Line - inspection and hydraulic test	✓	

Table 7-1 No.	Material of Construction & Length (L) of Vessel Survey Item	Steel: All Lengths; GRP: L ≥ 15m	GRP: 8m ≤ L < 15m (*1)
(11)	Fuel Oil Line - inspection and hydraulic test	✓	
(12)	Compressed Air Pipe - hydraulic test (for P > 17.2 bar)	✓	
(13)	Air Receiver - verification of wall thickness/ dimensions	✓	
(14)	- hydraulic test (*6)	✓	
(15)	Electrical Wiring/installation - inspection	✓	
(E)	PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF POLLUTION		
(1)	Prevention of Oil Pollution Installation (MD/AO) - Inspection	✓	
(2)	- hydraulic test of independent bilge water / sludge holding tank	✓	

Remarks in Table 7-1

- *1 Except otherwise indicated, the listed items are applicable to the first vessel (original design vessel) of an approved series of $8\text{m} \leq L < 15\text{m}$. The workshop and relating facilities shall be inspected by Marine Department.
- For the second to the eighth sister vessels of a series built in the same workshop, the submission of the certificate of manufacture, construction inspection and test records issued by the inspected workshop together with photos are suffice.
- *2 Applicable to the 2nd to 8th of a series of 8 sister vessels of $10\text{m} \leq L < 15\text{m}$.
- *3 Applicable to new vessel of length not exceeding 10 metres and only operating in Hong Kong waters.
- *4 In lieu of the material test, mill sheet issued/endorsed by a classification society is acceptable.
- *5 Ch. IIIA/9 and IIIA/17.4 refer.
- *6 Annex M/3, 4 refer. Hose test for door fitted on watertight bulkhead may be replaced by a chalk test if a prototype test (with pressure corresponding at least to the head required for the intended location) has been carried out and certificated.
- *7 Ch. IIIA/7.1 refers. For new vessels, (i) maker certificate for petrol engine; (ii) for diesel engine maker or classification societies approved certificates / information and document as appropriate required in Ch. IIIA or IIIB and Annex I-10 of this Code or MARPOL Annex VI.

Guide on Periodical Survey Cycle for Class III Vessel (“guide table”)

No.	Material of Construction	Vessel Length (L)(metres)	Owner Declaration (*1)	Interval of Survey on Slip (*2) (Table 7-2 refers) (Year)	Interval of Survey Afloat (Table 7-3 refers) (Year)
(1)	Steel	$L \geq 24$	-	2	Annual
(2)	Steel	$L < 24$	-	3	Annual
(3)	GRP	$L \geq 24$	-	2	Annual
(4)	GRP	$15 \leq L < 24$	-	3	Annual

No.	Material of Construction	Vessel Length (L)(metres)	Owner Declaration ^(*)	Interval of Survey on Slip ^(*) (Table 7-2 refers) (Year)	Interval of Survey Afloat (Table 7-3 refers) (Year)
(5)	GRP	$8 \leq L < 15$	Annual	-	2
(6)	GRP	$L < 8$	Annual	-	2
(7)	Wood	$L \geq 8$	Annual	-	2
(8)	Wood	$L < 8$	Annual	-	3

Remark

- *1 Owner Declaration: The owner shall inspect and declare the safety and equipment of his vessel within 2 months before the 1st / 2nd anniversary date of the Certificate of Survey, and produce a “Declaration of Safety and Equipment for Class II B or III B Vessels” (which is appendix to MDN 26/2007 and can be downloaded at URL: <http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/notices/pdf/mdn07026.pdf>)
- *2 Vessel owner can apply to extend the date of survey-on-slip during the annual survey. Extension (not exceeding one year) would be granted or with condition after assessing the condition of the vessel is acceptable. Following that, the quadrennial survey can be extended accordingly.

Table 7-2 Periodical Survey

“✓” means applicable

Table 7-2 No.	Survey Item	Material of Construction and Vessel Length (L)	Steel / GRP: L ≥ 24m		Steel: L<24m, GRP:15≤L<24m	
		Survey Intervals ^(*) (^(*) 2)	2	4	3	6
(A)	CONSTRUCTION – HULL					
(1)	Hull - external (incl. ship bottom) inspection		✓		✓	
(2)	- internal (incl. oil, water tanks and void spaces) inspection ^(*)			✓		✓
(3)	- gauging thickness of deck, shell and bulkhead plating ^(*) (^(*) 4)			✓		✓
(4)	Sea Suctions, Discharging Valves - stripped down inspection			✓		✓
(B)	CONSTRUCTION - FUEL, MACHINERY, SHAFTING, ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS					
(1)	Main Engine and Gear Box - stripped down for inspection ^(*) (^(*) 6)			✓		✓
			(by engine workshop) ^(*)			
(2)	Generator engine, auxiliary machinery engine - stripped down for inspection - stripped down for inspection			✓		✓
			(by engine workshop) ^(*)			
(3)	Air Receiver (P<17.2 bar) - hydraulic test ^(*)			✓		✓
(4)	Air Receiver (P≥17.2 bar) - hydraulic test ^(*)		✓		✓	

Table 7-2 No.	Survey Item	Material of Construction and Vessel Length (L)	Steel / GRP: L ≥ 24m		Steel: L < 24m, GRP: 15 ≤ L < 24m	
		Survey Intervals ^(*) (²)	2	4	3	6
(5)	Tail Shaft ^(*) , Propeller ^(*) , Rudder and Rudder Stock ^(*) – drawn out for inspection			✓ ^(*)		✓
(6)	50% Independent Fuel Oil Tank –hydraulic test ^(*)			✓		✓
(C)	PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF POLLUTION					
(1)	Oil Pollution Prevention Installation - vessel with HKOPP certificate	(*)				
(2)	- vessel without HKOPP certificate: hydraulic test of independent bilge water/sludge holding tank			✓		✓

Remarks in Table 7-2

- *1 Survey Intervals: “2” means such item (marked as “✓”) is to be subjected to survey biennially, “3” triennially, etc. The periodical survey shall be carried out in subsequent order; i.e. a 1st year survey shall be followed by a 2-yearly survey, a 3rd year survey shall be followed by a 4-yearly survey, etc. Refer to “Guide Table” for applicable types of vessels.
- *2 If the hull and machinery installation of a classed vessel are inspected by a surveyor of classification society, the inspection reports/certificates issued by classification society shall be submitted for record.
- *3 For guidance on machinery and hull wear down or corrosion tolerance limits and other inspection items, Annex M refers.
- *4 Applicable to vessels of age exceeding 8 years.
- *5 For a brand new gear box, the strip down inspection shall begin from the fourth anniversary the gear box is in service.
- *6 Vessel owner may follow the schedule of engine manufacturer through the guidance of engine repairing workshop to carry out repairing and maintenance.
- *7 Inspection record issued by engine workshop shall be submitted for reference.
- *8 For the renewal of HKOPP certificates, oil pollution prevention installation shall be stripped down for inspection. Independent bilge water holding/sludge tank shall be hydraulic tested.
- *9 Vessel owner may arrange periodical survey and extension survey in accordance with the requirements of Annex Z, “Alternative Survey Regime for Periodic Survey Requirements of Propeller Shafts and Propellers of Class III Vessels (Category A Steel/GRP Hull with L ≥ 24m)”. If the results of the extension survey are satisfactory, the interval between the “Propeller Shaft – drawn out for inspection” can be extended for a period not exceeding 4 years.

Table 7-3 Final Inspection^(*)

“✓” means applicable

Table 7-3 No.	Survey Item ^(*)	Material of Construction & Vessel Length (L)	Steel: All Lengths, GRP: L ≥ 15m	Wood: All Lengths, GRP: L < 15m
(A)	LIFE-SAVING APPLIANCES, FIRE-FIGHTING APPARATUS, APPLIANCES FOR PREVENTION OF COLLISION			

Table 7-3 No.	Material of Construction & Vessel Length (L) Survey Item ^{(*)2}	Steel: All Lengths, GRP: L ≥ 15m	Wood: All Lengths, GRP: L < 15m
(1)	Life Saving Appliances - inspection and function test ^{(*)10}	✓	✓
(2)	Fire Fighting apparatus (incl. emergency fire pump, etc) - inspection and function test	✓	✓
(3)	Navigation Lights and Sound Signals - inspection and function test	✓	✓
(4)	Fire Drill, Abandon Ship Drill ^{(*)8}	✓	
(B)	CONSTRUCTION – HULL		
(1)	Hull External (above waterline part) - General inspection (not required if an on-slip hull survey is carried out during the year)	✓	✓
(2)	Watertight / Weathertight Closing Appliances (incl. door, ventilator, air pipe, etc.) - inspection	✓	
(3)	Permanent ballast - confirmation of amount and position ^{(*)7}	✓	✓
(4)	Machinery Space (incl. Fuel Oil Installation) - General inspection (a) protection from injury of personnel (b) prevention of fire hazard (c) prevention of oil pollution hazard	✓	✓
(5)	Principal Dimensions, Engine and major machinery particulars - verification	✓	✓
(C)	CONSTRUCTION - FUEL, MACHINERY, SHAFTING, ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS		
(1)	Main Engines, Generator Engines, Steering Gears - running test	✓	✓
(2)	Unattended Machinery Space Installation (Ch. IIIA/18 and IIIB/13 refer) - function test	✓	✓
(3)	Air Receiver Safety Valves - function test	✓	✓
(4)	Bilge and Oily Water Pumping System - function test	✓	✓
(5)	Electrical Circuit - earthing test	✓	✓
(6)	- insulation resistance test ^{(*)4}	✓	
(7)	- Main circuit breaker function test ^{(*)5}	✓	
(8)	Location of emergency source of electrical power shall be outside machinery space and above waterline – verification ^{(*)6}	✓	
(9)	Meters on Switchboard - function test	✓	
(D)	PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF POLLUTION		
(1)	Air Emission Assessment ^{(*)3}	✓	
(2)	Prevention of Oil Pollution Installation - function test	✓	
(E)	NAVIGATIONAL, COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT AND OTHERS		

Table 7-3 No.	Material of Construction & Vessel Length (L) Survey Item ^(*2)	Steel:	Wood:
		All Lengths, GRP: L ≥ 15m	All Lengths, GRP: L < 15m
(1)	Radio Communication Equipment	✓	-
(2)	Verifying Certificates of Competency of Master and Engineer (if manoeuvring test required)	✓	✓
(3)	Plans and data required to be retained onboard (section 6.1 refers) - confirmation of numbers and contents	✓	✓ ^(*9)
(4)	Survey report issued by AS/AO/RA - verification	✓	✓
(5)	Inspection of remedial deficiency items in Initial / Periodical Survey	✓	✓
(6)	Domestic L.P.G. Installation - inspection	✓	✓

Remarks in Table 7-3

- *1 For intervals of final inspection with respect to type of vessel, Guide Table refers.
- *2 Where practicable the listed items may be presented for inspection prior to the final inspection.
- *3 Air emission requirements to be conducted as per Annex I-10.
- *4 Megger tests report to be submitted for record (insulation resistance shall not be less than 1 MΩ). Megger test report may defer to submit at major cycle survey if the earth leakage indicating lamps indicate normal condition. Electrical system insulation test reports issued by an EMSD registered electrical worker (REW) or registered electrical contractor (REC) are also acceptable.
- *5 Applicable to any vessel fitted with A.C. generator of each capacity exceeding 50 kW.
- *6 Applicable to only a vessel which is still a new vessel when the reference to “the commencement date of the Survey Regulation” in the definition of “new vessel” under Ch. I/3.1 is substituted by “29 November 2014”.
- *7 In addition to the visual inspection, owner’s declaration on the amount and disposition of the ballast weights to be furnished to Marine Department for record.
- *8 Applicable to vessels plying beyond Hong Kong waters.
- *9 Excluding wooden fishing vessel and sampan.
- *10 Random checks on lifejackets are to be according to the following proportions:

Statutorily Required No. of Lifejackets	Random Check
1-10	100%
11-100	10 pieces

The counting of the number is to be 100%.

CHAPTER III A

HULL CONSTRUCTION, MACHINERY, ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS AND FITTINGS - CATEGORY A VESSEL

PART 1 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- (1) Except as otherwise specified, every vessel shall be designed and built to the requirements of rules and regulations of a classification society as listed at Annex A, having regard the size, construction material, and operational services of the vessel. Such rules and regulations shall be complied with in its entirety. However in the case of any inconsistency between this Code and any of the requirements of the classification society rules, the requirements of this Code shall be complied with.
- (2) Main propulsion, control, fuel oil, compressed air, electrical and refrigeration systems; generator machinery; air receivers and other pressure equipment; piping and pumping arrangements; steering equipment, shafts and couplings for power transmission shall be designed, constructed and tested to the satisfaction of the surveyor. Suitable means or device shall be provided to machinery, equipment, lifting gear, winches, fish handling and fish processing equipment, etc. so as to reduce to a minimum any danger to persons on board. Special attention shall be paid to moving parts, hot surfaces and other potential dangers.

PART 2 HULL CONSTRUCTION

1 Main Deck Construction

- 1.1 Every vessel shall be fully decked.
- 1.2 For a new vessel^{Note1}, if opening is fitted on main deck leading to spaces below deck the first tier of superstructure on main deck shall be of weathertight construction for the purpose of maintaining the integrity and stability of vessel. The closing appliances fitted on such position shall meet the requirements of section 3 below.

2 Bulkheads

- 2.1 On any motored vessel, the dispositions and construction of watertight bulkheads shall meet the relevant requirements of classification societies.
- 2.2 On all vessels other than wooden vessels, and as far as practicable on wooden vessels, bulkheads shall be of watertight construction.
- 2.3 Access openings fitted in watertight bulkheads shall be equipped with effective watertight closing appliances and meet the requirements stipulated in section 2.4.
- 2.4 The design of the watertight doors shall comply with the following requirements:
 - (a) The dimension of the watertight doors shall suit the design of the vessels;

^{Note1} Applicable to a vessel which is a new vessel when the reference to “the commencement date” in the definition of “new vessel” under section 2 of the Survey Regulation is substituted by “3 March 2017”.

- (b) The warning “Door must be kept closed when underway” shall be marked on both sides of the watertight door;
- (c) For hinged type watertight door, they shall be opened outward except those doors in high flooding risk spaces shall be opened into the space; and
- (d) Watertight doors to be fitted with visual and audio alarms in the wheelhouse to give alerts when watertight doors are open.

3 Closing Appliances, Freeing Ports

- 3.1 On every vessel, air pipes, ventilators, cargo hatchways, small hatchways, manholes, skylights and doors leading to a space below main deck shall be fitted with weathertight closing appliance and shall have a minimum coaming height as follows:

Plying Limits	Coaming Height (mm)
Hong Kong Waters	230 <300>
River Trade Limits	600

No coaming is required for watertight manholes.

- 3.2 Special consideration may be given to vessel of a design for a particular operation. Such restriction or condition, if any, would be endorsed on the inspection certificate of the vessel.
- 3.3 Sidescuttles below main deck shall be of watertight and non-opening type fitted with deadlight.
- 3.4 If bulwark is fitted at the shipside, freeing ports shall be provided in the bulwark with the minimum aggregate area in accordance with the rules of the classification society based on the vessel’s size and operational services.

4 Protection of Crew

- 4.1 Bulwark, guardrails or equivalent shall be installed near the periphery of weather decks accessible to crew. Storm rails or handgrips shall be fitted as necessary.
- 4.2 Bulwarks and rails shall have a minimum height of 1000 mm above deck. Where it can be shown that higher rails would interfere with the normal operation of the vessel a reduced height may be accepted. Sufficient freeing ports are to be provided on bulwarks. When guardrails are fitted, the opening below the lowest course of the rails shall not exceed 230 mm and the other courses shall not be more than 380 mm apart.

5 Flooring

Metallic or wooden flooring, if fitted above bilge, shall be readily removable for cleaning and inspection. A steel inner bottom, if fitted, shall meet the requirements of classification society rules in respect of double bottom. Access openings and air pipes shall be provided for such spaces.

6 Marking of Hull

- 6.1 The certificate of ownership number of a vessel must be marked in accordance with section 38 of the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Certification and Licensing) Regulation.
- 6.2 Permanent draft marks shall be provided on port and starboard side of stem and stern of a vessel. The marks shall be measured from the bottom of the keel, with letters and figures being in decimetric heights and at two decimetric intervals.

PART 3 MACHINERY INSTALLATION

7 Main Engine, Auxiliary Engine and Gear Box

- 7.1 In any vessel plying beyond Hong Kong waters which is not classed with a classification society and has main engine power output exceeding 130 kW, such main engine and its associated gear box shall be of a type approved by a classification society or maritime administration.
- 7.2 The main engine and the associated gearbox shall be matched at the maximum continuous rating condition. Alternative rating may be accepted subject to proper justification is given.
- 7.3 New main engines and gear boxes are required to be fitted on new vessels stated in section 7.1. For vessels other than those stated in section 7.1 used engine may be fitted. To facilitate the confirmation of the source of origin and/or the quality of reconditioning of the used engine, proper document from the original engine maker or purchase document from the engine workshop shall be submitted. The data on engine model, type and identification number shall be clear and adequate for accurate assessment of the engine power. The reconditioning reports shall give adequate details similar or same as the items and format given on checklist of engine and gearbox inspection in Annex I-2 and I-3. For new engine requirements, owners are drawn attention to the recommendation in Annex I-10.

Vessels built on or after 1 June 2008 but before 1 July 2016 may be fitted with Tier I engine; vessels built on or after 1 July 2016 must be fitted with Tier II engine.

- 7.4 For main engine and gear box fitted on vessel other than that stated in section 7.1, documentation provided by manufacturer indicating that the main engines are of marine type is sufficient.
- 7.5 Auxiliary engine(s) on new mechanically propelled vessel shall be ‘marine type’; auxiliary engine(s) on existing mechanically propelled vessel shall also be ‘marine type’ if they are being replaced/renewed.
- 7.6 Any engine fitted on a vessel shall be properly maintained at all time free from dark smoke emission. In this regard, during the final inspection for initial and periodic survey, engine performance condition check would include smoke emission test using Ringelmann Chart. Shade 2 of the Ringelmann Chart and a continuous period of 3 minutes are the upper limits. The emission beyond this limit is considered as a contravention of the law.

7.7 Any vessel if found or reported emitting excessive dark smoke, owners would be requested to present vessel's engine(s) for special inspection and smoke test to ensure compliance. Any non-compliance will be pursued in accordance with relevant legislation requirement.

7.8 If replacement of main engine, generator set, etc. are required, owner shall refer to the requirements as indicated in Annex I-5A, I-5B and I-5C.

8 Engine Fittings

8.1 Main engine and generator engine shall be provided with effective means of control and indication.

8.2 If remote control of main engine is provided from the wheelhouse, local control shall also be provided at engine side.

< 8.3 Emergency stopping device for main engine shall be provided in wheelhouse. >

8.4 Main engine installed on any vessel that may ply beyond Hong Kong waters> shall be provided with means of protection due to engine faults as follows:

Engine Fault	Means of Protection	
	Audible and Visible Warning Alarm	Automatic Shut-off
Lubrication oil low pressure	✓	
Cooling water high temperature	✓	
Overspeed	✓	✓

8.5 The control for re-setting of main engine shall be fitted at the helmsman's position.

8.6 Engine with cylinder diameter greater than 200 mm or a crankcase volume greater than 0.6 m³ shall be provided with crankcase explosion relief valves of approved type. Other engines of smaller size shall be fitted with crankcase venting pipe leading to the open deck.

8.7 The engine's exhaust pipe shall be lagged with heat-resistant material unless it is served by a water cooling system. A silencer or expansion chamber shall be fitted on the exhaust pipe.

9 Propeller Shafting

9.1 The diameter of propeller shaft shall meet the minimum requirements of the classification society rules. The owner and/or builder of vessel are suggested to consider an allowance for wear down of the shaft. Repair by machining to eliminate defects of the shaft may be permitted, provided the minimum diameter as required by the classification society rules is maintained.

9.2 Propeller shaft and its coupling shall be physically tested and certificated as follows:

Type of Vessel \ Shaft Diameter	> 75 mm	≤ 75 mm
As stated in section 7.1	MD/CS	manufacturer
Others	manufacturer	manufacturer

MD : Marine Department

CS : classification society

- 9.3 Propulsion systems including shafting of non-conventional type may be accepted if that are of the types approved by classification society.

10 Engine Room

- 10.1 Engine room shall be so designed as to provide safe and free access to all machinery and its controls as well as to any other parts which may require servicing.
- 10.2 Adequate ventilation shall be provided in engine room. If only natural ventilation is provided, at least two cowl ventilators of adequate size shall be fitted. One of the cowl vents shall be led well down into the space to vent out the accumulated vapour in the lower part of the space. Ventilation trunk if passing through other compartments shall be of watertight or gastight construction and structurally protected^{Note 1}, as appropriate. The ventilator shall be fitted with a fire damper or other means of closing. If a fire damper is fitted, an indicator shall be provided to show whether the damper is in the open or close position. The fire damper may be of manual type and the indicator which could be in written form or other physical means, and be installed locally in the vicinity of fire damper.
- 10.3 If the vessel is constructed of GRP of non-oil resistant material, a suitable metal tray which can readily be cleaned shall be fitted under the engine to protect the bilges against saturation by oil.
- 10.4 Two means of escape including suitable ladders and exits shall be provided for the engine room. One of these means of escape may be waived with regard to the size and disposition of the space. Any vessel permitted to be operated by combined coxswain and engine operator (Ch. XII/3 refers) and of length less than 24 metres, one means of escape can be waived.
- 10.5 Every machinery spaces shall be at all times kept clean and free from unnecessary combustible materials and that waste oil is not allowed to accumulate in the bilges.

11 Nature of Fuel

Subject to section 81 and Schedule 6 of Survey Regulation and except otherwise permitted by the Director, marine fuel oil of flash point of less than 60°C (closed cup test) must not be used for engine.

^{Note 1} Applicable to a vessel which is when the reference to “the commencement date” of the Survey Regulation in the definition of “new vessel” under section 2 of the Survey Regulation is substituted by “3 March 2017”.

12 Tanks

- 12.1 The arrangements for filling fuel tanks shall be such that oil will not spill or overflow into any compartment of the vessel. Woodwork surrounding the deck filling mouth shall be covered with metal piece. No loose can/barrel of fuel oil shall be carried on board.
- 12.2 Fuel tanks shall be substantially constructed of suitable material and securely fixed in position. The tanks and their connections shall be tested per the requirements of Annex M/3.1.

13 Pumping and Piping Arrangement

- 13.1 All fuel oil tank, lubrication oil tank and spaces where flammable gas may collect shall be fitted with venting pipes leading to the weather deck. The open end of any oil tank's venting pipe shall be fitted with properly secured metallic wire-gauze.
- 13.2 Safe and efficient means of ascertaining the amount of fuel oil in any oil tank shall be provided. For sounding pipes, their upper ends shall terminate in safe positions and be fitted with suitable means of closure. Any transparent level gauge shall be of robust construction and of a type acceptable to the Department and fitted with automatic closing valves at both ends. Other means of proven design may be allowed subject to any failure or overfilling of the tank will not permit release of oil from it. Filling pipes shall have suitable screwed cap.
- 13.3 Fuel oil pipes, their valves and fittings shall be of copper, steel or other equivalent material. Where necessary flexible pipes may be allowed provided such pipes and their end attachments are of adequate strength, made of approved fire-resistant materials or design, to the satisfaction of the surveyor. Pipe joints in general are to be readily accessible. Fuel tank outlet valves shall be readily closed from a position outside the space where the tank is situated. An automatic closing drain valve shall be fitted at a lower position of fuel oil tank.
- 13.4 Oil pipes, water pipes and engine exhaust pipes shall generally not be fitted above and close to electrical distribution board, switchboard, etc. or any hot surface. Shall it be unavoidable, suitable protection shall be provided. Oil pipes shall not be led through any fresh water tank.
- 13.5 A suitable metal tray for collection of leaking oil shall be fitted under each valve of oil tanks and filters.
- 13.6 Independently driven fuel oil pump shall be provided with -
 - (a) a suitable relief valve at discharge side of the pump;
 - (b) a means of stop outside of the space where the pump is situated.

14 Bilge Pumping Arrangement

- 14.1 Every vessel shall be provided with a bilge pumping system for pumping out bilge water from any compartment other than oil tanks and water tanks appropriate to the size of vessel as given by classification society rules.
- 14.2 A screw-down non-return valve shall be fitted at the following positions in the bilge line:

- (a) bilge valve distribution chests;
 - (b) direct bilge suction; and
 - (c) bilge pump connections to main bilge line.
- 14.3 Bilge pipes shall not be led through any fresh water tank. Bilges pipes, if pass through fuel oil, ballast or double bottom tanks, shall be of heavy gauge steel construction.
- 14.4 Any bilge pipe piercing collision bulkhead shall be fitted with a positive means of closing at the bulkhead with remote control from the working deck with an indicator showing the position of the valve provided that, if the valve is fitted on the after side of the bulkhead and is readily accessible under all service conditions, the remote control may be dispensed with.

15 Compressed Air System

- 15.1 Suitable pressure-relief arrangements shall be provided to prevent excess pressure in any part of the compressed air systems.
- 15.2 The starting air arrangements for main engine of a cylinder diameter exceeding 300 mm shall be adequately protected against the effects of back firing and internal explosion in the starting air pipes.
- 15.3 The discharge pipes from starting air compressor shall be led directly to the starting air receiver. Starting air pipes from air receivers serving main or generator engines shall be entirely separate from other services.
- 15.4 Provision shall be made to avoid or minimize the entry of oil into the air pressure systems and to drain the oil from the systems.
- 15.5 (a) Construction of air receivers shall meet the standard of a maritime administration's national standard or a classification society, and be subject to the approval of the Director. The air receivers are classified according to the following table (Note: The highest class prevails if there are different classes worked out from P, S and T):

Class I	Class II	Class III
$P > 39.2$	$39.2 \geq P \geq 17.2$	$P < 17.2$
or $S > 38$	or $38 \geq S \geq 16$	or $S < 16$
or $T > 350$	or $350 \geq T \geq 150$	or $T < 150$

where P = maximum design or working pressure (bar)
S = shell thickness (mm)
T = working temperature (°C)

- (b) Air receivers fitted on new vessel ^{Note 1} shall be built under the survey of one of the abovementioned maritime institutions, and issued with appropriate certificates.

^{Note 1} Applicable to a vessel which is when the reference to “the commencement date” of the Survey Regulation in the definition of “new vessel” under section 2 of the Survey Regulation is substituted by “3 March 2017”.

- (c) Each air receiver shall be provided with the following fittings:
 - (i) Stop valve and pressure gauge
 - (ii) Drain valve
 - (iii) Safety valve
- (d) The following information shall be submitted in duplicate for approval:
 - (i) Air receiver construction (including details of welded connections, attachments, dimensions and supports etc.)
 - (ii) Construction of pressure parts (cylindrical shell, end plates, etc.)
 - (iii) Arrangement of mountings and fittings
 - (iv) Mechanical properties of material
 - (v) Test pressure.

15.6 Every air receiver shall be tested at pressure according to the following table:

Type of Construction	Maximum Working Pressure (MWP)	Test Pressure
Riveted or Fusion welded	$MWP \leq 7 \text{ bar}$	$2 \times MWP$
Riveted	$7 \text{ bar} < MWP \leq 20 \text{ bar}$	$1.5 \times MWP + 3.5$
Riveted	$MWP > 20 \text{ bar}$	$MWP + 14$
Fusion welded	$MWP > 7 \text{ bar}$	$1.5 \times MWP + 3.5$

16 Anchors, Cables and Windlass

- 16.1 The sizes of chain cables and anchors shall be in accordance with classification society rule requirements prescribed for vessels operating in sheltered waters. Where ropes are proposed instead of chain cables, the ropes sizes and strengths shall be equivalent to that of chain cables.
- 16.2 A windlass for recovering the cables and anchors is recommended.

17 Steering System

- 17.1 Every motored vessel shall be provided with a main steering gear and an emergency means for actuating the rudder. The main steering gear shall be capable of turning the rudder over from 35° on either side to 30° on the other side in not more than 28 seconds, at vessel's maximum service speed. The emergency means may be of powered or manually operated.
- 17.2 Pressure relief valve shall be fitted at the hydraulic line.
- 17.3 The position of rudder, if power operated, shall be indicated in the wheelhouse. The rudder angle indication for power-operated steering gear shall be independent of the steering gear control system.
- 17.4 Material tests for rudder stocks shall be carried out as that for propeller shafts. Rudder stock assembly shall be enclosed with efficient watertight glands and packing. Suitable stopping devices are to be provided for the rudder to prevent it from excessive angular motion and vertical jumping.

18 Wheelhouse - Engine Room Communication

- 18.1 On any vessel with manned engine rooms, a suitable system of communication between wheelhouse and engine room shall be provided.
- 18.2 Any vessel with length or propulsion power as indicated below, operating in unattended machinery spaces mode shall be provided with the following installation in the proximity of the position of helmsman:
- (a) Vessel of $L \leq 37$ m or total propulsion power ≤ 1500 kW (2,010HP)
 - (i) for main engine-
 - (1) means of start, stop and control of speed
 - (2) control of gearbox or clutch
 - (3) lubricating oil pressure gauges
 - (4) < lubricating oil low pressure alarm >
 - (5) cooling water pressure gauges (if fitted on the engine)
 - (6) cooling water temperature gauges
 - (7) < cooling water high temperature alarm >
 - (8) exhaust temperature gauges (if fitted on the engine)
 - (9) a fixed fire detection (operated by fire detectors) and fire alarm system for engine room. (For the purpose of “combined coxswain” operation, vessels of length less than 12 m, except those operating beyond waters of Hong Kong, if regular surveillance (such as through tale-tell pipe or transparent glass view-hole fittings etc.) can be exercised from outside engine room or control station by the coxswain or a crewmember, these requirements can be waived).
 - (ii) for generator engine-
 - means to stop
 - (iii) for bilge water in engine room-
 - high level audible alarm.
 - (b) Vessel with length $L > 37$ m or total propulsion power > 1500 kW (2010HP) would be specially considered.

19 Installation for Prevention of Oil Pollution

- 19.1 In accordance with Schedule 7 of Survey Regulation, vessels to which the requirements of Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Oil Pollution) Regulations (Cap 413A) applicable are reproduced in the following table:

Type of vessel	Category of vessel	A		B	
	Propulsion	with Main Engine	No Main Engine	with Main Engine	No Main Engine
		Gross Tonnage	Gross Tonnage	Gross Tonnage	Gross Tonnage
Class III Vessel					
Fish Carrier		≥80	-	≥400	-
Fishing Sampan		-	-	≥400	-
Fishing Vessel		≥80	-	≥400	-

19.2 The installation and documentation required on board, and information required to submit for approval are detailed in the following table:

Gross Tonnage (GT)	80≤GT<400	GT≥400
Required Installation and Documentation	(c),(f)	(a),(b), (c),(d),(e)
Information to be submitted	(i)	(g),(h),(j)

Legend

- (a) An approved type oily water separator designed to produce effluent not more than 15 ppm of oil.
- (b) Tank (sludge tank) for oil residue in engine room.

The minimum sludge tank capacity (V_1) shall be determined by the following formula:

$$V_1 = 0.005CD \text{ (m}^3\text{)}$$

where

C = daily fuel oil consumption (m^3); and

D = maximum no. of days when sludge can be discharged ashore.

Oil residue (sludge) may be disposed of directly from the oil residue (sludge) tank(s) through the standard discharge connection, or any other approved means of disposal. The oil residue (sludge) tank(s) shall be provided with a designated pump for disposal that is capable of taking suction from the oil residue (sludge) tank(s); and shall have no discharge connections to the bilge system, oily bilge water holding tank(s), tank top or oily water separators except that the tank(s) may be fitted with drains, with manually operated self-closing valves and arrangements for subsequent visual monitoring of the settled water, that lead to an oily bilge water holding tank or bilge well, or an alternative arrangement, provided such arrangement does not connect directly to the bilge piping system.

- (c) Standard discharge connection.
- (d) For vessels of $GRT \geq 400$, HKOPP Certificate and Supplement issued/endorsed by the Director or International Oil Pollution Prevention Certificate and Supplement issued/endorsed by a classification society.
- (e) Oil record book (Part I).
- (f) Bilge water holding tank.

The minimum capacity (V) of the tank is to be determined by the following formula:

$$V = 0.9 P + 50 \quad \text{litres}$$

where P = total horsepower of main engine(s), in kW.

The above formula is for an interval of discharge of 18 hours. For alternate intervals of discharge, the capacity shall be adjusted accordingly.

- (g) Installation plans for oily-water separator consist of:
 - (i) piping arrangements, and
 - (ii) wiring diagram of electrical installation.
 - (h) Sludge tank and discharge arrangement plans include:
 - (i) construction, size and location of sludge tank; and
 - (ii) piping diagram of sludge tank from machinery spaces to reception facility via standard discharge connection.
 - (i) Bilge water holding tank and discharge arrangement plans include:
 - (i) construction, size and location of bilge holding tank; and
 - (ii) piping diagram of bilge water holding tank from machinery spaces to reception facility via standard discharge connection.
 - (j) Shipboard oil pollution emergency plan (not required for sludge oil carriers).
- 19.3 Vessels shall maintain a valid certificate relevant to prevention of oil pollution as required by Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Oil Pollution) Regulations (Cap 413 sub. leg A) for the intended purpose of the vessel.
- 19.4 Provisions for discharge prohibition for oil pollution prevention as stipulated in Cap 313, Cap 413 and Cap 548 must be complied with for all vessels, including those vessels not mandatory required to provide with the physical arrangements/ equipment/document on board as indicated in sections 19.1 and 19.2.

PART 4 ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION

20 Electrical Power Source

- 20.1 Nominal voltage of electrical system is recommended to be 380V for generation and power circuits, 220V for lighting and distribution circuits and 24V D.C. for low voltage circuits.
- 20.2 The hull return system shall not be used for power or lighting.
- 20.3 Where electrical power constitutes the only means of driving the lubrication oil pump and cooling water pump for the main engine, a main source of electrical power shall be provided which shall include at least two generating sets, one of which shall be driven by internal combustion engine.
- 20.4 The vessel's emergency lighting, fixed fire extinguishing system, fire detection and alarm system, public address system; and navigation lights for vessels of length exceeding 24 metres shall be provided with emergency power supply of sufficient capacity.
- 20.5 For vessels built on or after 29 November 2014 the emergency source of power shall be located outside engine room and above the full-load waterline of the vessel.

- 20.6 Ventilation fans serving machinery or cargo spaces, engines' oil fuel pumps and other similar oil pumps shall be capable to be stopped outside of the space where the appliance is situated.
- 20.7 Each navigation light shall be connected separately to the distribution board served for this purpose.
- <20.8 In every electric or electro-hydraulic power steering gear system on vessel:
- (a) the steering gear shall have two independent sets of supply cables connecting direct to main switchboard;
 - (b) the supply circuits of steering gear control system shall be provided with short circuit protection only;
 - (c) the steering gear motors shall have an overload alarm instead of overload protection. The short circuit protection shall be not less than twice the total rated current of the motor in the circuit protected.

This subsection is not applicable to vessels fitted with a separate power-operated means of steering.>

21 Precautions against Shock, Fire and Other Hazards of Electrical Origin

- 21.1 (a) Exposed permanently fixed metal parts of electrical machines or equipment which are not intended to be "live", but which are liable under fault conditions to become "live" shall be earthed unless they are supplied at a voltage not exceeding 50 volts.
- (b) Electrical apparatus shall be so constructed and so installed that it shall not cause injury to person when handled or touched in the normal manner.
- 21.2 Main and emergency switchboards shall be so arranged as to give easy access as may be needed to apparatus and equipment, without danger to attendants. The sides and backs and, where necessary, the fronts of switchboards, shall be suitably guarded. Exposed "live" parts having voltages exceeding 50 volts shall not be installed on the front of such switchboards. There shall be non-conducting mats or gratings at the front and rear, where necessary.
- 21.3 The distribution system if exceeds 50V, whether primary or secondary, for power or lighting, with no connection to earth is used, a device capable of monitoring the insulation level to earth shall be provided.
- 21.4 (a) The voltage rating of any cable shall not be less than the nominal voltage.
- (b) Every conductor of a cable, flexible cable or flexible cord shall be capable of carrying the maximum current which will normally flow through it without exceeding the appropriate current rating as specified by manufacturer of the cable.
- (c) Cable runs shall be selected so as to avoid action from condensed moisture or drip. Cables shall, as far as possible, be remote from sources of heat, such as hot pipes, resistors, etc.
- (d) Cables shall be prevented from mechanical damage. When necessary cables shall be enclosed in suitable conduits or casings, or armoured cables shall be used.
- 21.5 (a) Circuits shall be protected against short circuit and overload.

- (b) The current rating of circuit breaker shall not exceed the current rating of the smallest size of cable in the circuit protected by the circuit breaker.
- 21.6 Lighting fittings shall be arranged to prevent temperature rises which could damage the wiring and to prevent surrounding material from becoming excessively hot.
- 21.7 In spaces where flammable gas mixtures are liable to collect and in any compartment assigned principally to the containment of an accumulator battery, the electrical fittings shall be of explosionproof type.
- 21.8 (a) The housing of accumulator batteries shall be properly stowed in a locker which shall be well ventilated.
(b) Accumulator batteries shall not be located in the crew spaces.
- <21.9 A lightning conductor is recommended to be fitted for a vessel which hull or mast is constructed of nonconductive materials. The lightning conductor might be connected to a copper plate fixed to the vessel's hull well below the lightship waterline. >
- 21.10 When any work to be carried out on electrical appliances a signboard showing "Work in Progress" shall be displayed at prominent position of the electrical panel to prohibit anyone from operating the panel.

PART 5 REFRIGERATION INSTALLATION

22 Refrigerating Chamber and Refrigerating Machinery

22.1 Refrigerating Chamber

- 22.1.1 The insulation layer shall be intact and properly fixed.
- 22.1.2 Effective drainage arrangement shall be provided for the refrigerating chamber and evaporator.
- 22.1.3 All accessories of the system including the thermometer, pressure gauge shall be properly maintained to indicate the correct parameters.
- 22.1.4 Door alarm or manual call point, if provided, shall be properly maintained and routine testing is necessary to ensure their correct functioning.
- 22.1.5 The chamber shall be well lit and evaporator fan, if provided, shall be fitted with protective guard.

22.2 Refrigerating Machinery

- 22.2.1 All the accessories including the thermometer, pressure gauge, relief valve, liquid indicator shall be properly maintained.
- 22.2.2 The relief valves and bursting disc shall not be blanked and damaged. Blow test would be required if the stamp seal has been damage.
- 22.2.3 The high pressure (discharge) and low pressure (suction) cut-out of the refrigerating compressor shall be properly maintained. Periodic testing is necessary to ensure their normal functioning.
- 22.2.4 Insulation resistance of the electrical supply of the system shall not be less than 1 mega ohms.

- 22.2.5 Safety protective device of switchgear shall be properly maintained and tested to ensure their normal functioning.
- 22.2.6 Control and safety cut-out of the system shall be properly maintained and tested to ensure their normal functioning.

PART 6 RADIO EQUIPMENT INSTALLATION

- 23 Radio equipment installation (if required to be installed) must comply with the requirements of relevant legislation of Hong Kong. Vessel which holds a valid port clearance or is exempted under section 69(1) of the Ordinance from complying with section 28(1) of the Ordinance), when operating in such areas, shall also comply with the requirement of local legislation in order to ensure the needs of rescue and emergency communication.

CHAPTER III B
HULL CONSTRUCTION, MACHINERY, ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS
AND FITTINGS - CATEGORY B VESSEL

PART 1 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- (1) Fishing sampan of other than wooden construction shall be designed and built to the requirements of the relevant rules and regulations as listed at Annex A, having regard the size, construction material and operational services of the vessel. Such rules and regulations shall be complied with in its entirety. However in the case of any inconsistency between this Code and the requirements of the classification society rules, this Code shall be complied with. Wooden fishing vessels shall be of adequate structural strength appropriate for the sea and weather conditions likely to be encountered in the intended area of operation.
- (2) GRP fishing sampan of length less than 15 metres shall be built in a shipyard having been certified competent for the construction by Marine Department or RA in the mainland, with regard to its facilities, organization and capability. A copy of the certification, if issued by the mainland authority, shall be furnished to Marine Department for consideration/record.
- (3) Suitable means or device shall be provided to machinery, equipment, lifting gear, fish handling and fish processing equipment, etc. so as to reduce to a minimum any danger to persons on board. Special attention shall be paid to moving parts, hot surfaces and other potential dangers.

PART 2 HULL CONSTRUCTION

1 Hull and Bulkheads

- 1.1 Any motor vessel shall be fitted with:
 - < (a) a collision bulkhead (for vessels of other than wooden vessels and of length (L) exceeding 8 m); >
 - (b) engine room fore bulkhead; and
 - (c) engine room aft bulkhead, unless the machinery space is situated at aft end of the vessel.
- 1.2 For vessels of other than wooden construction, the bulkheads shall be of watertight construction. Bulkheads in vessels of wooden construction shall be as far as practicable of watertight construction. Openings fitted on bulkhead for the passing of pipes, cables, etc. shall be accordingly constructed.
- 1.3 < Access opening fitted in a watertight bulkhead shall be equipped with effective watertight closing appliance. No opening is to be fitted in collision bulkhead on vessels other than wooden construction. >
- 1.4 A fishing sampan shall be fitted with superstructure or erection to enable the proper display of navigation lights.
- 1.5 A fishing sampan:

- (a) Shall have a main deck from stem to stern;
- (b) Shall comply with the following minimum freeboard and reserve buoyancy requirements:
 - (i) A minimum freeboard appropriate to the vessel length (L) according to the following table:

Vessel Length (L) (m)	$L \leq 5$	$L = 15$
Minimum Freeboard at Fully Load Condition (mm)	350	650

The minimum freeboard of intermediate length shall be obtained by interpolation.

- (ii) Buoyancy tank with gross volume sufficient to support the lightship weight of the vessel (i.e. the aggregate of the vessel's own weight and the weight of propulsion machinery excluding fish hauls).

1.6 The requirements in the fitting of a sea connected fish-hold (commonly known as "live fish-hold") in a fishing sampan:

- (i) each fishing sampan may be fitted with only one live fish-hold (which may be sub-divided into more than one compartment) with a length not exceeding 10% of the vessel length;
- (ii) the bulkhead of the live fish-hold shall be of watertight construction to prevent leakage of water into other compartments on board;
- (iii) the built-in buoyancy tank is sufficient to support the lightship weight of the vessel as per requirements in 1.5(b)(ii) after the live fish-hold is connected to the sea and the requirement for the minimum freeboard as mentioned in 1.5(b)(i) shall be met in all probable loading conditions; and
- (iv) the live fish-hold shall be located in front of the steering position and near the midship, whereas the aft bulkhead shall not be situated before the midship.

Vessel owners applying for the fitting of the live fish-hold shall submit calculation data of the buoyancy tank and the minimum freeboard to Marine Department or authorized surveyors for approval. Applications for installation of the live fish-hold by fishing sampans failing to comply with any of the above conditions shall be made to Marine Department for consideration on a case-by-case basis.

2 Closing Appliances, Freeing Ports

- 2.1 The air pipes, ventilators, cargo hatchways, small hatchways, manholes and doors which are leading to a space below main deck shall be fitted with weathertight closing appliance and have a minimum coaming height of 230 or <300> mm on any <wooden vessel plying beyond Hong Kong waters.>
- 2.2 No coaming is required for watertight manholes.
- 2.3 If bulwark is fitted at the shipside on vessels operating outside the Specified Sheltered Waters, freeing ports shall be provided in both sides of the bulwark with the minimum aggregate area (in m²) indicated in the following table. For vessels operating beyond

Hong Kong Waters, the aggregate area shall be twice of that indicated in the tables.

Length (L) (m)	Aggregate Freeing Port Area (m ²)
$L \leq 12$	0.0115 L
$12 < L < 24$	(0.00146 L-0.006) L
$L \geq 24$	0.029 L

3 Protection of Crew

Ch.IIIA/4 refer.

4 Flooring

Ch. IIIA/5 refers.

5 Marking of Hull

5.1 For vessels of all kinds of construction, Ch.IIIA/6.1 refers.

PART 3 MACHINERY INSTALLATION

6 Main Engine and Engine Fitting

- 6.1 The engine's exhaust pipe shall be lagged with heat-resistant material unless it is served by a water cooling system. A silencer or expansion chamber shall be fitted on the exhaust pipe. <Main engine crankcase shall be fitted with venting pipe leading to the open deck>.
- 6.2 The maximum horsepower of main engine to be installed on fishing sampans shall not exceed that indicated in Annex N-4B and Annex N-4C.

7 Engine Room

- 7.1 Adequate ventilation shall be provided in engine room. If only natural ventilation is provided, at least two cowl ventilators of adequate size shall be fitted.
- 7.2 If the vessel is constructed of wooden or GRP of non-oil resistant material, a suitable metal tray which can readily be cleaned shall be fitted under the engine to protect the bilges against saturation by oil.
- 7.3 Every machinery spaces shall be at all times kept clean and free from unnecessary combustible materials and that waste oil is not allowed to accumulate in the bilges.

8 Nature of Fuel

Subject to section 9.3, Ch.IIIA/11 refers.

9 Tanks

- 9.1 The arrangements for filling fuel tanks are to be such that oil will not spill or overflow into any compartment of the vessel. Woodwork surrounding deck-filling mouth shall be covered with sheet metal. No loose can/barrel of fuel oil is to be carried on board.

- 9.2 Fuel tanks shall be substantially constructed of suitable material and securely fixed in position.
- 9.3 On Class III GRP fishing sampan, the petrol fuel tank may be of portable tank approved by engine manufacturer. The maximum fuel tank capacity (for operation in Hong Kong waters) is as follows:

Length (L) (m)	$5 \leq L < 6$	$6 \leq L < 8$	$8 \leq L < 15$
Maximum capacity for each fuel tank	50 litres		100 litres
Maximum capacity for all fuel tanks on board	100 litres		150 litres

10 Pumping and Piping Arrangement

Ch.IIIA/13 refers.

11 Bilge Pumping Arrangement

A hand or electrical operated bilge pump of sufficient capacity shall be fitted for pumping out water in the bilge.

12 Compressed Air System

Ch.IIIA/15 refers.

13 Wheelhouse - Engine room Communication

Ch.IIIA/18 refers

Note

For the purpose of “combined coxswain” operation, any existing vessel of length less than 24m, total power not more than 750 kW (1,000 HP), and operating within waters of Hong Kong, fittings of a fixed fire detection (operated by smoke detectors) and fire alarm system for engine room can be waived, provided regular surveillance (such as through tale-tell pipe or transparent glass view-hole fittings etc.) can be exercised from outside engine room or control station by the coxswain or a crewmember.

14 Installation for Prevention of Oil Pollution

Ch.IIIA/19 refers.

15 Electrical Installations

Ch.IIIA/Part 4 refers.

CHAPTER IV

FREEBOARD AND STABILITY

1 Freeboard Assignment, Certification, Intact Stability

- 1.1 The freeboard assignment, certification and intact stability requirements for a vessel shall be according to the following table:

Vessel Type and Plying Limits	Length (L)	L ≥ 24 m		L < 24 m	
	Requirement	Freeboard, Certification	Intact Stability	Freeboard, Certification	Intact Stability
Class III Vessel					
Category A Vessel		--	IMO Wind mt ^{Note1}	--	IMO
Fishing Sampan (L<15m)				SAMPAN FB	comply with stability and buoyancy requirements listed in Annex N-4B or 4C as appropriate

Legend

1.2 Freeboard Requirements

SAMPAN FB To comply with the minimum freeboard and reserve buoyancy requirements listed in Ch. IIIB/1.3(b).

1.3 Intact stability requirements in all probable loading conditions of vessel

IMO IMO Recommended Stability Criteria

- (1) the initial GM_T shall not be less than 0.35 metres;
- (2) the area under the curve of the righting levers (GZ curves) shall not be less than:-
 - (i) 0.055 m-rad up to an angle of 30°;
 - (ii) 0.090 m-rad up to an angle of either 40° or the angle at which the lower edges of any openings in the hull, superstructures or deckhouses, being openings which cannot be closed weathertight, are immersed if that angle be less;
 - (iii) 0.030 m-rad between the angles of heel of 30° and 40° or such referred to in (ii) above;
- (3) the righting lever (GZ) shall be at least 0.20 metres at an angle of heel equal to or greater than 30°; and

^{Note1} Applicable to a vessel which is when the reference to “the commencement date” of the Survey Regulation in the definition of “new vessel” under section 2 of the Survey Regulation is substituted by “3 March 2017”.

- (4) the maximum righting lever ($GZ_{\max}$) shall occur at an angle of heel not less than 25° but preferably over 30° .

Wind Mt Wind moment – as calculated according to section 2.3 Severe Wind and Rolling Criterion (weather criterion) of 2008 IS Code (International Code on Intact Stability, 2008) published by IMO in respect of wind moment effect. The wind pressure factor shall be taken to be 500 Pa.

1.4 Determination of minimum freeboard

A vessel shall meet the relevant stability criteria for the draught corresponding to the freeboard assigned.

1.5 Equivalent freeboard and stability criteria

Where it is not practical for any particular vessel, due to its geometric characteristics (e.g. the ratio of beam / depth is exceeding 2.5) or operating condition, to fully comply with the stipulated freeboard or stability criteria, the Department may permit the application of equivalent criteria which are at least as effective as that so specified.

2 Inclining Test

2.1 With the exception of a vessel which stability is to be determined by a rolling period test, every vessel which stability information is required as stated in section 1 shall be inclined to confirm the vessel's displacement, vertical centre of gravity (VCG) and longitudinal centre of gravity (LCG) in lightship condition when on completion or close to completion of construction (new vessels) or **alteration** (existing vessels). Inclining test report shall be submitted for approval.

2.2 Dispensation with conducting an inclining test may be given to -

- (a) a vessel being similar in all respects to the sister ship for which a satisfactory inclining experiment report is available; and having been carried out a lightweight survey (see section 4 below) the result of which indicates that the deviations from –
 - (i) lightship displacement is not exceeding 2% for ships of $L \leq 50$ m; 1% for ships of $L > 160$ m (for intermediate L , by linear interpolation), and
 - (ii) lightship LCG is not exceeding 0.5% L .
- (b) the addition/replacement of engine(s) and/or minor **alteration**, Annex I-5C refers.

3 Lightweight Survey

3.1 A lightweight survey report including the calculation of the lightship displacement and LCG of the vessel shall be submitted for approval.

3.2 If the results of the lightweight survey are found not acceptable, an inclining test shall be conducted.

4 Determination of Deadweight and Its Effects

- 4.1 The deadweight shall comprise the following items:
- (a) full number of crew and effect;
 - (b) full load of fish hauls;
 - (c) fuel tanks (96% full) and fresh water tanks (100% full); and
 - (d) consumable stores.
- 4.2 The following information shall be used for the consideration of the effects of crew weight:
- (a) each person has a mass of 68 kg or <75 kg>;
 - (b) VCG of seated persons is 0.3 m above seat;
 - (c) VCG of standing persons is 1.0 m above deck;
 - (d) persons and luggage shall be considered to be in the space normally at their disposal.

5 Stability Information Booklet

- 5.1 After inclining test or lightweight survey, a stability information booklet (for each vessel) shall be submitted to the authority, person or organisation specified under Ch. II/2.1 or 2.2 for approval.
- 5.2 The booklet shall include the vessel's following particulars:
- (a) vessel's name, principal dimensions, fully loaded displacement;
 - (b) general arrangement showing names of all compartments, tanks, machinery spaces, storerooms, crew accommodation spaces;
 - (c) the capacity and the VCG and LCG of every compartment available for the carriage of cargo, fuel, water, water ballast, etc.;
 - (d) the effect on stability of free surface in each tank in which liquids may be carried;
 - (e) the estimated total weight of crew and their effects, and the VCG and LCG of each such total weight. In assessing such centres of gravity the crew shall be assumed to be distributed about the ship in the spaces they will normally occupy, including the highest decks to which either or both have access.
 - (f) the estimated weight and the disposition and centre of gravity of deck cargo;
 - (g) hydrostatic particulars, cross curves particulars;
 - (h) calculation of loading and righting levers (GZ) curves of -
 - (i) light condition,
 - (ii) fully loaded (to the assigned freeboard) condition,
 - (iii) service loaded conditions,
 - (iv) probable worst conditions.Conditions (ii)~(iv) shall be calculated on both departure and arrival condition.
- 5.3 The approved stability booklet shall be placed on board the vessel for the reference of the coxswain.

6 Permanent Ballast

- 6.1 When ballast is required to improve stability of the vessel, the correct quantity of ballast shall at all times be fixed (or so stowed thus not rendered movable when at sea) at the specified position. Such quantity and position of permanent ballast shall be endorsed in the Certificate of Survey.

7 Lashing of Cargo

- 7.1 In cargo hold and cargo space on deck, appropriate lashing gear and fittings shall be provided to prevent the cargo from sliding or tipping. These gear and fittings shall be regularly maintained and inspected.

8 Alteration onboard

- 8.1 Before a vessel is to undergo any **alteration**, application shall be submitted specifying the nature of the proposed **alteration (Annex I-11 refers)**. Estimates of the effects of the **alteration**, i.e. the changes in vessel's lightship weight, VCG and LCG shall be submitted to the Marine Department for approval.
- 8.2 If the change due to **alteration**, or the finding of lightweight survey is exceeding 2%, an inclining test is to be conducted. The vessel's intact stability information, and damage stability information if applicable, shall be revised and submitted for approval.
- 8.3 No local vessel is allowed to construct or alter to have false bottom or secret compartment.

CHAPTER V

CREW ACCOMMODATION

Note

- (a) This chapter shall apply to Class III Category A vessels in all except section 1.5.
- (b) Wooden fishing vessels shall comply with sections 1.1, 1.4 and 2.
- (c) Fishing sampans shall comply with sections 1.5 and 2.

1 General Requirements

- 1.1 In every vessel the spaces allocated for crew shall be -
 - (a) constructed properly;
 - (b) protected from sea and weather;
 - (c) minimum 1.85 metres clear headroom above deck covering or stair tread (except for awning on fishing sampan);
 - (d) well lighted and ventilated ; and
 - (e) maintained in a clean and habitable condition.
- 1.2 Any deck or bulkhead, or part of a deck or bulkhead, which separates a crew space from any engine room, machinery space, paint room, galley, or spaces used for the storage of flammable oils, shall be of gastight construction.
- 1.3 Toughened safety glass shall be used for window, the thickness shall meet the requirements of a classification society rules.
- 1.4 Glass or mirror shall be made of materials which will not break into dangerous fragments if fractured (such as BS6206 or equivalent).
- 1.5 If an awning is installed on a fishing sampan,
 - (a) the awning shall be of a length no more than 70% of the overall length of the vessel;
 - (b) the awning shall be in the form of a canopy (i.e. open on all sides beneath and unenclosed to minimise the windage area) and of a height no more than 1.85 metres above the lowest level of main deck;
 - (c) the awning shall be detachable; and
 - (d) the installation plan shall be submitted to the authority, person or organisation specified under Ch. II/2.1 or 2.2 for approval before installation. If the awning is of a length between 50% and 70% of the overall length of the vessel, the data pertaining to the stability on the impact of windage on the vessel (including related information such as lines plan of the vessel) shall be submitted for approval.

2 Maximum Carrying Capacity

- 2.1 No Class III vessel is permitted to carry any passenger according to section 5(2) of the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Certification and Licensing) Regulation.
- 2.2 The maximum crew allowance for Class III vessel is dependent on the factor

$A=3.21(L-B)B^2$, in which L is vessel's length overall, B is extreme breadth, in metric units, as follows:

Factor A	Maximum Crew Allowance
$A \leq 120$	4 ^(*1)
$150 \geq A > 120$	8
$300 \geq A > 150$	9 ^(*2)
$1000 \geq A > 300$	12
$A > 1000$	15

Note

- *1: If the outcome of the simple inclining test (see Note *3) indicates that the angle of heel of the vessel does not exceed 7° even if the number of crew on the vessel is more than 4 but not more than 6, the maximum crew allowance may be increased from 4 to that number of crew.
- *2: If the outcome of the simple inclining test (see Note 3) indicates that the angle of heel of the vessel does not exceed 7° even if the number of crew on the vessel is 9, the maximum crew allowance may be increased from 9 to 10.
- *3: “simple inclining test” means the simple inclining test in Part 1 of Annex E, but the references to “passengers” therein shall be read and construed as references to “crew”.

3 Marking

Evacuation routes, exits and lifejacket stowage shall be clearly marked.

CHAPTER VI

FIRE PROTECTION AND FIRE-FIGHTING APPARATUS

1 Definitions

““A” Class division” means a division formed by bulkhead or deck which is -

- (a) constructed of steel or other equivalent material;
- (b) suitably stiffened;
- (c) so constructed as to be capable of preventing the passage of smoke and flame to the end of the 60 minutes standard fire test; and
- (d) so insulated where necessary with suitable non-combustible materials that if the division is exposed to a standard fire test the average temperature on the unexposed side of the division shall not increase more than 140°C above the initial temperature nor shall the temperature at any one point, including any joint, rise more than 180°C above the initial temperature within the time listed below -

“A-60” standard 60 minutes

“A-30” standard 30 minutes

“A-0” standard 0 minutes;

"accommodation spaces" means public spaces; passageways and lobbies; stairways; lavatories; crew cabins; offices; pantries not containing cooking appliances; lockers and spaces similar to any of the foregoing and trunks to such spaces allocated to crew;

“control stations” are spaces in which radio or main navigating equipment, or the emergency source of power, or the central fire recording equipment, or fire control equipment, or fire extinguishing installations are located or a control room located outside a propulsion machinery space;

“engine room” means a space which contains propulsion machinery and generators;

“machinery space” means a space which contains internal combustion engines, electrical machinery, ventilation and air conditioning machinery and similar spaces;

“non-combustible material” means a material which neither burns nor gives off flammable vapours in sufficient quantity for self-ignition when heated to a temperature of 750°C, and the expression “combustible material” shall be construed accordingly;

2 Fire-fighting Apparatus, Type and Quantity

- 2.1 <Fire-fighting apparatus and structural fire protection items shall be of approved types. Apparatus approved by the maritime administration of a convention country or classification society in accordance with the recommendations of the International Maritime Organization are acceptable. >

For existing vessels, fire-fighting apparatus which have been approved by the national maritime authority of their country of manufacture in accordance with the national standard or have been approved or accepted by the Department are also considered acceptable.

- 2.2 Fire-fighting apparatus, type and quantity of Class III vessels must comply with Table 7 in Schedule 4 of the Survey Regulation. The electronic version is available at URL –

<https://www.elegislation.gov.hk/hk/cap548G!en-zh-Hant-HK.assist.pdf?FROMCAPINDEX=Y>

- 2.3 For vessels that are required to install a fire detection system; refer to the specification at Schedule 11 of the Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Fire Protection) (Ships Built on or after 1 September 1984) Regulations (which is available at URL:
[https://www.elegislation.gov.hk/hk/cap369Y!en.assist.pdf?FILENAME=Assisted%20Monolingual%20PDF%20\(English\).pdf&DOC_TYPE=K&PUBLISHED=true](https://www.elegislation.gov.hk/hk/cap369Y!en.assist.pdf?FILENAME=Assisted%20Monolingual%20PDF%20(English).pdf&DOC_TYPE=K&PUBLISHED=true))

3 Fire Pumps

- 3.1 In a vessel which is required to be provided with fire pumps operated by power, such fire pumps (other than any emergency fire pumps) shall together be capable of delivering for fire fighting purposes a quantity of water, under the conditions and at the pressure specified in VI/4 of not less than that obtained from the following formula -

$$Q = cd^2 \quad \text{m}^3/\text{hour}$$

where

$c = 5$ for vessels required to be provided with more than one fire pump (excluding any emergency fire pump) and

$c = 2.5$ for vessels required to be provided with only one fire pump

$d = 1 + 0.066 \sqrt{[L(B+D)]}$ to the nearest 0.25

L, B and D are length, moulded breadth and moulded depth of the vessel.

- 3.2 A fire pump required to be operated by power shall be operated by means other than the vessel's main engines unless specified in the Survey Regulation. Fire pumps may be sanitary, ballast, bilge or general service pumps.
- 3.3 In a vessel required to be provided with fire pumps operated by power, arrangements shall be made to ensure immediate availability of a water supply from the fire main at the required pressure by suitably placed remote starting of the fire pumps, unless the machinery space is continually manned.
- 3.4 In a vessel which is required to be provided with more than one fire pump operated by power (other than any emergency pump) every such fire pump shall have a capacity of not less than 80% of the total capacity of the fire pumps required in section 3.1 divided by the number of fire pumps to be provided in the vessel provided that each pump has a capacity of not less than 25 m³/hour. When more fire pumps are provided in any vessel, the Director may permit the capacity of any such additional fire pumps to be less than 80%.
- 3.5 A fire pump required which is operated by power shall be capable of producing from any fire hydrant one jet of water, while maintaining the pressure required in section 4.2.
- 3.6 Relief valves shall be provided in conjunction with all fire pumps if the pumps are capable of developing a pressure exceeding the design pressure of the fire main, water service pipes, hydrants and hoses. Such valves shall be so placed and adjusted as to prevent excessive pressure in any part of the fire main system.
- 3.7 A centrifugal pump which is connected to the fire main shall be fitted with a non-return valve.
- 3.8 In a vessel, any emergency fire pump shall be situated in a position aft of the vessel's collision bulkhead.
- 3.9 A manually operated pump shall be capable of producing a jet of water having a throw of not less than 6 m from nozzle.

4 Fire Main, Water Service Pipes and Hydrants

- 4.1 In a vessel which is required to be provided with fire pumps operated by power, the diameter of the fire main and of the water service pipes connecting the hydrants thereto shall be sufficient for the effective distribution of the maximum discharge from -
- (a) where only one pump is required; or
 - (b) where 2 such pumps are so required, both pumps operating simultaneously.
- 4.2 Any fire pump shall, when discharging the quantity of water required in 3.1 above through adjacent fire hydrants in any part of the vessel from nozzles of sizes specified in section 5, be capable of maintaining the following pressure at any hydrant –
- (a) of vessel's gross tonnage 1000 or vessel's length 60 metres, whichever is the smaller, and upwards : 2.7 bar (0.27N/mm²);
 - (b) of vessel's gross tonnage under 1000 tons or vessel's length under 60 metres, whichever is the smaller : 2.1 bar (0.21N/mm²)
- provided that the maximum pressure at any hydrant shall not exceed that at which the effective control of a fire hose can be demonstrated.
- 4.3 Where any vessel is required to be provided with appliances capable of producing one jet of water, hydrants sufficient in number shall be so positioned as to enable one jet of water from a single length of hose to reach any part of the vessel.
- 4.4
- (a) The fire main shall have no connections other than those necessary for fire-fighting and washing down. However, fire main may be permitted to have connection to ballast lines, cooling water lines and bilge ejector etc., provided that shut-off valves to these lines are fitted and kept closed at all times when not in use.
 - (b) Materials readily rendered ineffective by heat shall not be used for fire mains unless adequately protected.
 - (c) The fire hydrants shall be so placed that the fire hoses may be easily coupled to them except where hoses and nozzles are permanently attached to the fire hydrant.
 - (d) In vessels which may carry deck cargo the fire hydrants shall be so placed that they are always readily accessible and the pipes shall be arranged as far as practicable to avoid risk of damage by such cargo.
 - (e) Hydrant valves of the screw lift type shall be fitted in such position that any of the fire hoses may be isolated and removed while the fire pumps are at work.
 - (f) The water pipes if made of iron or steel shall be galvanised or alternatively the pipe wall thickness shall be increased by a corrosion allowance satisfactory to the Director.
 - (g) Isolating valves to separate the section of the fire main within the machinery space containing the main fire pump or pumps from the rest of the fire main shall be fitted in a position outside the machinery spaces which shall be easily accessible when there is a fire. The fire main shall be so arranged that when the isolating valves are shut all the hydrants on the vessel, except those in the machinery space referred to above, can be supplied with water by a fire pump not located in this machinery space through pipes which do not enter this space. Exceptionally, the Director may permit short lengths of the emergency fire pump suction and discharge piping to penetrate the machinery space if it is impracticable to route it externally, provided that the integrity of the fire main is maintained by the enclosure of the piping in a substantial steel casing.
 - (h) Hydrants shall be positioned as to allow at least one jet of water from a single

prescribed length of fire hose to reach any part of the vessel normally accessible during navigation. If only one hydrant is provided for engine room it shall be located outside of the space and near the entrance.

- (i) Except otherwise specified, at least one hose and one nozzle shall be provided for every hydrant.

5 Fire Hoses, Nozzles, etc.

- 5.1 Fire hoses provided shall not exceed 20 metres in length. Such hose shall be made of closely woven flax, canvas or other suitable material; and every other such hose shall be made of non-perishable material.
- 5.2 Every fire hose together with the tools and fittings necessary for its use, shall be kept in a conspicuous position near the hydrants or connections with which it is intended to be used. Hose diameters shall be not less than 65 mm if unlined or 45 mm if lined.
- 5.3 Fire hoses so provided shall not be used for any purpose other than for fire-fighting or testing the fire-fighting apparatus.
- 5.4
 - (a) A vessel which is required to be provided with fire pumps operated by power shall be provided with nozzles of 12 mm in diameter or as near thereto in diameter as possible.
 - (b) A vessel provided with manual fire pumps shall be provided with nozzles of 9 mm in diameter or as near thereto in diameter as possible.
- 5.5 Dual purpose nozzle incorporating a shut-off meeting the requirements set out in Appendix I of MDN 49 of 2019 is accepted as an alternative to the requirements of jet nozzles and spray nozzles stipulated in Schedule 4 of the Survey Regulation.

6 Location and Arrangement of Water Pumps for Other Fire Extinguishing Systems

Pumps required for the provision of water for other fire extinguishing systems, their sources of power and their controls shall be installed outside the space or spaces protected by such systems and shall be so arranged that a fire in the space or spaces protected will not put any such system out of action.

7 Fire Protection and Fire-Fighting Apparatus/Installation not required by the Survey Regulation

Where fire-fighting apparatus/installation of the type not required by the Survey Regulation (e.g. fire detection system, fixed extinguishing system, etc.) is provided, such apparatus/installation shall be so arranged that a fire in the space or spaces protected will not put any such apparatus/installation out of function; and the owner, agent and coxswain of the vessel shall ensure that the apparatus/installation is properly maintained in good and serviceable condition and be fit for the function intended.

8 Fire Extinguishers

- 8.1 Each type of fire extinguishers shall have a minimum capacity as shown in the following table:

Media	Capacity	
	Portable Type	Non-Portable Type
Foam	9 litres	45 litres
CO ₂	3 kg	16 kg

Dry Powder	4.5 kg	
Water	9 litres	

- 8.2 Fire extinguishers to be used for switchboard, control panels, batteries, etc. shall be of the type suitable for electrical fires, e.g. dry powder or CO₂ fire extinguisher.
- 8.3 Fire extinguishers to be used for machinery spaces shall be of the type suitable for oil fires, e.g. foam, dry powder or CO₂ fire extinguisher.
- 8.4 Portable extinguishers are to be suitably distributed throughout the protected spaces. Normally at least one shall be stowed near the entrance inside that space.
- 8.5 Portable fire extinguishers provided for use in accommodation or service spaces of any vessel shall so far as practicable have a uniform method of operation.
- 8.6 The use of CO₂ fire extinguisher in a confined space is not recommended.
- 8.7 Portable CO₂ extinguishers shall not be located in accommodation spaces. Where such extinguishers are provided in wheel house or any other control station, at switchboards and other similar positions, the volume of any space containing one or more extinguishers shall be such as to limit the concentration of vapour that can occur due to discharge to not more than 5% of the net volume of the space. The volume of CO₂ shall be calculated at 0.56 m³/ kg.
- 8.8 Fire extinguishers provided for use in any vessel shall not contain any extinguishing medium which has not been approved by the Director.
- 8.9 The capacity of a CO₂ extinguisher shall be taken to be the greatest weight of CO₂ which it can safely contain in a tropical climate.
- 8.10 The capacity of any fire extinguisher, other than a CO₂ fire extinguisher, shall be taken to be the greatest volume or weight of extinguishing medium which it can contain when sufficient space is left to ensure the proper operation of the extinguisher.
- 8.11 Every fire extinguisher shall be kept fully charged at all times.
- 8.12 Portable and non-portable fire extinguishers shall be periodically examined and subject to such tests as prescribed in Ch. II/Table 7-2.

9 Means for Stopping Machinery, Shutting Off Oil Fuel Suction Pipes and Closing of Openings

- 9.1 In every vessel there shall be provided -
 - (a) without limiting Ch. IIIA/20.6, means for stopping ventilation fans serving machinery, accommodation and cargo spaces;
 - (b) means for closing all skylights, doorways, ventilators and other openings to such spaces; and
 - (c) means to permit the release of smoke from machinery spaces.

Such means shall be capable of being operated from positions outside the said spaces and which would not be made inaccessible by a fire within such spaces.

- 9.2 Machinery driving forced and induced draught fans, oil fuel transfer pumps and other similar fuel pumps shall be fitted with remote stop installation situated outside the spaces in which such machinery or pumps are situated and which would not be made inaccessible by a fire within such spaces. The remote stop installation shall be capable of stopping such machinery or pumps in the event of fire in such spaces.
- 9.3 A pipe connected to any oil fuel or lubricating oil storage, not being a double bottom tank,

which if damaged would permit discharge of the contents so as to cause a fire hazard, shall be fitted with a valve or cock which shall be secured to the tank to which it is connected and which shall be capable of being closed from a readily accessible position outside the space in which the tank is situated.

10 Availability of Fire-fighting Apparatus

- 10.1 Fire-fighting apparatus carried in any vessel shall be maintained in good order and shall be kept available for immediate use at all times. All movable fire-fighting apparatus, other than firemen's outfits, carried shall be stowed where they will be readily accessible from the spaces in which they are intended to be used and, in particular, one of the portable fire extinguishers intended for use in any space shall be stowed near the entrance to that space.
- 10.2 Non-portable fire extinguishers required to be fitted in engine room which is limited in space, may be stowed in vicinity of the engine room entrance provided that the jet of the fire extinguishing media can reach any part of the engine room.

11 Structural Fire Protection

11.1 Application

This part shall apply to new vessels.

11.2 Requirements for All Vessels

11.2.1 In all spaces –

- (a) paints, varnishes and other finishes used on exposed surfaces shall not contain nitrocellulose or other highly flammable base products and shall not be capable of producing toxic gases or excessive quantities of smoke;
- (b) insulating materials shall be of non-combustible materials;
- (c) stairways, includes interior stairway, lifts and escalators (other than those wholly contained within the machinery spaces and enclosures) thereto, shall be constructed of steel or material of equivalent fire resistance, and as far as practicable arranged in fore and aft direction;
- (d) any means of escape shall be led to open deck; and

11.2.2 In accommodation, service spaces and control stations –

- (a) all exposed surfaces in corridors, exposed surfaces of ceilings and surfaces in concealed or inaccessible spaces shall have low flame spread characteristics
- (b) primary deck coverings shall be of a material which will not readily ignite or give rise to toxic or explosive hazards at elevated temperatures;
- (c) the doorways and stairways for escape purpose shall be evenly distributed and arranged so as to avoid congestion in any part of a vessel. Such door and hatch cover shall be operable from either side;
- (d) dead-end corridor shall not be more than 7 metres in length; and
- (e) the width and continuity of the means of escape shall be to the satisfaction of the Director.

11.2.3^{Note1} In vessels constructed of reinforced glass fibre plastic (GRP), fire retarding material

^{Note1} Section 11.2.3 applies to any vessel which is when the reference to “the commencement date” of the Survey Regulation in the definition of “new vessel” under section 2 of the Survey Regulation is substituted by “3 March 2017”.

shall be applied in the hull, deck and bulkhead structures of engine room boundaries, and is capable to maintain its required strength for a period of 30 min. For hull structures below waterline the insulation shall extend to at least 300 mm below the lightest waterline. In vessels constructed of wood, the engine room boundaries shall be applied with certificated type fire retardant coating or mineral wool insulation.

11.3 Additional Requirements for Category A Vessels

- 11.3.1 Any deck or bulkhead, or part of a deck or bulkhead, which separates a crew space from any machinery space, paint room, galley, or spaces used for the storage of flammable oils, shall be of gastight construction.
- 11.3.2 At least two means of escape shall in general be provided for the crew space and spaces accessible to them. However, one of the means of escape may be dispensed with in exceptional case having regard to the size and location of the space.

Chapter VII

Life-Saving Appliances and Arrangements

1 Definitions

“Survival craft” means lifeboat and liferaft.

“LSA Code” means the International Life-Saving Appliance (“LSA”) Code adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee of the International Maritime Organization by its resolution MSC.48(66) or its amended version.

“SOLAS A Pack Liferafts” are the liferafts provided with normal equipment prescribed by the abovementioned LSA Code. For class III vessels, “Y” type inflatable liferafts approved by the Bureau of Fishing Vessel Inspection may also be accepted in lieu of SOLAS A Pack Liferafts.

“SOLAS B Pack Liferafts” are the liferafts provided with normal equipment prescribed by the LSA Code less the following equipment:

- (a) half number of rocket parachute flares, hand flares and buoyant smoke signals;
- (b) tin openers;
- (c) fishing tackle;
- (d) food ration;
- (e) water tank; and
- (f) graduated drinking vessels.

2 General Requirements

2.1 Life-saving appliances (other than lifejackets) shall be of the approved types. Appliances conforming to the LSA Code and approved by a maritime administration of a jurisdiction to which the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 is applicable or a classification society are acceptable.

2.1A Lifejacket

2.1A.1 *(Repealed)*

2.1A.2 Under the Survey Regulation, unless otherwise specified¹, a Class III vessel shall provide every person on board with a suitable lifejacket (refer to 2.1A.4), the total number of which must be not less than the maximum number of persons licensed to be carried as specified in the operating licence.

2.1A.3 Lifejacket Standards

¹ With respect to Class III vessels, this covers outboard open sampan and fishing sampan which comply with Schedule 2 to the Regulation.

The lifejackets required to be provided on board a local vessel under section 32 of and Schedule 3 to the Survey Regulation must –

- (a) at least comply with the performance standards and requirements set out in –
 - (i) for a vessel which is permitted to ply outside the waters of Hong Kong –
 - (A) section 2.2.1 or 2.2.2 of the LSA Code; or
 - (B) ISO 12402-3:2006 (Personal floatation devices – Part 3: Lifejackets, performance level 150 – Safety requirements) issued by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO); and
 - (ii) for a vessel which is permitted to ply solely in the waters of Hong Kong –
 - (A) section 2.2.1 or 2.2.2 of the LSA Code; or
 - (B) ISO 12402-4:2006 (Personal floatation devices – Part 4: Lifejackets, performance level 100 – Safety requirements) issued by the ISO; and
- (b) be of a type approved by a maritime administration of a jurisdiction to which the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 is applicable or a classification society or the European Union.

2.1A.4 Suitable Lifejacket

A suitable lifejacket means a lifejacket that is designed and manufactured in accordance with 2.1A.3 above, and fit for the intended wearer. A lifejacket complying with such standard is designed with a normal size range, differentiated by the weight and/or height of the intended wearer. Such a range of sizes would be marked on the label of lifejacket for reference:

	SOLAS	ISO
Adult	≥43kg, ≥155cm	≥40kg
“Common Lifejacket” (refer to <2.1A.6>)	N.A.	15-120kg

2.1A.5 To avoid confusion, the lifejackets placed on board should as far as practicable not of mixed standards.

2.1A.6 “Common Lifejacket”

A lifejacket suitable for both adults and children (Common Lifejacket) complies with ISO performance level 100. It is only suitable to be used by vessels sailing within the Hong Kong waters. For details of the Common Lifejacket accepted by the Marine Department and the information of the manufacturers, refer to Marine Department

Notice No. 69 of 2019.

The Common Lifejacket should have a Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) electronic tag attached with a unique identification serial number. The electronic tag should fulfill the following specification requirements:

1	Material	Silicon (or equivalent).
2	Dimension	56 x 12 x 1.8 mm (+/- 10% on each dimension).
3	Frequency band	Within the 860 to 960 MHz band of the UHF spectrum, and shall be readable within the frequency range 865 – 868MHz and/or 920 – 925MHz allocated by the Office of the Communications Authority (OFCA) of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.
4	Protocol	EPC global ISO 18000-6C (or equivalent).
5	IC	Higgs 3 (or equivalent).
6	EPC memory	96 bits (or above).
7	User memory	512 bits (or above).
8	Write cycles	100 000 (or above).
9	Storage environment	-40°C to +90°C (or wider range).
10	Wet clean	85°C (up to 60 minutes) (or equivalent). 120°C (up to 10 minutes) (or equivalent).
11	Iron	200°C (up to 10 seconds with press cloth) (or equivalent).
12	Security features	(a) The tags shall be compatible with the security scheme for product authentication. (b) Each tag shall be assigned a unique ID in EPC memory bank. Structure of the encoding and numbering scheme shall make reference to Item 13 below with details to be provided and confirmed by the Marine Department. (c) Each tag shall be protected by a locked access password to avoid unauthorised access (32 bits). (d) Each tag shall be protected by a locked kill password to avoid unauthorised access (32 bits). (e) Each tag shall be assigned an authentication code (96 bits) in user memory bank which will be updated during authentication process. (f) Data content of the security scheme for tag initialization.
13	Structure of the encoding in the UHF RFID tag (for reference)	(a) The code is AA99-999999, of which each “A” represents an alphabetic character from A to Z and each “9” represents a digit from 0 to 9. (b) The hyphen is fixed. (c) The prefix “MD” will be used in the RFID provided by the Marine Department. The RFID of other Common

		Lifejackets shall not use “MD” in the encoding.

2.1A.7 Oversized or Overweight Personnel on Board

With reference to the LSA Code, restraining straps should be provided on board to assist overweight or oversized personnel to secure their lifejackets as they are unable to don the standard-compliant lifejackets.

2.1A.8 The life-saving appliances and radiocommunications equipment including their types and quantity for class III vessels shall be provided according to the Survey Regulation Schedule 3. The electronic version is available at the URL below:

<https://www.elegislation.gov.hk/hk/cap548G!en-zh-Hant-HK/sch3>

In determining the number of lifejackets required to be provided on board according to the regulation, the number of lifejackets shall be rounded up if the calculation results are decimal numbers.

Part B – Former Requirements (Sections 2.1A.9 to 2.1A.10) (Transitional Arrangements until 22 December 2021)

2.1A.9 (*Repealed*)

2.1A.10 (*Repealed*)

2.2 Vessels operating within river trade limits shall be equipped with SOLAS B Pack liferafts.

For existing vessels, life-saving appliances which have been approved by the national maritime authorities of their country of manufacture in accordance with the national standard or have been approved by the Marine Department are also considered acceptable.

2.3 Radiocommunications equipment must have a licence issued by the Communications Authority (CA), Hong Kong.

2.4 One lifebuoy must be able to support two adult persons.

2.5 Each of the buoyant lifeline, self-igniting light and self-activating smoke signal required by the Survey Regulation shall be attached to a lifebuoy and be placed in proximity of the vessel’s both sides.

2.6 Lifebuoys shall be marked on both sides with the name (as that shown on the hull of vessel) or Certificate of Ownership number of the vessel on which they are carried.

2.7 On vessels sailing in waters beyond Hong Kong, the lifejackets and lifebuoys shall be fitted with the following:

- (a) for lifejacket: lifejacket light, whistle and retro-reflective tape

- (b) for lifebuoy: retro-reflective tape

2.8 Donning instructions shall be posted in the appropriate areas in the vessel.

3 Replacement of Life-Saving Appliances

Any item of life-saving equipment marked with an expiry date shall be replaced on or before that date.

4 Operational Readiness, Maintenance, Inspections and Servicing

4.1 Whenever a local vessel is being used or operated, every life-saving appliance carried on board the vessel shall be –

- (a) in working order;
- (b) ready for immediate use; and
- (c) placed in an easily accessible position.

4.2 Every inflatable liferaft and hydrostatic release unit shall be serviced at a service station accepted by the Director (outside Hong Kong, by both the maritime administration of a convention country and by the appliance manufacturer) at intervals not exceeding 12 months or a period as recommended by the appliance manufacturer.

5 Survival Craft Muster and Embarkation Arrangements

5.1 Survival craft shall be stowed as close to accommodation and service areas as possible.

5.2 Muster and embarkation stations of survival craft shall be readily accessible from accommodation and work areas.

5.3 Alleyways, internal and external stairways and exits giving access to the muster and embarkation stations of survival craft shall be lighted.

6 Stowage of Survival Craft and Buoyant Apparatus

6.1 Each survival craft shall be stowed –

- (a) in a way that neither the survival craft nor its stowage arrangements will interfere with the operation of any other survival craft at any other launching station;
- (b) as near to the water surface as possible provided that it is safe and practicable; in serious situations where a fully loaded survival craft has an angle of trim or heel up to 20° or the weather deck starts to be flooded, etc., the embarkation point should be at least 2 m above the waterline;
- (c) in a state of continuous readiness so that two crew members can carry out

preparations for embarkation and launching in less than 5 minutes;

- (d) in a fully-equipped manner;
- (e) in a secure and sheltered area as far as practicable to prevent any damages that may be caused by fire and explosions.

6.2 Liferafts shall be so stowed as to permit manual release from their securing arrangements.

6.3 Liferafts shall be so stowed as to be readily transferable for launching on either side of the vessel unless liferafts are stowed on each side of the vessel.

6.4 Every liferaft shall be stowed with its painter permanently attached to the vessel and with a float-free arrangement so that the liferaft can float free and, if inflatable, can inflate automatically when the vessel sinks.

6.5 Each buoyant apparatus shall be stowed -

- (a) as to be readily transferable for launching on either side of the vessel;
- (b) with a float-free arrangement so that the apparatus can float free when the vessel sinks.

6.6 Radar transponder shall be stowed -

- (a) that it can be rapidly placed in any survival craft or one radar transponder stowed in each survival craft;
- (b) with a float-free arrangement so that the equipment floats free when the vessel sinks.

7 Launching Stations

Launching stations shall be in such positions as to ensure safe launching having particular regard to the clearance from the propeller and steeply overhanging portions of the hull with the object of ensuring that so far as practicable, the survival craft can be launched down on the straight side of the vessel.

8 Survival Craft Launching Arrangements

Means shall be available to prevent any discharge of water onto the survival craft during abandonment.

9 Stowage of Lifebuoys

9.1 Lifebuoys shall be so distributed as to be readily available on both sides of the vessel and as far as practicable on all open decks extending to the vessel's side. At least one lifebuoy shall be placed in the vicinity of the stern.

- 9.2 Lifebuoys shall be so stowed as to be capable of being rapidly cast loose, and not permanently secured in any way to allow float free.
- 9.3 Except as otherwise provided, one lifebuoy shall be fitted on each side of the vessel with a buoyant lifeline attached.
- 9.4 Except as otherwise provided, lifebuoys with self-igniting lights and those with self-igniting lights and self-activating smoke signals shall be equally distributed on both sides of the vessel and shall not be the lifebuoys provided with buoyant lifeline.

10 Stowage of Lifejackets

- 10.1 Lifejackets shall be so placed as to be readily accessible and their positions shall be plainly indicated.
- 10.2 The additional lifejackets, when provided, shall be stowed in conspicuous places on deck or at muster stations.
- 10.3 If a lifejacket is individually stored in a plastic bag, and –
- (a) where the plastic bag is completely transparent, the plastic bag shall be easily ripped open; and
 - (b) where the plastic bag is opaque or is not completely transparent –
 - (i) the plastic bag shall be easily ripped open; and
 - (ii) there shall be clear indication at a conspicuous place on the outside of the plastic bag that the plastic bag contains a lifejacket.
- 10.4 If one or more lifejackets are stored in an enclosed space (for example: a cabinet, a bag) which is opaque or is not completely transparent, there shall be a clear indication at a conspicuous place on the outside of the enclosed space that the enclosed space contains a lifejacket.

11 Stowage and Packing of Pyrotechnic Distress Signals

- 11.1 Pyrotechnic distress signals provided for use on board a vessel shall be stowed on or near the navigating bridge.
- 11.2 All pyrotechnic distress signals provided for use on board vessels or lifeboats shall be packed in water-resistant casings when stowed.

12 Operating Instructions for Survival Craft and their Launching Controls

Posters and signs provided on or in the vicinity of survival craft and their launching controls shall illustrate the purpose of controls and the procedures for operating the appliance and give relevant instructions.

13 Manning of Survival Craft

There shall be a sufficient number of crew members to operate the survival craft and launching arrangements for abandonment by all the people on board. The crew should be acquainted with their duties.

14 Requirements of Inflatable Liferafts for Category A Fishing Vessels

Vessel Length (L) (m)	L < 24	24 ≤ L < 45 ⁽¹⁾
Inflatable Liferaft ⁽²⁾⁽⁵⁾	100% SOLAS B Pack inflatable liferaft ⁽⁴⁾	100% SOLAS A Pack inflatable liferaft 100% SOLAS B Pack inflatable liferaft ⁽³⁾

Notes:

- (1) The requirements for a vessel of 45 m or more in length shall be specified by the Director on a case-by-case basis.
- (2) Where the required quantity of life-saving appliances is expressed as a percentage, it means the percentage of life-saving appliances to the total number of persons on board.
- (3) For fishing vessels intend to operate in waters not more than 200 nautical miles away from the coast, they may use SOLAS B Pack inflatable liferafts for at least 80% of the total persons onboard, and use buoyant apparatus for the remaining persons.
- (4) For vessels of less than 20 m in length and intend to operate in waters not more than 120 nautical miles away from the coast, they may use SOLAS B Pack inflatable liferafts for at least 60% of the total persons onboard, and use buoyant apparatus for the remaining persons.
- (5) (a) Applicable to a Class III vessel that holds a valid port clearance;
(b) Required equipment for a Class III leader fishing vessel or individual operating fishing vessel which is exempted under section 69(1) of the Ordinance from complying with section 28(1) of the Ordinance, and will have an endorsement on the licence or certificate.

15 Requirements of Radiocommunications Equipment for Class III Vessels

Radiocomm. Equipment	Vessel Category	A	B
	Vessel Length (L) (m)	L < 45 ⁽¹⁾	L < 45 ⁽¹⁾
Citizen Band Transceiver		1	-

Notes:

- (1) The requirements for a vessel of 45 m or more in length shall be specified by the Director on a case-by-case basis.

16 Licensing, Operation, Operating Condition and Maintenance of Radiocommunications Equipment for Fishing Vessels

- 16.1 According to the Telecommunications Ordinance (Cap. 106) of the laws of Hong Kong, the model or type of radiocommunications equipment for fishing vessels must be approved or accepted by the Communications Authority (CA) and hold a licence of radio equipment issued by the CA.
- 16.2 The Ordinance requires equipment operators to receive appropriate training and obtain an operator certificate issued by the CA. Operator certificates issued by the Mainland or other countries are also acceptable.
- 16.3 The general condition of radiocommunications equipment shall be efficiently maintained. While a vessel is in operation, the certified operator or the ship master shall frequently carry out operation tests or inspections and keep record of the result.
- 16.4 When the radiocommunications equipment is licensed or installed for the first time, the vessel owner must submit a test and inspection report issued by the supplier or a suitable radio service company.

CHAPTER VIII

LIGHTS, SHAPES AND SOUND SIGNALS

1 General

- 1.1 Unless indicated otherwise, this chapter (including amendments made therein) applies to all vessels with effect from 1 July 2016.
- 1.2 Lights, shapes and sound signals provided for navigational purpose must be in accordance with the provisions of the Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Signals of Distress and Prevention of Collisions) Regulations, Cap. 369 sub. leg. N, which gives effect to the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea 1972 (COLREG), as amended.
- 1.3 All lanterns and sound signals must be of the type approved/certified by the Marine Department, or the Maritime Administration of a convention country.
- All lanterns and sound signals fitted on new vessel^{Note1}; or replacement of these lights/signals on existing vessel must be of the type approved/certified by the Marine Department, or the Maritime Administration of a convention country or an authorized organization (definition in Ch. I/3.1 refers). Each navigation light shall be accompanied by a type-approval certificate with unique serial number.
- 1.4 Where applicable special signals as required in the International Code of Signals published by the International Maritime Organization must be exhibited.
- 1.5 For ease of reference for meeting relevant provisions of the Regulations mentioned in section 1.1, the following sections, tables or diagrams indicate the signal appliances a vessel must exhibit when underway/towing/being towed, of type and length as indicated.

2 Definitions

For the purpose of this chapter, except where the context otherwise requires:

- (a) The words "length (L)" and "breadth" of a vessel mean her length overall and extreme breadth (as defined in Ch. I/3.1).
- (b) The term "height above the hull" means height above the uppermost continuous deck. This height shall be measured from the position vertically beneath the location of the light.

3 Alternative Lights

- 3.1 All vessels of $L \geq 24.4$ metres shall carry a complete set of alternative (standby) lanterns for the masthead lights, side lights (P. and S.) and stern light. The alternative lanterns may be either electric or oil type.
- 3.2 One set of spare bulbs (one per light) shall be carried for the electric lanterns. A set of spare chimneys (one per light) shall be carried for the oil lanterns.

^{Note1} Applicable to a vessel which is when the reference to "the commencement date" of the Survey Regulation in the definition of "new vessel" under section 2 of the Survey Regulation is substituted by "3 March 2017".

4 Lights and Sound Signals

4.1 Power Driven Vessels $L \geq 50$ m

Item	No. Reqd	Intensity/Size	Remark
Masthead Light	1 fwd 1 aft	visibility 6 n. miles	
Side Light (P&S)	1 set	" 3 n. miles	
Stern Light	1	" 3 n. miles	
Anchor Light	1 fwd 1 aft	" 3 n. miles	all round white
N.U.C. Light	2	" 3 n. miles	all round red
Black Ball	2	0.6 m diameter	
Black Diamond	1	0.6 m diameter, 1.2 m height	
Whistle	1	Audibility range 50 m $\leq$ L < 75 m 1 n. mile 75 m $\leq$ L < 200 m 1.5 n. mile	
Bell	1	0.3 m mouth diameter	
Gong	1		for L $\geq$ 100 m

4.2 Power Driven Vessels $20 \text{ m} \leq L < 50 \text{ m}$

Item	No. Reqd	Intensity/Size	Remark
Masthead Light	1	visibility 5 n. miles	
Side Light (P&S)	1 set	" 2 n. miles	
Stern Light	1	" 2 n. miles	
Anchor Light	1	" 2 n. miles	all round white
N.U.C. Light	2	" 2 n. miles	all round red
Black Ball	2	0.6 m diameter	
Black Diamond	1	0.6 m diameter, 1.2 m height	
Whistle	1	audibility range 1 n. mile	
Bell	1	0.3 m mouth diameter	

4.3 Power Driven Vessels $12 \text{ m} \leq L < 20 \text{ m}$

Item	No. Reqd	Intensity/Size	Remark
Masthead Light	1	visibility 3 n. miles	
Side Light (P&S)	1 set	" 2 n. miles	may be combined lantern
Stern Light	1	" 2 n. miles	
Anchor Light	1	" 2 n. miles	all round white
N.U.C. Light	2	" 2 n. miles	all round red
Black Ball	2	dimensions commensurate with size of vessel	
Black Diamond	1	ditto	
Whistle	1	audibility range 0.5 n. miles	
Sound Signal	1	means of making efficient sound signal	

4.4 Power Driven Vessels $L < 12$ m

Item	No. Reqd	Intensity/Size	Remark
Masthead Light	1	visibility 2 n. miles	may exhibit an all-round white
Stern Light	1	" 2 n. miles	light instead ^{Note A}
Side Light (P&S)	1 set	" 1 n. miles	may be combined lantern
Anchor Light	1	" 2 n. miles	all round white
N.U.C. Light ^{Note B}	2	" 2 n. miles	all round red
Black Ball ^{Note B}	2	dimensions commensurate with size of vessel	
Black Diamond ^{Note B}	1	ditto	
Sound Signal	1	means of making efficient sound signal	

Note

- (A) The masthead light or all-round white light may be displaced from the fore and aft centreline of the vessel if centreline fitting is not practicable, provided that the sidelights are combined in one lantern which shall be carried on the fore and aft centreline of the vessel or located as nearly as practicable in the same fore and aft line as the masthead light or the all-round white light.
- (B) Except those engaged in diving operations, the subject lights and shapes shall not be required.

- 4.5 Power driven vessel with $L < 7$ m and maximum speed not exceeding 7 knots may in lieu of the lights prescribed in 4.4 above, exhibit an all round white light and shall, if practicable, also exhibit sidelights.

4.6 Additional Requirements for Fishing Vessels

4.6.1 A vessel engaged in trawling

Item	No. Reqd	Remark
All Round Light	1	to be arranged in a vertical line, the upper being green and the lower white
Green and White	1	
or X Shape	1	
Masthead Light	1	applicable to $L \geq 50$ m, to be positioned abaft and higher than the green light required above

4.6.2 A vessel engaged in fishing other than trawling

Item	No. Reqd	Remark
All Round Light Red and White or X Shape	1 1 1	to be arranged in a vertical line, the upper being red and the lower white two cones with their axes together in a vertical line one above the other
All Round Light White or Cone Apex	1 1	applicable when there is outlying gear extending > 150 m horizontally from the vessel

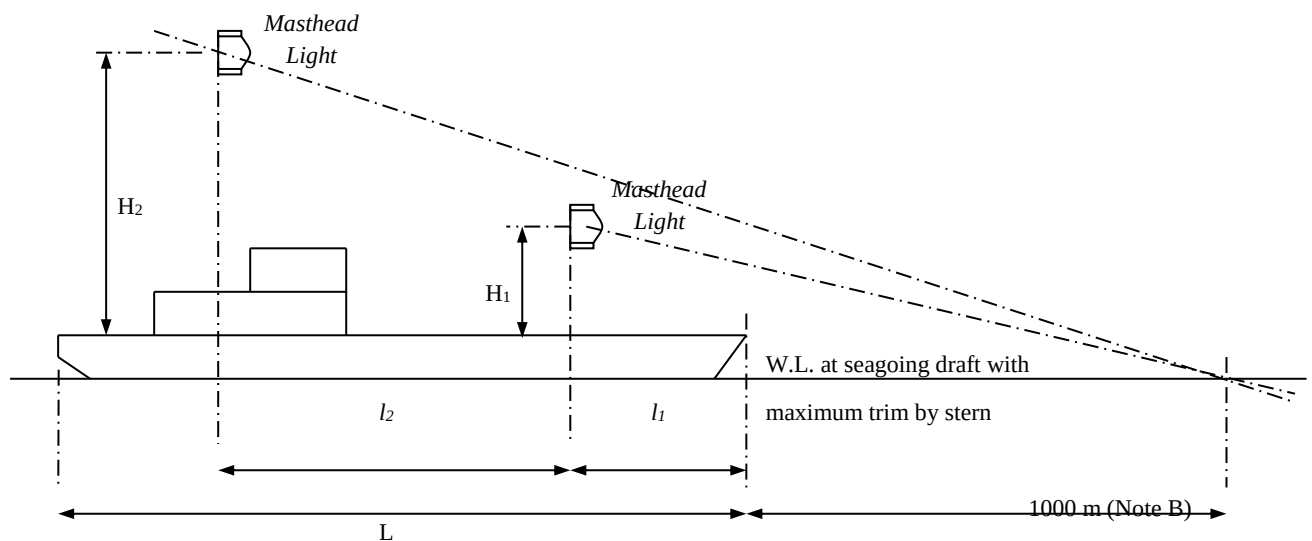
4.7 Vessel under oars

A vessel under oars must have ready at hand an electric torch or lighted lantern showing a white light which shall be exhibited in sufficient time to prevent collision.

5 Positioning of Light Signals

Except in special cases, the masthead light, side lights and stern light must be so placed as to be above and clear of all other lights and obstructions.

5.1 Masthead Light



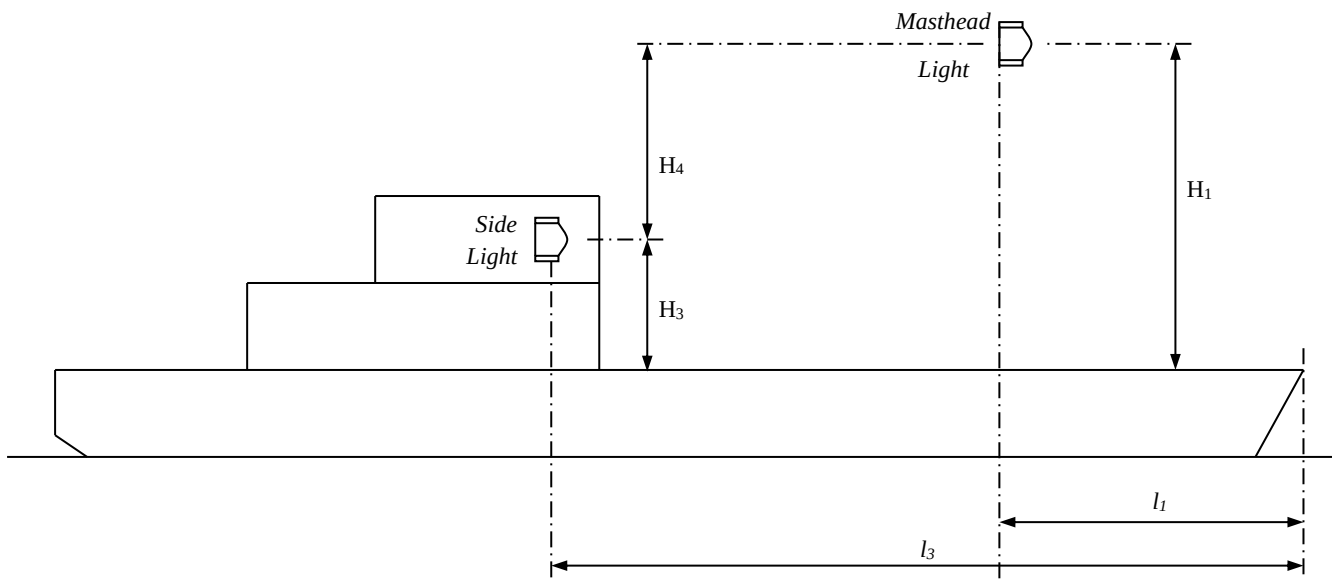
Ship Length L (m)	$L < 12$ (Note A)	$12 \leq L < 20$ (Note A)	$20 \leq L < 50$ (Note A)	$L \geq 50$
l_1	As far forward as is practicable	As far forward as is practicable	$\leq 0.5L$	$\leq 0.25L$
l_2	--	--	--	$\geq 0.5 L$
H_1	may be < 2.5 m (Note D)	≥ 2.5 m (Note C)	≥ 6 m or ship's breadth (whichever is greater), but need not > 12 m	
H_2	--	--	--	$\geq (H_1 + 4.5)$ (Note E)

Note

- (A) On vessels of $L < 50$ m only one masthead light is required.
- (B) The vertical separation of masthead lights of power-driven vessels must be such that in all normal conditions of trim the after light will be seen over and separate from the forward light at a distance of 1000 m from the stem when viewed from sea level.
- (C) On vessels of $12 \text{ m} \leq L < 20$ m the height is measured from gunwale.
- (D) Vessels of $L < 12$ m may carry the uppermost light at a height of less than 2.5 m above the gunwale. When however a masthead light is carried in addition to side lights and a stern light or the all-round lights prescribed in the regulation is carried in addition to side lights, then such masthead light or all-round light must be carried at least 1 m higher than the side lights.

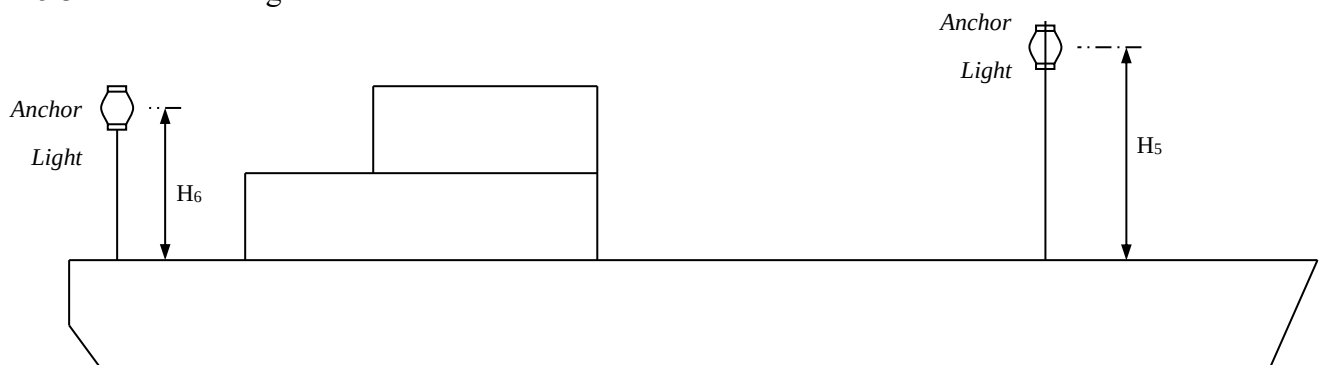
5.2 Side Light

- 5.2.1 The side lights of vessels of $L \geq 20$ m must be fitted with inboard screens painted matt black and meet the requirements with respect to horizontal sectors. On vessels of $L < 20$ m the side lights, if necessary to provide with horizontal sectors, must be fitted with inboard matt black screens. With a combined lantern, using a single vertical filament and a very narrow division between the green and red sections, external screens need not be fitted.
- 5.2.2 Side lights must not be so low as to be interfered with by deck lights. They must be placed at or near the side of the vessel (recommended not more than 0.1 ship's breadth from shipside).
- 5.2.3 The sidelights, if in a combined lantern and carried on a power-driven vessel of less than 20 m in length, must be placed not less than 1 m below the masthead light.



Length (m)	$L < 20$	$20 \leq L < 50$	$L \geq 50$
l_3	no requirement	$> l_l$ (i.e. side light not to be in front of masthead light)	$> l_l$ (i.e. side light not to be in front of forward masthead light)
H_3	$\leq 0.75 H_1$		
H_4	in the case of combined lantern, $\geq 1\text{ m}$	--	--

5.3 Anchor Light

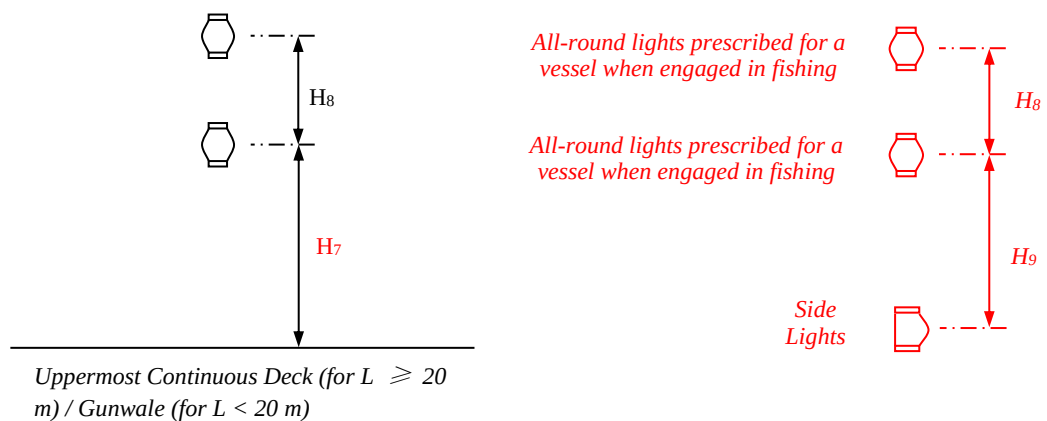


Length (m)	$L < 50$ (Note)	$L \geq 50$
H_5	Position can best be seen	$\geq 6\text{ m}$
H_6		$\leq (H_5 - 4.5)$

Note

On vessels of $L < 50\text{ m}$, only one anchor light is required.

5.4 Vertical Spacing of Lights fitted in a Vertical Line



Length (m)	$L < 20$	$L \geq 20$
H_7	$\geq 2\text{ m}$ (except where a towing light is fitted)	$\geq 4\text{ m}$ (except where a towing light is fitted)
H_8^{Note}	$\geq 1\text{ m}$	$\geq 2\text{ m}$
H_9	$\geq 2 H_8$	$\geq 2 H_8$

Note When 3 lights are carried they must be equally spaced.

5.5 Electric Light Vertical Sectors

The lights must be so positioned such that:

- (i) at least the required minimum intensity is maintained at all angles from 5° above to 5° below the horizontal; and
- (ii) at least 60% of the required minimum intensity is maintained from 7.5° above to 7.5° below the horizontal.

CHAPTER IX

TONNAGE MEASUREMENT

PART 1 General

1 Application

- 1.1 Subject to section 1.2, this chapter shall apply to **new vessels (see definition in Ch. I/3.1)**.
- 1.2 The following vessels are not required to be measured in accordance with this chapter –
- (a) any vessel the tonnage of which has been measured in accordance with the Merchant Shipping (Registration)(Tonnage) Regulations and is issued with the relevant tonnage certificate; or
 - (b) any vessel in possession of International Tonnage Certificate issued in accordance with the International Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships, 1969.
 - (c) **any existing vessel the tonnage of which has been measured in accordance with the previous methods of tonnage measurement.**

2 METHOD OF TONNAGE MEASUREMENT

- 2.1 The gross and net tonnages shall be determined in accordance with Part 2 of this chapter provided that in the case of novel types of vessel with constructional features which render the application of the provisions of Part 2 unreasonable or impracticable, the gross and net tonnages shall be determined as required by the Director.
- 2.2 All measurements used in the calculations of volumes shall be taken and expressed in metres to the nearest centimetre.
- 2.3 Gross and net tonnages shall be expressed as whole numbers, decimals being rounded off downwards.
- 2.4 All volumes included in the calculation of gross and net tonnages shall be measured, irrespective of the fitting of insulation or the like, to the inner side of the shell (below Main deck) or structural boundary plating (above Main deck) in ships constructed of metal, and to the outer surface of the shell (below Main deck) or to the inner side of the structural boundary surfaces (above Main deck) in ships constructed of any other material.
- 2.5 The total volume shall include volumes of appendages (e.g. rudder, kort nozzle, skag, propeller shaft bossings, etc.) but exclude the volumes of spaces open to sea. Volumes within the hulls of ship, such as split-hull barges and dredgers, shall be retained in V and V_c notwithstanding that the space within the hull is temporarily open to the sea when discharging cargo.

- 2.6 Enclosed spaces above the main deck not exceeding 1 m³, air trunks having a cross-sectional area not exceeding 1 m² are not to be measured.
- 2.7 Masts, cranes and container support structures, which are completely inaccessible and above the main deck, separated on all their sides from other enclosed spaces are not to be included in the total volume of all enclosed spaces. All mobile cranes are exempted.

PART 2 Ascertainment of Tonnage

3 Vessels of 24 Metres in Length and Above

- 3.1 Except wooden fishing vessels, the tonnage of vessels of 24 metres in length and above shall be ascertained in accordance with Part II of the Merchant Shipping (Registration)(Tonnage) Regulations..

4 Wooden Fishing Vessels of Any Length, and Other Vessels of Less Than 24 Metres in Length

- 4.1 The tonnage of wooden fishing vessels of any length; and all vessels of less than 24 m in length shall be ascertained in accordance with this section.

4.2 Gross tonnage

- 4.2.1 The gross tonnage (GT) shall be determined by the following formula:

$$GT = K_1 (V_1 + V_2)$$

where: $K_1 = 0.2 + 0.02 \log_{10} V_1$

$V_1 = V_H$, total volume of all enclosed spaces under the main deck, in m³; which shall be obtained from section 4.2.2 (in catamaran, $V_1 = 2 \times V_H$).

V_2 = total volume of all enclosed spaces above the main deck, in m³; which shall be obtained from section 4.2.3.

- 4.2.2 V_1 shall be determined by the following formula:

$$V_1 = L_m B D C \quad m^3$$

where: L_m = length of the main deck, m;

B = in vessels of other than wooden construction, the moulded breadth (in catamaran, the moulded breadth of one hull); and in wooden vessels, the breadth measured to the outer planking of the hull, m;

D = moulded depth, m;

C = coefficient obtained from the following table depending on the type of vessel:

Main deck is the deck which form the top of the enclosed space of the hull.

Vessel and Type of Vessel	Propulsion	Basic Hull Form	Hull Form Factor (C)
Class III Vessel			
Fishing Vessel	With Propulsion engine /No Propulsion engine	junk	0.60
GRP Fishing Sampan	With Propulsion engine	ship	0.60

4.2.3 V_2 shall be determined by the following formula:

$$V_2 = \Sigma l \times b \times h \quad \text{m}^3$$

where l , b , h are respectively the mean length, mean breadth and mean height of each tier of the enclosed spaces above the main deck, in m.

4.3 Net Tonnage

The net tonnage (NT) shall be determined by the following formula (for all types of vessels):

$$NT = 0.3 \times GT$$

where: GT = gross tonnage calculated by section 4.2.1 above.

CHAPTER XII

VESSEL SAFE OPERATION AND OPERATOR REQUIREMENTS

1 General

Every vessel that is fitted with propulsion engine shall be controlled by the following appropriate complement when underway -

- (a) coxswain; and
- (b) engine operator, except that specified in Schedule 3 of the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Certification and Licensing) Regulation (Cap. 548 sub. leg.).

2 Certificate Classes and Validity

- 2.1 Local certificates of competency issued before, and after commencement of the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels)(Local Certificates of Competency) Rules, (Local Certificates of Competency Rules), and its validity limitations are shown in the following table :

Certificates issued before the commencement of Local Certificates of Competency Rules	Certificates issued under Local Certificates of Competency Rules	Vessels Applicable
Local Certificate of Competency as Master of a vessel of 300 tons and under; Local Certificate of Competency as Trawling Master	Coxswain Grade 1	Up to and including 1600 gross ton ^{Note 1}
Local Certificate of Competency as Master of a vessel of 60 tons and under	Coxswain Grade 2	Up to and including 24 m length ^{Note 2} , and 26.4 m length overall ^{Note 3}
Local Certificate of Competency as Master of a Fishing Vessel;	Coxswain Grade 3	Up to and including 15 m length ^{Note 2} , and 16.5 m length overall ^{Note 3}
Local Certificate of Competency as Ferry engineer; Local Certificate of Competency as Engineer for a vessel with engine power over 150 BHP	Engine Operator Grade 1	Up to and including 3000 kW aggregate power ^{Note 4}
	Engine Operator Grade 2	Up to and including 1500 kW aggregate power ^{Note 4}
Local Certificate of Competency as engineer of a vessel with engine power up to 150 BHP; Local Certificate of Competency as Engineer of a Fishing Vessel	Engine Operator Grade 3	Up to and including 750 kW aggregate power ^{Note 4}

Note

- 1 If vessel's gross tonnage is greater than 1600 or vessel's total propulsion power is greater than 3000kW, special consideration may be sought from the Director.
- 2 "Length", as defined in Ch. I/3.1.
- 3 "Length overall", as defined in Ch. I/3.1.

- 4 “aggregate power” (總功率), according to Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels)(Local Certificates Of Competency) Rules, means the total power of all the vessel’s propulsion engines as specified in the certificate of survey or certificate of inspection issued to the vessel in accordance with the provisions of the Survey Regulation
- 2.2 Local certificate of competency as master restricted to operate a craft of not more than 10 metres in length and fitted with either a petrol outboard engine of not more than 12 kW power or a diesel engine of not more than 38kW power within limits of permitted areas issued before the commencement of the Local Certificates of Competency Rules shall, unless earlier suspended or cancelled-
- (a) continue in force until the date of its expiry;
 - (b) valid for operation within the limits of the permitted areas as shown shaded on the map in Schedule 3 of the Local Certificates of Competency Rules; and
 - (c) subject to the conditions except the geographic operational limits as endorsed in the original certificate.
- 2.3 Local certificate of competency as master restricted to operate in typhoon shelters only issued before the commencement of the Local Certificates of Competency Rules shall, unless earlier suspended or cancelled-
- (a) continue in force until the date of its expiry;
 - (b) valid for operation in typhoon shelters only; and
 - (c) subject to the conditions as endorsed on the original certificate.
- 3 Vessel Permitted to be Operated by Combined Coxswain and Engine Operator**
- 3.1 Except the types of vessels stated in section 3.2, and subject to the condition stated in section 3.3, vessels equipped for unattended machinery space operation as required in Ch. IIIA/18 when operating within Hong Kong waters may be operated under the command of a person who is a holder of both valid coxswain certificate and valid engine operator certificate (i.e. "combined coxswain").
- 3.2 The following types of mechanically propelled vessels while underway are not allowed to be controlled by only a combined coxswain:
- (a) vessel of length exceeding 24 metres;
 - (b) vessel of total propulsion engine horsepower exceeding 1000 kW (1340 BHP);
 - (c) any other type of vessel as considered by the Director not suitable to be operated by only a combined coxswain.
- 3.3 On a vessel commanded by only a combined coxswain, there should be at least one crew member with common engineering knowledge on board to assist the combined coxswain while the vessel is underway.
- 3.4 Any fishing vessel equipped as required in Ch. IIIA/18 and of length not exceeding 24 metres and total power not exceeding 260 kW (350 BHP), may be controlled by only a combined coxswain.

4 Reporting of Accidents

It is a statutory requirement for the owner or coxswain or agent of any local vessel to report accidents relating to collisions and fires etc. as required in Part XI of the

Ordinance.

5 Observance of Safe Navigational Speed, Carrying Certificated Operators and Adequate Number of Crew

- 5.1 When any vessel is under way, the coxswain shall ensure the vessel is proceeding at a safe navigational speed, and diligently comply with the speed limits in the relevant operating areas and the relevant operational requirements as promulgated in Marine Department notices from time to time.
- 5.2 Any owner or coxswain of the vessel shall observe any specified licensing conditions on vessel operator requirements, including those indicated in Ch. IIIA/18, IIIB/13, XII and Annex U-4 of this Code, in order to cope with operational needs including helping out emergency measures etc.

6 Third Party Risks Insurance Coverage

It is the obligation of the owner and agent of any local vessel to ensure compliance with the relevant requirements of the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Compulsory Third Party Risks Insurance) Regulation.

7 Duties Relating to Owner and Agent of Vessel

- 7.1 It is the responsibility of the owner and agent of any vessel:-
- (a) to ensure that the vessel is properly maintained, surveyed and certificated in accordance with the requirements of the Ordinance and regulations as mentioned in section 2 above, in addition to this Code; and
 - (b) to ensure that the vessel is built and constructed with adequate strength and stability, adequacy in safety for machinery, electrical and in safety arrangement and equipment for vessel's intended purpose through statutory survey and certification.
- 7.2 It is the responsibility of the owner, agent and the coxswain of any to observe applicable duties as indicated in the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels)(General) Regulation and Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels)(Certification and Licensing) Regulation, and in particular relating to restrictions imposed under section 6 and operators holding relevant certificates of competency etc. required on any vessel specified under sections 46 to 50 of the latter Regulation.

CHAPTER XIII

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR BATTERY POWERED VESSELS

1 Application to Battery Powered Vessels

- 1.1 This chapter applies to local vessels that use electric power for the propulsion or general electrical loads with an installed battery capacity greater than 600Wh using cells and batteries containing alkaline or other non-acid electrolytes. Such vessels shall comply with the requirements of this chapter in addition to any other applicable requirements of this code of practice.

2 Requirements for Battery Powered Vessels

- 2.1 Batteries shall be constructed and tested in accordance with the relevant IEC Publications or equivalent where applicable.
- 2.2 Any lithium-ion batteries and battery systems with a capacity greater than 600 Wh installed a local vessel shall comply with the Technical Specification Small Craft – Lithium-ion batteries (ISO/TS 23625:2021) or equivalent.
- 2.3 Any local vessels of 24 meters or above, or any of the vessel type listed below, shall comply with the relevant rules published by an Authorized Organization for Electric Propulsion Systems or equivalent.
- Class I vessels;
 - Dangerous goods carrier;
 - Oil / Noxious liquid substance / Gas carriers;
 - Special purpose vessels;
 - Mobile fishing vessels; and
 - Any Class II vessels that may navigate within river trade limits.
- 2.4 Any local vessels which do not belong to the vessels in paragraph 2.3 shall comply with the following:
- (a) Vessels shall be constructed to the International Standards – Small Craft – Electric Propulsion System (ISO 16315:2016) and Small craft — Fire protection (ISO 9094), or their equivalent.
 - (b) Batteries shall be positioned aft of the collision bulkhead.
 - (c) Boundaries of battery compartment which is part of a vessel's structure or enclosures shall be of equivalent structural integrity and A-60 fire integrity.
 - (d) A battery compartment shall be fitted with fire/heat detectors or detection system where suitable.

- (e) A battery compartment with combined stored energy over 50 kWh in lithium ion batteries shall be equipped with a type of fixed fire extinguishing system recommended as suitable for suppressing battery fire by the battery maker of that batteries.

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR CLASSIFICATION OF VESSELS APPLICABLE TO LOCAL VESSELS

1 American Bureau of Shipping (ABS)

- (i) Rules for Building and Classing Steel Vessels under 90 metres in Length
- (ii) Rules for Building and Classing High Speed Craft
- (iii) Rules for Building and Classing Steel Barges
- (iv) Steel Vessels for Service on Rivers and Intracoastal Waterways (for vessels operating within smooth waters)

2 Bureau Veritas (BV)

- (i) Rules for the Classification of Steel Ships
- (ii) Hull Structure and Arrangement for the Classification of Cargo Ships less than 65 m and Non Cargo Ships less than 90 m
- (iii) Hull Arrangement, Stability and Systems for Ships less than 500 GT
- (iv) Hull in Composite Materials and Plywood, Material Approval, Design Principles, Construction and Survey
- (v) Hull in Aluminium Alloys, Design Principles, Construction and Survey
- (vi) Rules for the classification of high speed craft

3 China Classification Society (CCS)

- (i) Rules for Classification of Sea-going Steel Ships
國內航行海船建造規範
- (ii) Rules for the Construction and Classification of Coastal Boats (applicable to vessels of length not exceeding 20 metres)
沿海小船入級與建造規範
- (iii) Rules for the Construction and Classification of Sea-Going High Speed Craft
海上高速船入級與建造規範
- (iv) Rules for Classification of Inland Waterways Steel Ships (applicable to vessels of length equal to or greater than 20 metres, operating in waters of Hong Kong or River Trade Limits not exceeding 5 km from coast)
鋼質內河船舶建造規範

4 DNV - AS

- (i) DNV Rules for Classification of Ships
- (ii) DNV Rules for Classification of High Speed, Light Craft and Naval Surface Craft

5 Lloyd's Register of Shipping (LR)

- (i) Rules and Regulations for the Classification of Ships
- (ii) Rules and Regulations for the Classification of Special Service Craft
(applicable to high speed craft, light displacement craft, multi-hull craft, yachts of overall length 24 m or greater and craft with draught to depth ratio less than or equal to 0.55)

6 Nippon Kaiji Kyokai (NK)

- (i) Rules and Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships
- (ii) Rules and Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Passenger Ships
- (iii) Rules and Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Inland Waterway Ships
- (iv) Rules and Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Ships of Fibreglass Reinforced Plastics
- (v) Rules and Guidance for High Speed Craft

7 Register of Fishing Vessel of the People's Republic of China (RFV)

The following are applicable to fishing vessel/fishing sampan

- (i) Regulation for Statutory Surveys of Fishing Vessels of the PRC – River Trade, GRP, Wooden Sea-going and Small Steel Fishing Vessels Statutory Surveys and Technical Regulations
《漁業船舶法定檢驗規則——內河、玻璃鋼、海洋木質及小型鋼質漁業船舶法定檢驗技術規則》
- (ii) Rules and Regulations for Construction of Sea-going Steel Fishing Vessel
《鋼質海洋漁船建造規範》
- (iii) Rules and Regulations for Statutory Inspection of Fishing Vessel
《漁業船舶法定檢驗規則》
- (iv) Rules and Regulations for Construction of Glass Reinforced Fibre Fishing Vessel (applicable to fishing sampan only)
《玻璃纖維增強塑料漁業船舶建造規範》

Note

- (1) The lists include the current rules and regulations applicable to local vessels issued by 7 classification societies/recognized authority and are not exhaustive. Rules and regulations issued by other authorized organizations; and alternative standards may be considered.
- (2) Hull scantlings and engine shafting calculations shall be verified and stamped by the respective Classification Society/Recognized Authority.

APPROXIMATE DETERMINATION OF STABILITY

Part 1 Simple Inclining Test

1 General

- 1.1 The simple inclining test is to ascertain the angle of heel a vessel would occur when 2/3 of the persons distributed on one side of the vessel and 1/3 on the other side. The objective being that it should be ensured that no angle of heel exceeding 7° will arise as a result of the movement of persons from one side of the vessel to the other side.

2 Test Procedure

- 2.1 The vessel should be tested with weights to represent the fully laden service condition.
- 2.2 The weights should be disposed, as far as practicable, with their centres of gravity in the correct vertical and lateral positions having regard also to those vessels where persons should be taken as congregated at 0.3 m² each on the uppermost deck or decks to which they have access.
- 2.3 The test should be carried out in the following manner: -
- (a) the vessel is to be loaded with weights as described above,
 - (b) calculate a heeling moment equal to 1/12th the weight of the persons (W) multiplied by the extreme breadth (B) of the vessel (WB/12),
 - (c) transfer weights from one side of the vessel to the other side in 3 equal increments such that the final heeling moment is equal to WB/12, the same vertical CG of the whole being maintained.

The weights and the distance that are moved together with the angle of heel should be recorded for each of the 3 moves.
 - (d) restore all the weights to their original positions and record angle of heel when they are restored,
 - (e) repeat (c) moving weights from opposite side,
 - (f) repeat (d),
 - (g) if the angle of heel exceeds 7° during the test, the owner might add ballast weight and to repeat the test procedures (c), (d), (e) and (f). The weight and position of such ballast should be recorded.

3 Acceptance of Stability

- 3.1 As a general rule, no vessel will be accepted where the angle of heel exceeds 7° as a result of a heeling moment of WB/12 or any greater heeling moment that could be expected to arise in service.
- 3.2 In any case where an angle of heel exceeding 4° has arisen as a result of a heeling

moment of WB/12, the seating and other arrangements of the vessel should be examined to see whether a heeling moment greater than WB/12 could be expected to arise in service. If this is found to be so, proper measure should be taken to avoid an angle of heel greater than 7° would arise as a result of this heeling moment.

Part 2 Rolling Period Test

4 General

The rolling period is the duration for one complete oscillation, i.e. starting from the extreme end of a roll to one side of the vessel, moves right across to the other extreme side and returns to the original starting point.

5 Test Procedure

- (a) The test should be conducted in harbour, in smooth water with the minimum interference from wind and tide.
- (b) The mooring should be slack. A reasonable clearance at the sides of the vessel should be maintained to avoid making any contact during its rolling.
- (c) Weights which are liable to swing or liable to move (e.g. a drum) should be secured against such movement. The free surface effects of slack tanks should be kept as small as is practicable.
- (d) The vessel is made to roll (e.g. by rhythmically lifting up and putting down a weight far off middle-line; by people running athwartships in unison; or by any other means). As soon as this forced rolling has commenced the vessel is allowed to roll freely and naturally.
- (e) By means of a stopwatch, the time is taken for not less than about five complete oscillations.
- (f) After allowing the roll to completely fade away, repeat the operations in paragraphs (d) and (e) twice and time recorded.

6 Determination of Metacentric Height (GM)

- (a) From the total time for the total number of oscillations made, calculate the mean time (say T seconds) for one complete oscillation.
- (b) The metacentric height GM_0 is to be determined from the following formula:

$$GM_0 = (0.77 B/T)^2$$

where

B = extreme breadth of vessel in metres

(Note: the formula is valid for motor dry cargo vessel of length not more than 24 metres in lightweight condition).

VISIBILITY REQUIREMENT FOR WHEELHOUSE

Regarding navigation bridge visibility, new vessels of 45m and over in length shall comply with the Regulation 22, Chapter V of the SOLAS; new vessels of 12m to 45m in length shall comply with the following paragraphs 1 to 12; new vessels of under 12m in length should comply as far as practicable to the requirements for larger vessels as set out in this Code of Practice.

Requirements for new vessels of 12m to 45m in length are as follows.

1. The view of the sea surface from the conning position (it is defined in this Code of Practice as the main steering position controlled by the coxswain in wheelhouse) shall not be obscured by more than two ship lengths, or 500 m, whichever is the less, forward of the bow to 10 degrees on either side under all conditions of draught, trim, deck weight and cargo handling gear. Attention should be drawn on the blind sector created on tankers whilst in lightweight condition.
2. No blind sector caused by cargo, cargo handling gear or other obstructions (e.g. securing bars fitted on window) outside of the wheelhouse forward of the beam which obstructs the view of the sea surface as seen from the conning position, shall exceed 10 degrees. The total arc of blind sectors shall not exceed 20 degrees. The clear sectors between blind sectors shall be at least 5 degrees. However, in the view described in para. 1, each individual blind sector shall not exceed 5 degrees;
3. The horizontal field of vision from the conning position shall extend over an arc of not less than 225 degrees, that is from right ahead to not less than 22.5 degrees abaft the beam on either side of the ship.
4. From each bridge wing the horizontal field of vision of vision shall extend over an arc of at least 225 degrees, that is from at least 45 degrees on the opposite bow through right ahead and then from right ahead to right astern through 180 degrees on the same side of the ship.
5. From the main steering position the horizontal field of vision shall extend over an arc from right ahead to at least 60 degrees on each side of the ship.
6. The ship's side shall be visible from bridge wing.
7. The height of the lower edge of the wheelhouse front windows above bridge deck should be kept as low as possible. In no case shall the lower edge present an obstruction to the forward view.
8. The upper edge of the wheelhouse front windows shall allow a forward view of the horizon, for a person with a height of eye of not less than 1600 mm above the deck at the conning position, when the ship is pitching in seas.
9. Framing between the wheelhouse windows shall be kept to a minimum and not be installed immediately forward of any workstation.

10. To help avoid reflections, the bridge front windows shall be inclined from the vertical plane top out, at an angle of not less than 10 degrees and not more than 25 degrees.
11. Polarized and tinted windows shall not be fitted.
12. At all time, regardless of weather conditions, at least two of the forward windows shall provide a clear view, and in addition depending on the wheelhouse configuration, an additional number of windows shall provide a clear view.
13. On ships of unconventional design which, in the opinion of the Director, cannot comply with this Annex, arrangements shall be provided to achieve a level of visibility that is as near as practical to that prescribed in this Annex.

Requirement for existing vessels

It is required that existing vessels have a clear view ahead from the steering position and where practicable, comply with the requirements in this Code.

Checklist for Engine Inspection

Annex I-2

(to be completed by Engine Workshop except Part 3)

[Note : This form is applicable to mechanized vessels installed with propulsion and generator engines]

Name of Vessel : _____ C.O.O. No.: _____

Type of Engine : _____

Engine Model : _____

Engine Serial No.: _____

Part 1 : Inspection item	Yes	No	N/A	Remarks
Cylinder head				
Valves, inlet/exhaust				
Liners and jackets				Hydraulic test
Pistons and gudgeon pins				
Bottom end bearings				
Cooling system				Hydraulic test
Injectors				Injectors calibration report shall be submitted
Fuel system				Fuel pump calibration report shall be submitted
Crankshaft/main bearing/Camshaft system				Inspection report shall be submitted
Governors				
Turbocharger				Inspection report shall be submitted
Lubrication system				
Starting system				
Electrical system				
Control system				
Instrumentation and monitoring system				
Mounting and alignment				
Detailed engine maintenance report attached				

Part 2 : Maintenance Workshop Particulars

Name of Responsible Person : _____ Tel.: _____

Position / Rank : _____ Date : _____

Responsible Person's Signature : _____ Tel : _____

Name of Engine Workshop : _____ Company Chop : _____

Company Address : _____

Business Registration No. : _____

Part 3: Vessel Owner Declaration

I have inspected the open up and overhaul of engine on _____

Actual Completion date: _____ Signature/Chop: _____

Name of Owner/Coxswain/Engine Operator _____

Telephone No. : _____

- Note : (1) Please use separate sheets if inspections are conducted by more than one workshop.
(2) Officers of Marine Department or Authorized Surveyors/Organizations reserve the right to inspect and dismantle the engine if necessary.

Checklist for Gearbox Inspection

(to be completed by Maintenance Workshop except Part 3)
 [Note : This form is applicable to mechanized vessels installed with gearboxes for propulsion]

Name of Vessel : _____ C.O.O. No.: _____

Type of Gearbox : _____

Gearbox Model : _____

Gearbox Serial No.: _____

Part 1 : Inspection item	Yes	No	N/A	Remarks
Casing				
Gears and shafts				
Disc				
Clutch system				
Bearings				
Gasket and seal				
Gearbox control system				
Cooling system				Hydraulic test
Hydraulic system				
Lubrication system				
Instrumentation and monitoring system				
Mounting and alignment				
Other items				
Detailed gearbox maintenance report attached				

Part 2 : Maintenance Workshop Particulars

Name of Responsible Person : _____ Tel.: _____

Position / Rank : _____ Date : _____

Responsible Person's Signature : _____ Tel : _____

Name of Maintenance Workshop : _____ Company Chop : _____

Company Address : _____

Business Registration No. : _____

Part 3: Vessel Owner Declaration

I have inspected the open up and overhaul of gearbox on _____

Actual Completion date: _____ Signature/Chop: _____

Name of Owner/Coxswain/Engine Operator _____

Telephone No. : _____

Note: (1) Use separate sheets if inspections are conducted by more than one workshop.
 (2) Marine Department Officers or Authorized Surveyors/Organizations reserve the right to inspect and dismantle the gearbox if necessary.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF MAIN ENGINE

1 Document/Data/Drawing to be Submitted

- 1.1 Proof of sales of the new / used engine;
- 1.2 Type Approval Certificate / Maker Certificate certified Marine Type of the new/used engine;
- 1.3 The added weight, vertical centre of gravity (VCG) and longitudinal centre of gravity (LCG) of new new/used main engine and its accessories;
- 1.4 The percentage of the added weight based on the lightship weight;
- 1.5 Engine Seating Arrangement for approval (if any modification);
- 1.6 Piping Arrangement for approval (if any modification);
- 1.7 When replacing engine power output is more than 130kW, it shall comply requirements in Annex I-10.

2 Devices to be Provided and Fitted

- 2.1 Main engine automatic shut-off and alarm arrangements (chapter IIIA / 8.4 refers; applicable to new Category A vessels that may ply beyond Hong Kong waters);
- 2.2 Main engine emergency stopping device in the wheelhouse (all vessels);
- 2.3 A silencer or expansion chamber should be fitted on the exhaust pipe (all vessels);
- 2.4 Existing gearbox and shafting system should be in acceptable condition (all vessels).

3 Fee and Form to be Done by Owner

- 3.1 Appropriate fees are to be paid in advance and surveys are to be arranged at appropriate stages;
- 3.2 "Form Survey 6B" is to be completed and returned to this office for further action.

4 Inspection/Measurement to be Taken

- 4.1 Inspection of installation of para. 2.3;
- 4.2 Testing of all safety devices of 2.1, 2.2 and general inspection of 2.4;
- 4.3 Lightship weight verification (inclining experiment if required);
- 4.4 Inspection of modified items; and
- 4.5 The engine should be stripped down and inspected by MD officer/authorized inspecting personnel (used engine only).

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF GENERATOR SET

1 Document/Data/Drawing to be Submitted

- 1.1 Proof of sales of the new generator set;
- 1.2 Maker Certificate certifying that the new/used generator set is of Marine Type;
- 1.3 The added weight, vertical centre of gravity (VCG) and longitudinal centre of gravity (LCG) of new new/used main engine and its accessories;
- 1.4 The percentage of the added weight based on the lightship weight;
- 1.5 Engine Seating Arrangement for approval; (if any modification);
- 1.6 Piping Arrangement for approval; (if any modification);
- 1.7 Electrical Arrangement / Revised Electrical Arrangement; (if any modification);
- 1.8 Main Switchboard Wiring Diagram; (if any modification);
- 1.9 A.C. Electrical System Diagram. (if any modification);
- 1.10 When replacing engine power output is more than 130kW, it shall comply requirements in Annex I-10.

2 Devices to be Provided and Fitted

- 2.1 A silencer or expansion chamber should be fitted on the exhaust pipe (all vessels).

3 Fee and Form to be Done by Owner

- 3.1 Appropriate fees are to be paid in advance and surveys are to be arranged at appropriate stages;
- 3.2 "Form Survey 6B" is to be completed and returned to this office for further action.

4 Inspection/Masurement to be Taken

- 4.1 Lightship weight verification (inclining experiment if required).
- 4.2 Inspection of modified items.
- 4.3 The engine should be stripped down and inspected by MD officer/authorized inspecting personnel (used engine only).

**REQUIREMENTS FOR WAIVING INCLINING EXPERIMENT
AFTER THE ADDITION / REPLACEMENT OF ENGINE(S)
OR MINOR ALTERATION**

1 Technical Requirements

In general speaking, the Inclining Experiment can be waived subject to the total increased/decreased weight of the engine and its accessories or minor alteration do not exceed 2% of lightship weight (which was measured in the last inclining test) and the following conditions:

- (a) Heel is not more than 5 degree;
- (b) Ship's trim in any probable loading condition does not make the passenger deck less than 300mm above deepest loaded waterline;
- (c) The intact and damage stability (where applicable) comply with the requirements of Ch. IV/1.3 and 2 respectively;
- (d) Minimum freeboard complies with the requirements of Ch. IV/1.2.
- (e) Comply with the applicable requirements of this Code.

2 Information to be Submitted

- (a) The added/decreased weight, vertical centre of gravity (VCG) and longitudinal centre of gravity (LCG) of engine and its accessories or proposed alteration.
- (b) The lightship weight and longitudinal centre of gravity (LCG) calculation with the percentage change.

HARMFUL ANTI-FOULING SYSTEMS

The Merchant Shipping (Control of Harmful Anti-Fouling Systems on Ships) Regulation (Cap. 413N) which comes into effect on 1 January 2017 is to implement the International Convention on Control of Harmful Anti-Fouling Systems on Ships, 2001. The requirements of the Regulation are highlighted as follows:

- (1) Any vessel must not, on or after the commencement date of the regulation, bear any organotin compounds that act as biocides in the anti-fouling system of the vessel. If a vessel bore any organotin compounds that act as biocides in its anti-fouling system before the commencement date, it must, as from that date, bear a coating that forms a barrier to the compounds.
- (2) Any vessel of 400 gross tonnage or above and engaged in international voyages must be subject to survey for the issue / endorsement of International Anti-Fouling System Certificates.
- (3) Any vessel of 24 meters or more in length, less than 400 gross tonnage and engaged in international voyages, the owner and the master of which must ensure that a declaration that is made in respect of anti-fouling system of the vessel is kept on board the vessel.

**Implementation of the Requirements of
Annex VI of MARPOL 73/78 to Locally Licensed Vessels**

The new Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Air Pollution) Regulation, CAP 413P has entered into force on 1 July 2016. The regulation is to implement the requirements of MARPOL Annex VI in Hong Kong. The Marine Department Notice (MDN) No. 39 of 2016 promulgated on 6 April 2016 gives details of the relevant requirements applicable to local vessels under the regulation. The MDN 39 of 2016 is available at the following URL:
<http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/notices/pdf/mdn16039.pdf>

ALTERATION TO LOCAL VESSELS

Ship owners, agents, operators and repairers shall take relevant responsibilities with respect to alteration intended to be made on a licensed local vessel which is issued with a Certificate of Survey (COS) or a Certificate of Inspection (COI):

1. Alteration that will cause a local vessel be regarded as a new vessel

If the intended alteration is so substantial that it causes the vessel to fall within the definition of “New Vessel” described in paragraph (b) under the section 2 of the Survey Regulation, the vessel needs to be issued with a new license and shall comply with all the latest applicable requirements.

2. Alteration that requires permission

If the intended alteration is of such an extent that will render the particulars stated in any documents referred to in section 75(a) of the Survey Regulation inaccurate, but not to the extent that it will render the vessel a new vessel, the owner shall follow the provision of section 76 or section 77 of the Survey Regulation to apply for a written permission before making any alteration to the vessel. If an alteration is made without the required written permission, the person who makes or causes the making of the alteration commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine at level 3. The altered vessel will be required to be restored to the condition it was in immediately before the alteration. Vessel’s certificates may be suspended before the required restoration work is completed.

3. Other alteration

Under section 28(2)(a)(v) of the Survey Regulation, COS or COI of a vessel may be suspended or cancelled if any material change occurs after the survey leading to the issue of the COS or COI.

4. Application required to be made by the owner or his agent

- 4.1 Owner or his agent shall apply to MD according to the procedure of licensing a new vessel if the intended alteration of his vessel falls in paragraph 1.
- 4.2 Owner or his agent shall make an application for alteration using the specified form if the intended alteration of his vessel falls in paragraph 2 or 3. The application form for alteration can be downloaded from the website of MD. The application form should be submitted to MD or an authorized surveyor (AS) depending on the type of certificate that the vessel is issued with:
 - (a) if the certificate is a COS, the application form shall be submitted to the Local Vessels Safety Section of MD;
 - (b) if the certificate is a COI, the application form shall be submitted to the AS who issued the COI.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS OF INITIAL SURVEY FOR
LICENSING OF NEWLY BUILT WOODEN VESSELS**

1. General Requirement

Due to the difference in hull form and the structure pattern, if the arrangement of main longitudinal structural component and the section scantling satisfy the total section area of the various components in the midship region, it is allowed to adequately adjust the section scantling of various components in the deck and the ship's bottom part (below bilge keel).

2. Inspection before Commencement of Work

2.1. Examination of raw material

2.1.1. Examine whether the material quality, strength and performance of primary structural components for the construction of ship are conformed to the requirements of drawings, rules and standards.

2.1.2. Besides the natural contorted material used in the curving shape structure, the timber wood used on ship should be fully exsiccated.

2.1.3. According to the toughness of different types of tree, it may be divided into hard wood (如坤甸、紅稠、柞、櫟、榆、水曲柳、黃菠蘿、樟、槐、柚、柯、梢等) and soft wood (如紅松、落葉松、馬尾松、杉柏、桉等) two major types.

The components of bulkhead base, stem, stern frame, rudder post, stern centre girder, stern side girder, bracket, bulkhead stiffeners etc should used hard wood. Keel plate, side planking and engine bed plate should used hard wood or high quality pine wood

2.1.4. Whether it is planking or batten, the front side should be facing outward when installed. And the reverse side (tree ring side) should be facing inward

2.1.5. Defects and limitation of usage of timber material can refer to the relevant requirements of recognized classification societies or flag administrations.

2.2 Building yard should submit the important construction workmanship to Marine Department for approval.

2.3 Examine the workshop for pre-fabrication of frames and ensure the workshop is neat and solid.

3. Hull Inspection

3.1. According to approved drawing, inspect whether the material and dimensions of all

components and shell plate are conformed to the approved drawing or the relevant requirements of recognized classification societies or flag administrations. Keel plate, engine bed and rubbing strake should use hard wood. If good quality pine wood is to be used, permission from Marine Department to be obtained.

- 3.2. When laying the keel, surveyor should check the size and type of the joint. Also check whether two hard wood treenails are effectively piled at the centre line of the joint.
- 3.3. To inspect the structural style of stem, stern frame structural style, and whether the connections of other components are fasten and reliable.
- 3.4. Spot check the quality of the constitution of frames, the deviation of the half breadth of the frames at waterline should not be greater than 3mm. The quality of the joint should conform to the relevant requirement.

To survey the position of the frame installed on the keel and the deviation of the level of left and right, the deviation should not be greater than 4mm. If distortion appeared after the installation, corresponding corrective process should be carried out before the construction can continue.

- 3.5. The end of the joints of longitudinal structure, side shell and deck plating, except there is limitation in the structure, should fit in the transverse aggregate and fastened by bolts. The contact face must be closely fitted. The shifted distance between planks in way of the joints should satisfy the relevant requirements of recognized classification societies or flag administrations.
- 3.6. The side shell plating and frame should be closely fitted; the contact area should not be less than 90% of the total contact area. The contact face should be spread with putty. The gap of plank seam between every plate should meet the requirements of recognized classification societies or flag administrations.
- 3.7. The joints of garboard plate and sub-garboard plate should avoid placing under the engine base, the connection to the two sides of the keel plate should be suitably process and closely fitted.
- 3.8. Deck plating and beams should be closely fitted. The contact face should be spread with putty. The gap of plank seam between every plate should meet the requirements of recognized classification societies or flag administrations.
- 3.9. According to the approved drawings, inspect the installation position of the engine bed plate. The deviation should not be greater than 5mm. If the installation position changed, permission must be obtained from surveyor.

The lower surface of engine bed plate and the upper surface of side shell frame should be closely fitted. The un-contact face of each side shell frame should not be more than 30% of the total contact face. The thickness of the outside engine base plate should not be less than 60mm.

4. The Installation and Process of Hull Components

- 4.1. Inspect the condition of the process of the surface of the hull main components, the smooth finish of the surface should conform to the relevant requirement.
- 4.2. Mast post, rudder stock and others round shape components should be fine processed.
- 4.3. The adjoining plane of stern frame and stern tube, mutual adjoining plane of parts of combination stern tube should be precise processed, the surface can be rough machining.
- 4.4. Engine bed plate surface should be precise processed, other surface allow fine processed.
- 4.5. Measurement of main components of hull dimensions, the tolerances should not be more than the following required value:
 - a) The allowable deviation of material of keel, keelson, stem, stern frame, rudder stock, stern tube: length is $\pm 0.3\%$; wide is $\pm 1\%$; thickness (height) is $\pm 1\%$
 - b) The allowable deviation of material of garboard plating, ship side planking, deck planking, longitudinal girder, beam stringer: width is ± 5 mm; thickness is ± 4 mm.
 - c) The allowable deviation of deck beam, hatch end beam, half beam, hatch side girder, hatch coaming, engine base plate, deck plate, side planking: width is ± 4 mm, thickness is ± 2 mm.
 - d) The allowable deviation of the height of side frame is $\pm 3\%$
- 4.6. The allowable deviation of the hull principal dimensions:
 - a) The allowable deviation of ship length (L) is $\pm 0.3\%$
 - b) The allowable deviation of ship breadth (B) is $\pm 0.3\%$
 - c) The allowable deviation of ship depth (D) is $\pm 0.4\%$
 - d) The allowable deviation of stem, centre line of stern frame and centre line of keel should not be greater than 5mm
 - e) The allowable deviation of centre line of tailshaft and centre line of rudder stock should not be greater than 3mm
 - f) The width of side frame at waterline level should not be greater than 0.3% of the width of waterline

5. Inspection of Nails, Screws and Bolts

- 5.1. Examine the strength performance test report of the connection of material, verify the whether the machined dimension of the connecting piece conform to the requirements.
- 5.2. Check whether the number and arrangement of nails, screws and bolts for connection of each component are conforming to the relevant requirements.

- 5.3. Check whether the size of the hole drilled for nails and bolts during fabrication with diameter 1mm less than the diameter of the nails and bolts to be fitted. Check whether the nails and bolts inserted into each component are fastened.
- 5.4. When using nails and bolts, gasket (rove) should be added. Before insert, the head should wrap with 2 to 3 layer of yarn (or rattan) soaked with putty. The nut of the bolts should be in the inboard of the hull.
- 5.5. The end of the joints of longitudinal structure, side shell and deck plating, except there is limitation in the structure, should fit in the transverse aggregate and fastened by bolts. The contact face must be closely fitted.
- 5.6. Except due to special condition in the structure, all nails, ends of bolts and the top surface of screws installed on board should be embedded 3mm to 10mm under the surface of components, and plastered by putty.

6. Caulk and Watertight

- 6.1. General requirement of caulking of hull
 - 6.1.1. Caulking must not be carried out on any components when nails, screws and bolts are not in fasten condition or the timber is in wet condition.
 - 6.1.2. The seam of all components such as hull plating, deck plating, deck house, bulkhead of superstructure and watertight transverse bulkhead, etc after caulking and all nails, screw and bolts should be plastered to ensure the watertightness and surface smoothness of the hull.
 - 6.1.3. In the important watertight position, such as side planking, deck plating, watertight transverse bulkhead and water tank, etc, “clinch” and “spike nail” for connection of seam should be applied at suitable distance (about 100mm).
 - 6.1.4. When the depth of crackle on the hull surface components exceeds 1/10 the thickness of the material, repair by caulking should be carried out. When there is decay, borer or other defects on components, patch should be applied (remove all the defected timber and inert the filler material of the caulk) to bridge and fill up. For larger area, should gouge and clinching, and then patch to increase the adhesive strength.
 - 6.1.5. The edge of the seam of the two plank should be beveled, the seam should be in “V” shape when place in position together.
 - 6.1.6. The seam between two planks should be as close as possible. If the thickness of plank is less than 60mm, the outside gap of the seam should not be greater than 5mm, the inside gap of the seam should not be greater than 3mm. If the thickness of the plank is greater than 60mm, the outside gap of the seam should not be greater than 8mm, the inside gap of the seam should not be greater than 3mm.

6.1.7. The gap of the seam of hull plating, deck plating cannot meet the about requirement, it is allowed to use clinching to process.

6.2. The requirements of caulking technique

6.2.1. Caulking layer included bottom putty, filling material and top putty three parts. The bottom putty should be a smaller amount and evenly spread, do not put excessive putty. The filling material should be shredded into small piece and squeezed into the seam. After squeezed into the seam should have a recess of 2 ~ 5 mm. After the external area of the filler about 30% ~ 35% desiccated, the seam should be plastered by putty. The putty should be leveled with the surface of the plank.

6.2.2. The overlapping of the same putty connection should not be less than 100mm and should be repeatedly kneaded.

6.2.3. For double side caulk, caulking to be carried out in the inboard side before the outboard side. The depth of the caulk of the seam in the inboard side should be 10% ~ 20% of the plank thickness. The depth of the caulk of the seam in the outboard side should be 50% ~ 60% of the plank thickness. For single side caulk, the depth of the caulk should be 60% ~ 70% of the plank thickness.

6.2.4. If the putty is not congealed 15 days after the completion of the caulking of the hull, the reason to be find out and take necessary action.

6.3. Inspection of caulking material

6.3.1. Examine whether the yarn, gauze, rattan and putty are conforming the requirements of recognized classification societies or flag administrations.

6.3.2. Examine the certificate of the product of wood oil, whether the physical properties are conforming the requirements of recognized classification societies or flag administrations. The following simple testing methods can be used during survey to verify:

a) Smell: Whether there is a special odour of the wood oil;

b) Colour: Whether the oil is clear. The colour of good oil is pure and no impurity;

c) Viscosity: Use a rod to soak some oil and drop into still and clear water. Check whether the oil will congregate into a circular droplet and not diffuse. If the oil quickly diffused into the water, it means water content is high and it fake oil;

d) Boil: Put a spoon of wood oil into an iron pan, heat to 250°C ~ 290°C temperature. If the oil can form a honeycomb shape solid, the wood oil is pass.

6.4. Hull Tightness Test

6.4.1. After all the putty of the vessel dried up, tightness test is to be carried out before launching of the vessel. Surveyor can deem necessary the condition of the vessel to decide which part to be tested. During the test, no leakage occur in the part tested is

considered acceptable.

6.4.2. There are three types of tightness test, flood test, hose test and spray test:

- a) Flood test: the height of the flooding to be up to maximum loaded draught for not less than 1 hour;
- b) Hose test: The nozzle diameter for the test should not be less than 16mm. During the test, the height of the water jet should not be less than 10m and the distance between the nozzle and the testing area should not be greater than 3m;
- c) Spray test: Use water spray to testing area and simulate the windy and rainy weather condition.

6.4.3. Flood test is applicable for the hull shell plate and water tank bulkhead; hose test is applicable for deck plate, deck house bulkhead and hatch cover; spray test is suitable for skylight of engine room, windows and doors of bridge and other windows and doors to open area.

6.4.4. When it is difficult to carry out tightness test when the vessel is on slipway, the tightness test can be carried out after the launching of the vessel with the approval from the surveyor.

7. Special Requirements and Inspection of Machinery and Electrical Installation

7.1. Inspection of main engine and gearbox installation

7.1.1. Main engine and gear box seating should have adequate strength and rigidity. The roughness of upper and lower contact area of seating should not exceed $6.3 \mu\text{m}$, and the tolerance of the total length of plane should not exceed 0.10mm. The holding down fitted bolts of engine should not be less than 15% of the total bolts and minimum should have 4 fitted bolts. At least 2 fitted bolts are to be fitted for gearbox.

7.1.2. The foundation and the engine bed plate should be uniformly contact, the contact area should not be less than 75%.

7.1.3. One to three layer of metallic liners may be used for adjusting the space between the engine bed plate and foundation, and preventive measure is to be provided to avoid loosen of fitted bolts.

7.1.4. The gap between side frame and the casing of main engine and gear box shall not be less than 25 mm.

7.1.5. If the main engine has been installed on the slipway, the main engine and the shafting system to be re-examined after 48 hours of the launching of the vessel.

7.2. Inspection of lightning protection system

7.2.1. All wooden fishing vessels should be fitted with lightning protection.

- 7.2.2. Air terminals should be made from copper rod of not less than 12mm diameter or iron rod of not less than 25mm diameter, and project at least 150mm above the top of the vessel (or fittings).
- 7.2.3. Down conductors should have a minimum cross sectional area of 70mm² for copper tape or 100mm² for iron tape. The tape shall be solidly connected between air terminal and earth plate.
- 7.2.4. Down conductors should be securely connected between air terminal and earth plate. The earth plate shall be installed on exterior of hull shell plate and ensure the plate remain immersed when the vessel is rolling. The earth plate shall be of copper and the area shall not be less than 0.2m². The earth plate shall not be painted.
- 7.3. Inspection of earthing of electrical appliance
- All electrical appliances should be earthed. The requirements of main earth plate and lightning earth plate are the same. However, the two systems shall not be connected to the same earth plate.

Note: The above are made reference to the relevant requirements of “The ‘Ocean Fishing Vessels Statutory Survey Standard 2003’ of Register of Fishing Vessels of the People’s Republic of China”

HULL INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS (OPERATION INSPECTION) OF WOODEN VESSEL

1. General Requirements

- 1.1. If the components or parts of the hull of wooden vessel under operation, exceed the required erosion (decay) limitation as specified in the following Table. The repair or renewal shall be carried out according to the requirements of original building.

Limitation of erosion (decay) of main components of hull

Serial No.	Components	Type of erosion, decay	Allowable erosion limit
1	Keel, keelson	Normal borer, decay	Depth exceeding 20% of the thickness; Partial depth exceeding 30% of the thickness
2	Hull shell plate	Borer, decay, wear down	Depth exceeding 25% of the thickness
3	Deck plate	Wear down, decay	Depth exceeding 25% of the thickness
4	Stem, rudder stock, deck beam, hatch side girder	Rotten	Depth exceeding 35% of the thickness
5	Side frame and its stiffeners	Erosion	Partial depth exceeding 25% of the thickness; Area of erosion more than 25% of the surface

- 1.2. On hull shell plate, main deck and other external and internal longitudinal components. If the depth and area of the wear and tear or decay affect the fastening function of the nails and bolts or cannot carry out caulking and there is leakage. The repair or renewal shall be carried out according to the requirements of original building.
- 1.3. Before docking of the vessel, the fuel tank, cargo hold, fish hold, refrigerating hold and water tank, etc should be emptied. Blocking should be properly arranged to avoid local concentration of loading.
- 1.4. Inspect of hull of wooden vessel also need to conform the relevant requirements of Chapter II of this Code.

2. Annual Survey

- 2.1. In general external inspection of each part of the hull is to be carried out. Particular attention will be paid on the main structural components of amidship and forward side planking (planking), rubbing strake, bulwark stay, bulwark stringer, fwd and aft handrail, deck longitudinal, etc. Also the technical condition of the caulk will be checked.

- 2.2. All opening and hatch arrangement to be inspected and tested. The relevant requirements of Load Line survey shall refer to Chapter IV of this Code.

3. Intermediate Survey

- 3.1. The inspection items, contents and requirements of intermediate survey shall include the annual survey items. In addition, the survey of hull bottom is to be carried out.
- 3.2. Intermediate survey shall normally carry out on slipway. External inspection of keel, garboard plate, bottom plate, bilge keel, stem, stern frame, rudder stock and keel band shall be carried out. The caulk of the underwater hull part to be carefully examined. When crack appear on caulk of seam, the caulk to be partially gouged out for inspection if necessary. Inspection shall also include the effectiveness of the coating for the prevention of borer, decay and anti-fouling.
- 3.3. The underwater hull inspection shall also include the examination of propeller, rudder, oil sealing arrangement of tail shaft and the examination and measurement of the rudder pintle clearance and tail shaft bearing clearance.

4. Renewal Survey

- 4.1. Renewal survey shall be carried out on slipway together with the repair works of the vessel if possible. Surveyor shall carry out survey together with the ship owner and the shipyard. According to the results of the survey and the requirements of Table at para. 1.1 of this Annex, verify the repair items of the vessel.
- 4.2. After docking of the vessel, the bottom sheathing and any sundries inside the fish hold, refrigerating hold and water tank etc. shall be removed. The paneling, insulation and other obstacle shall be partially removed, if necessary, to facilitate the inspection of the technical condition of the covered hull structure.
- 4.3. For vessel less than 10 years of age, inspection shall concentrate on the hull shell plate, keel band, deck plate, bulwark, cargo hold or fish hold, including the components near the insulation and the condition of the joints, tabled-scarf, caulk and coating, etc.
- 4.4. For vessel more than 10 years of age, more thorough inspection shall be carried out on main components of the vessels such as keel, stem, stern frame, side frame, deck beam, internal longitudinal girder, bulkhead, etc. To check the level of borer, decay, wear and tear and contact damage. If the damages exceeding the required limit, repair or renewal shall be carried out.
- 4.5. Full inspection shall be carried out for all the caulk below waterline. For vessels more than 8 years old, all caulk of the hull shall be gouged and renewed. In general the outer gap of the seam should not be greater than 15mm; the inner gap of the seam shall be closely fitted. Otherwise, it shall not carry out caulking. If the width of the seam is large and not suitable for caulking, the plank shall be replaced to reduce the width of the seam.

All caulk shall be subject to tightness test after repair or renewal.

- 4.6. When examine the condition of the stern structure, pay attention to distortion in the joints of components, leakage in seam, variation in shaft line of tailshaft, increase in vibration, etc. If abnormality find, repair shall be carried out. If the variation of the shaft line of tailshaft is due to insufficient hull strength, repairs shall combine with partial reinforcement of the strength and rigidity of the hull.

5. Hull Repair Requirements

- 5.1. When the main components of the hull exceeding the erosion (decay) limit prescribed in the Table at para. 1.1, the component shall be replaced. If the limit is not excess, the borer and decay part shall be removed. Use patch method to gouge and fill up. For wider area, rabbet shall be bored or clinching and patch to increase the adhesive strength.
- 5.2. If transverse cracks or broken damages appear in the components of the hull, the component shall be renewed.
- 5.3. If the joint in side shell, longitudinal components, strengthened deck plate, transverse framing of amidship area find loosen or crack or distortion appear in the seam. Repair and reinforcement of the structure shall be carried out.
- 5.4. In the seam and tabled-scarf area at the end face of the important components. If cross crack appear and the colour of the component near the crack changed to black, the component shall be replaced. Under the condition that the strength and watertightness are not affected, the main plank can be partially renewed.
- 5.5. The requirements for the precision of machining, tolerance after machining, connection method, the shifted distance between planks, choice of nails, screw or bolts, etc shall follow the relevant requirements of recognized classification societies or flag administrations.
- 5.6. The old caulking material shall be removed and re-filled with new caulking material in caulk required for repair. The bevel edge of the plank shall not be damage during the removed of old caulking material. The caulk shall be smooth, clean and grease free.
- 5.7. For scattered worm holes with diameter less than 5mm. The worm shall be removed and fill up with putty and gauze. For diameter less than 10mm, bore hole in way of the worm hole and remove the worm. Plug the hole with treenail and interlace the surrounding gap with gauze and cover with putty.
- 5.8. For exposed nuts, depend on the condition of the surrounding timber. Interlace with gauze and plaster with putty, if necessary. Not caulking shall be carried out if the bolt is not fastened.

6. Prevention of Worm and Decay

6.1. The periodical requirements of worm and decay preventive measure on main structural components:

- a) The wooden structural components below fully loaded waterline shall carry out a worm prevention process every four years (in line with renewal survey).
- b) The surface of all steel components below fully loaded waterline and weather exposed area shall be coated every year, can be in line with annual survey.
- c) Anti-fouling coating for the vessel bottom shall be re-coated every year.
- d) Asphalt type coating for under water hull below the fully loaded waterline and coating for the hull surface above fully loaded waterline and components inside accommodation. Shall be re-coated every two years together with renewal survey or intermediate survey.

Note: The above are made reference to the relevant requirements of “The ‘Ocean Fishing Vessels Statutory Survey Standard 2003’ of Register of Fishing Vessels of the People’s Republic of China”

GUIDANCE ON MACHINERY AND HULL WEAR DOWN OR CORROSION TOLERANCE LIMITS AND OTHER INSPECTION ITEMS

Note: If a vessel is classed with a recognized classification society (AO), the corresponding technical guidance of the classification society may be applied to such vessel.

(A) Hull

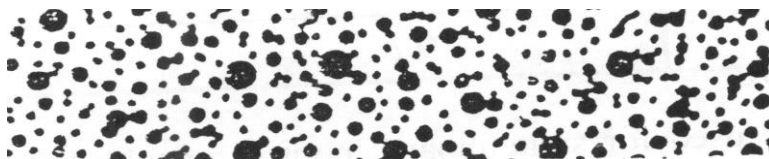
1. Repairing of Corroded Hull and Structural Member

- 1.1 The thickness reduction of hull envelope plating and internal structural members caused by corrosion shall not be more than the specified percentage of the original built thickness as shown in the following table (in the case of increased thickness from minimum requirement will be separately considered):

Material	Corrosion Limit (%)	
	Steel	Aluminium
Deck Plating Shell Plating	30	15
Internal Structural Member	30	20
Seating for Main Engine, Crane, Windlass, etc.	25	15

When the corrosion exceeds the above limit, the relevant plate or structural member shall be cropped and renewed.

- 1.2 Local scar corrosion: the corroded member shall be cropped and renewed if the width of the scar exceeds 50mm or the depth of the scar exceeds 40% of the fabricated thickness.
- 1.3 Pitting corrosion: the corroded member shall be cropped and renewed if the depth of the pitting exceeds the limit of paragraph 1.1 and the pitted area exceeds 30% of the concerned area. (see following diagram for reference).



- 1.4 According to the requirements of paragraphs 1.1 to 1.3, the renewed plating shall be a minimum dimension of 150mm x150mm and the structural member shall be minimum 150mm in length.

- 1.5 Scattered pitting: pitting, which diameter between 15mm to 50mm and depth exceeds 50% of the fabricated thickness, generally may be repaired by welding. Prior to the repair the surface shall be properly cleaned; and after repair, the rebuilt areas shall be smoothed and ground to normal thickness.
- 1.6 For significant worn out structural member or suspected area, ultra-sonic test or other equivalent method may be required.

2. Other Requirement for Inspection of Structural Member

2.1 Buckling of plating(deformation of plating between framing)

Maximum allowable deflection $= 0.06s$;

Where s = frame spacing at indents area (mm)

2.2 Indent of framing structure (deflection of combined framing and plating)

Maximum allowable deflection $= 6l + 10\text{mm}$;

Where l = span (m)

- 2.3 Buckling of plating and indent of framing structure are generally to be rectified by hot work; and if failed to return to original to be cropped and renewed.
- 2.4 Crack is not allowed in any case on hull envelope plating and structural members below main deck.
- 2.5 No buckling is allowed at bracket. Mis-alignment between beams and frames shall not exceed the frame thickness.

3. Water Tank & Oil Tank Tightness Test Pressure

3.1 Initial Inspection

Item	Type Of Tank	Water Pressure Head (m)
1	Fore / Aft Peak Tank, Deep Tank, Cofferdam	Top of air pipe
2	Fuel Tank, Liquid Cargo Tank	2.5m above highest point of tank top or to the height of the overflow whichever is the higher

3.2 Periodical Inspection

For all tanks, pressure test, which may be carried out using liquid of the tank carries, to top of air pipe or 2.5m above highest point of tank top as appropriate, or air test to 0.14kg/cm^2 .

4. Requirements for the Inspection of Water Tightness by Hose Test

- 4.1 The water jet pressure shall not be less than 2 kgf/cm^2

4.2 Nozzle shall not be more than 1.5m from the test item

4.3 Nozzle diameter shall not be less than 13mm for vessels of length below 90 m.

5. Mooring Equipment

5.1 Wear down of chain cable and related parts shall not exceed 85% of the original diameter.

5.2 Loss of anchor weight shall not exceeds 20 % of original weight.

6. Wear Down Limit of Steering System and Tightness Test

6.1 Wear down tolerance for rudder

No.	Items	Wear Limit
(a)	Rudder stock	7 % of rule diameter
(b)	Kort nozzle, Rudder	30 % of design thickness
(c)	Flange	10 % of design thickness
(d)	Rudder chain	10 % of design diameter

Defect of steering component may be repaired by welding.

6.2 Kort nozzle and double plate rudder tightness test

(i) Hydraulic test - 0.25 kg/cm^2

(ii) Air test - 0.20 kg/cm^2

(B) Machinery & Electrical

7. Air Receiver

7.1 Corrosion limit of plating for air receiver shall not exceed 10% of original thickness.

7.2 Air receiver and piping system shall be hydraulic tested to the pressure specified in the IIIA/15.6.

8. Tail Shaft and Bearing

8.1 Polishing may be used to remove defect on tail shaft, however, the diameter of the tail shaft shall not be less than rule requirement after surface finishing.

8.2 Clearance limit between tail shaft and bearing

Tail Shaft Diameter (Mm)	Bearing Material	Lignum Viatae, Layered Rubber	White Metal Alloy		Cast Rubber
	Clearance Limit (mm)		Oil lubricated	Water lubricated	
<100		4.0	1.50	2.0	3.5
100~<150		4.4	1.65	2.2	4.4
150~<200		4.8	1.80	2.4	4.8
200~<250		5.2	1.95	2.6	-

9. Minimum Allowable Insulation Resistance Value

For the electrical circuit of nominal voltage over 50V, the insulation resistance shall not be less than 1.0 MΩ.

Note: The insulation resistance shall be measured by a 500V megger tester.

Requirements for Class III GRP Fishing Sampan Fitted with Diesel Engine

Length (L)	$5\text{m} \leq L < 8\text{m}$	$8\text{m} \leq L < 15\text{m}$						
Power	Diesel inboard/ outboard engine $\leq 90\text{HP}$ (67kW)	Diesel inboard/ outboard engine $\leq 250\text{HP}$ (187kW)						
Hull Construction	- Fully decked with deckhouse (as per the proposal of the representatives of fishermen). - Scantlings in compliance with the relevant requirements such as RFV or any recognized classification societies etc (including properties of glass-fibre material)							
Stability and Buoyancy	- Simple inclining test to indicate that heel $< 7^\circ$ in fully loaded condition, - A minimum freeboard requirements appropriate to the vessel length (L) according to the following table: <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Vessel Length (L) (m)</td><td>$L \leq 5$</td><td>$L = 15$</td></tr> <tr> <td>Minimum Freeboard at Fully Load Condition (mm)</td><td>350</td><td>650</td></tr> </table> The minimum freeboard of intermediate length should be obtained by interpolation. - Shall equip Buoyancy tank with gross volume sufficient to support the lightship weight of the vessel (i.e. the aggregate of the vessel's own weight and the weight of propulsion machinery excluding fish hauls). Or - Inclining test + Stability information as other vessels operating outside Hong Kong waters		Vessel Length (L) (m)	$L \leq 5$	$L = 15$	Minimum Freeboard at Fully Load Condition (mm)	350	650
Vessel Length (L) (m)	$L \leq 5$	$L = 15$						
Minimum Freeboard at Fully Load Condition (mm)	350	650						
Inspection	Survey afloat every 2 years							
Operating Limits	(1) For vessel length $5\text{m} \leq L < 8\text{m}$, Hong Kong waters only (2) For vessel length of $8\text{m} \leq L < 15\text{m}$, Hong Kong waters or not exceeding 10 n miles from shore. (Applicable to vessel that holds a valid port clearance or is exempted under section 69(1) of the Ordinance (LVO) from complying with section 28(1) of the LVO)							
LSA	- One lifejacket for each person on board; <i>and</i> - One Life buoy							
FFA	- One 2.7kg dry powder portable fire extinguisher <i>and</i> one bucket with lanyard - For vessel length of 8m or above, one additional set of above is required							
Navigation lights	One masthead light, sidelights, sternlight. N.U.C. light and post height requirements as per details in COLREGS.							
Emergency Comm. Means	Not required for HK waters. Those operating in mainland waters would have to meet mainland required standards.							
Drawings-hull/mc	The first vessels is required for approval of proto-type design and inspection standards which would cover a certain hull number of subsequent vessels built to approved standards							
Survey-hull/mc/final	Subject to satisfactory inspection of prototype by Marine Department on hull and machinery and final inspections to meet the approved standard and tests with proper records submission. Then, each subsequent vessel is built and tested to approved standards for a certain hull number with inspection records submission to Marine Department for vetting and subject to final inspection.							
Certificate of Survey	Local Vessel Certificate of Survey will be issued (as per category B according to Survey Regulation)							

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Requirements for Class III GRP Fishing Sampan Fitted with Petrol Outboard Engine

Length (L)	5m ≤ L < 6m	6m ≤ L < 8m	8m ≤ L < 15m						
Power (P)	Petrol outboard Engine P ≤ 40HP (30kW)	Petrol outboard Engine P ≤ 75HP (56kW)	Petrol outboard Engine P ≤ 90HP (67kW)						
F.O. Storage System	Max. fuel oil capacity not more than 100 litres, each tank capacity not exceeding 50 litres ⁽¹⁾ .		Max. fuel oil capacity not more than 150 litres, each tank capacity not exceeding 100 litres ⁽¹⁾ .						
Hull Construction	● Fully decked with deckhouse (as per the proposal of the representatives of fishermen). ● Scantlings in compliance with the relevant requirements such as RFV or any recognized classification societies etc (including properties of glass-fibre material)								
Stability and Buoyancy	● Simple inclining test to indicate that heel < 7° in fully loaded condition, ● A minimum freeboard requirements appropriate to the vessel length (L) according to the following table: <table><tr><td>Vessel Length (L) (m)</td><td>L ≤ 5</td><td>L = 15</td></tr><tr><td>Minimum Freeboard at Fully Load Condition (mm)</td><td>350</td><td>650</td></tr></table> The minimum freeboard of intermediate length should be obtained by interpolation. ● Shall equip Buoyancy tank with gross volume sufficient to support the lightship weight of the vessel (i.e. the aggregate of the vessel’s own weight and the weight of propulsion machinery excluding fish hauls). Or ● Inclining test + Stability information as other vessels operating outside Hong Kong waters			Vessel Length (L) (m)	L ≤ 5	L = 15	Minimum Freeboard at Fully Load Condition (mm)	350	650
Vessel Length (L) (m)	L ≤ 5	L = 15							
Minimum Freeboard at Fully Load Condition (mm)	350	650							
Inspection	Survey afloat every 2 years.								
Plying Limits	(1) 5m ≤L < 8m, operating within Hong Kong waters only(other than port of Victoria) (2) 8m ≤ (L) < 15m, operating within Hong Kong waters(other than port of Victoria) and not exceeding 10 n. miles from shore. (applicable to vessel that holds a valid port clearance or is exempted under section 69(1) of the Ordinance (LVO) from complying with section 28(1) of the LVO)								
LSA	● One lifejacket for each person on board; <i>and</i> ● One Life buoy with lifeline								
FFA	● One 2.7kg dry powder portable fire extinguisher <i>and</i> one bucket with lanyard ● For vessel length(L) of 8m or above, one additional set of above FFA is required.								
Navigation lights	One masthead light, sidelights, stern light, N.U.C. light and position of lights should meet requirements in COLREGS.								
Emergency communication	Not required for HK waters. To comply Mainland’s requirement when operating in Mainland waters.								

Drawings-Hull /Machinery	The first vessels is required for approval of proto-type design and inspection standards which would cover a certain hull number of subsequent vessels built to approved standards
Survey-Hull/mc/final	Subject to satisfactory inspection of prototype by Marine Department on hull and machinery and final inspections to meet the approved standard and tests with proper records submission. Then, each subsequent vessel is built and tested to approved standards for a certain hull number with inspection records submission to Marine Department for vetting and subject to final inspection.
Certificate of Survey	According to Survey Regulation, Certificate of Survey for Category B Local Vessel will be issued.

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Remark : Petrol tanks including its pipings must fulfil safety standard and be made according to the engine manufacturer or a type approved by the engine manufacturer (see annex U-2). Relevant endorsement should be obtained before using an engine with fuel oil having a flash point below 60°C.

For use on new wooden kaito / fishing sampan / GRP or wooden small boat or sampan etc.**適用於新船木殼街渡 / 漁船舢舨 / 玻璃纖維或木質小船或舢舨等****(Vessel length less than 15 m / 船隻長度小於 15 米)****Simple Plans Required Approval for Initial Licensing of Local Vessels****本地船隻首次牌照 需要審批的簡單圖則**

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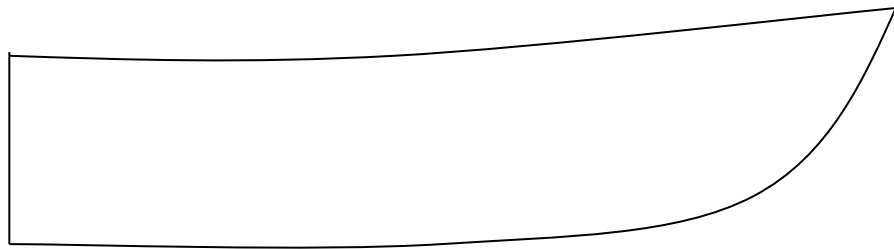
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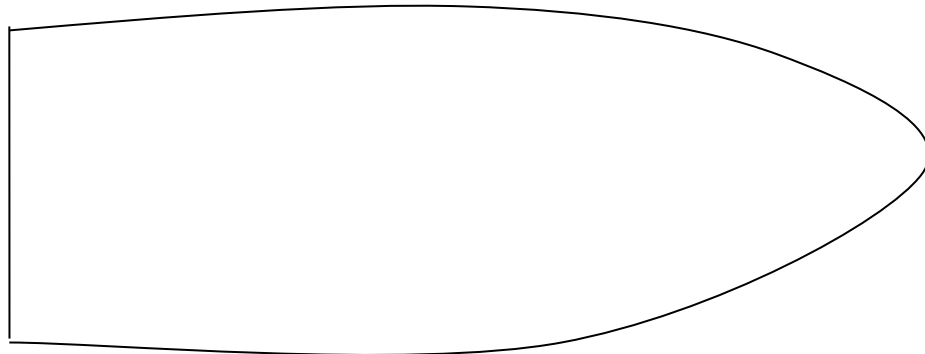
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Side View Profile



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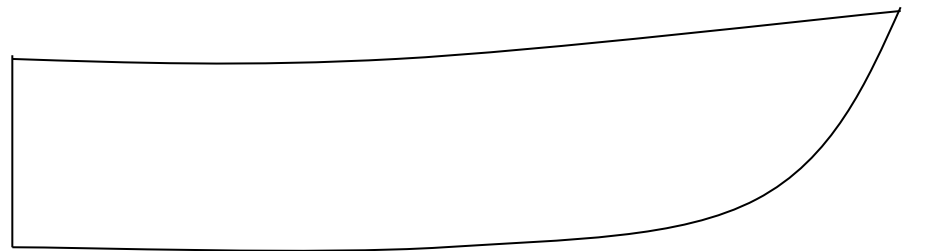
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Passenger Space (shelter)/ Seating Arrangement and Position / Freeboard Mark Diagram

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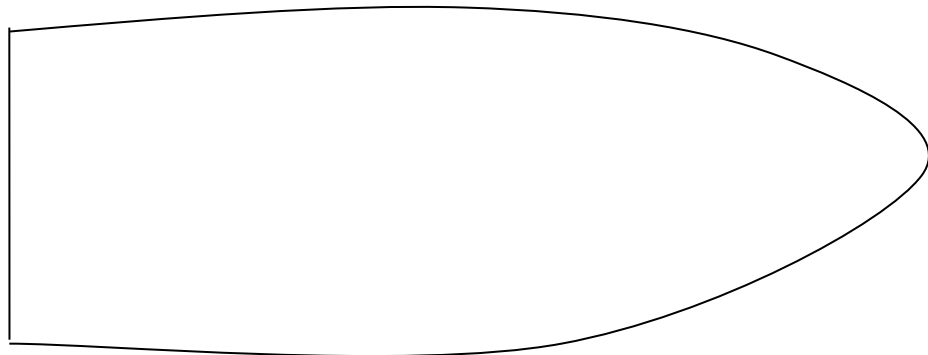
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7. Freeboard Mark (mm below main deck) 吃水標 (主甲板以下(mm)) (Please Show Location / 請顯示位置)	
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Vessel Particulars / General Arrangement and Basic Hull and Deck Plate Thickness Diagram

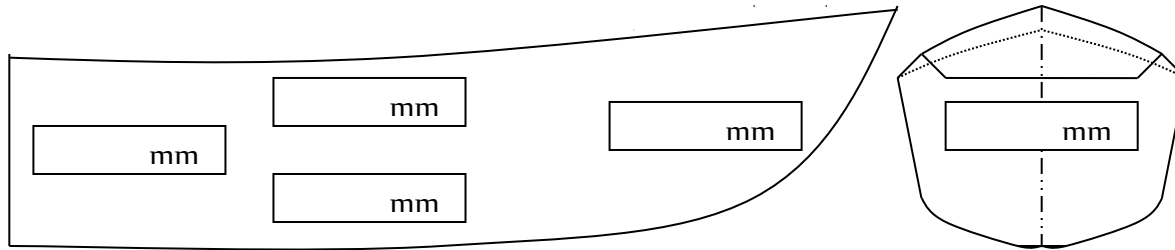
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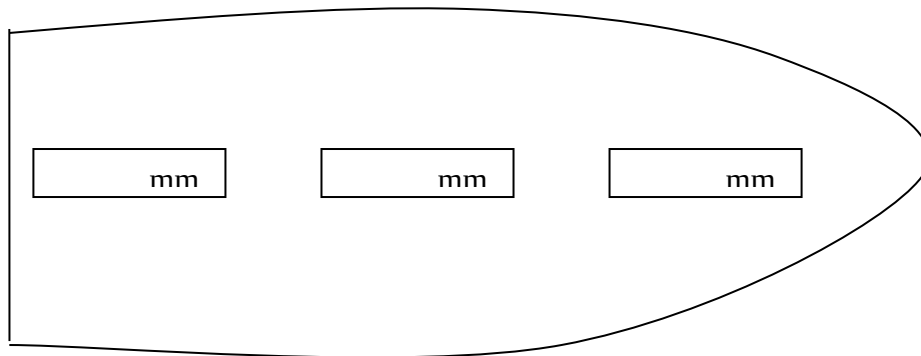
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船旁及船底板
SIDE & BOTTOM PLATING

船尾板圖
TRANSOM



甲板
DECK PLATING

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8. Number of Transverse Frame 橫架數目	
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11. Hull design / construction standards /rules adopted 應用的船殼/結構標準/規則	
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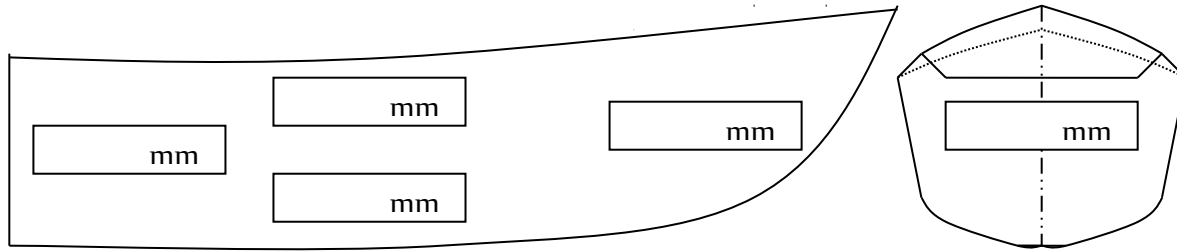
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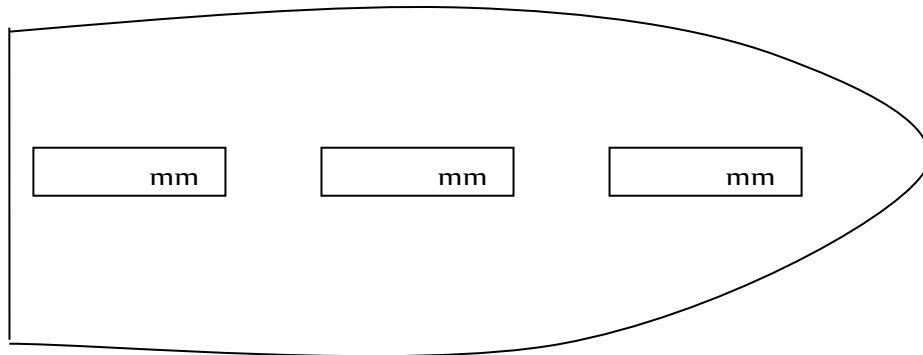
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船旁及船底板
SIDE & BOTTOM PLATING

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簡單圖則 Plan(Simp)-HS-07

**Inclining Experiment Report/Rolling Period /
Simple Inclining - Test Report
傾斜試驗／橫搖週期／簡單傾斜- 測試報告**

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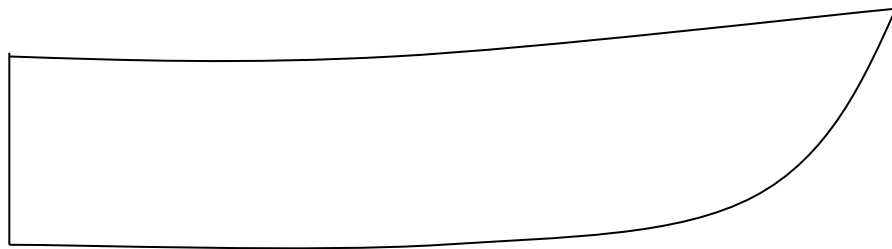
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LSA & FFA Installation and Arrangement Diagram

救生及救火設備及佈置示意圖則

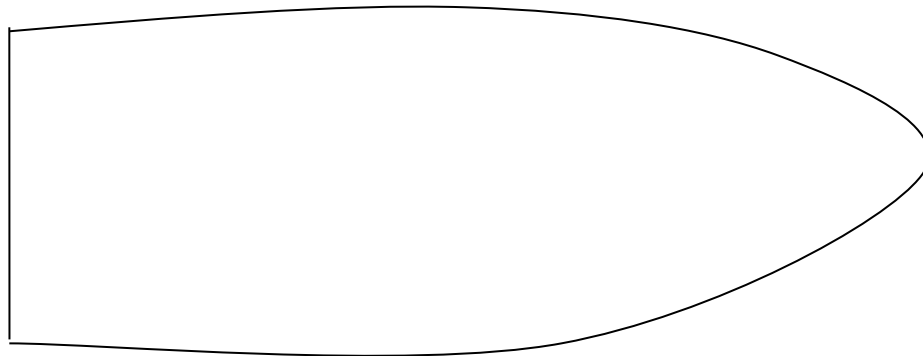
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側面圖

Side View Profile



甲板

DECK

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3. Escape routes can be shown in this plan or in separate sheets.
逃生佈置可顯示在本圖則上或另外紙張
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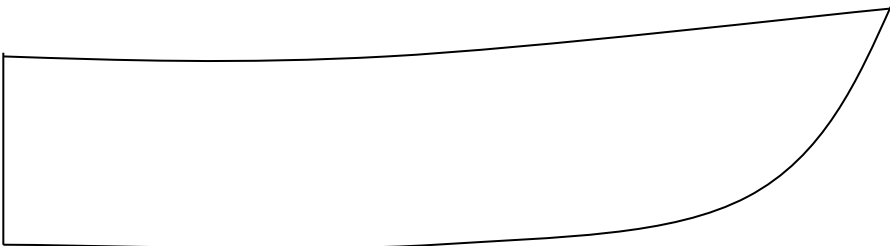
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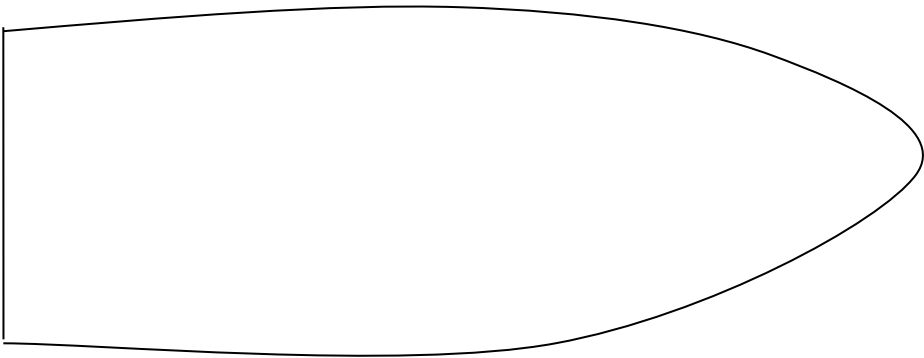
逃生設備及佈置示意圖則

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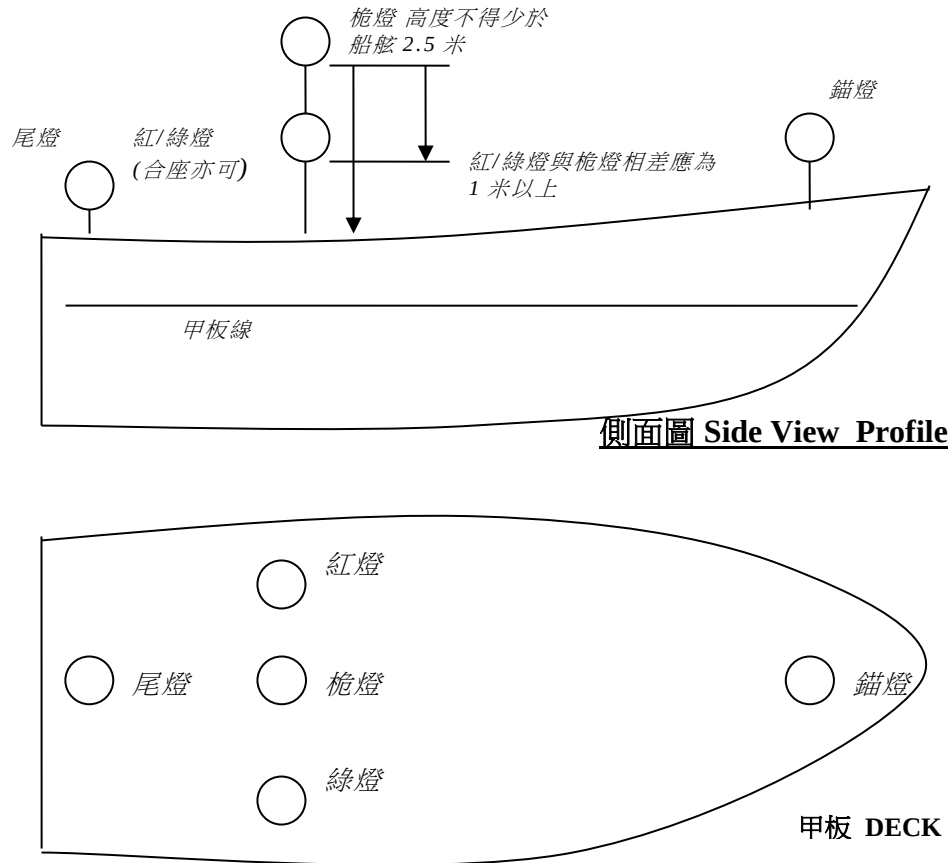
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Lights, Shapes & Sound Signals Installation and Arrangement Diagram

號燈、號型、聲號設備及佈置示意圖則

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註: 1) 長度未滿 7 米, 最大航速不超過 7 節, 只需環照白(錨燈)一盞。如條件許可, 亦需裝設紅及綠燈。
2) 長度滿 7 米至小於 12 米, 需加 3 個黑色球體, 1 個黑色菱形體及一個能發出有效聲號器具。
3) 長度滿 12 米至小於 20 米, 需加 2 支環照紅(失控燈), 1 個黑色菱形體及 3 個黑色球體, 號笛及號鐘各一個。

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4. Lights, Shapes & Sound Signals installation 號燈、號型、聲號設備 (Please show location/ 請顯示位置)	
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Machinery Installation Plans 機器及其系統設備圖則

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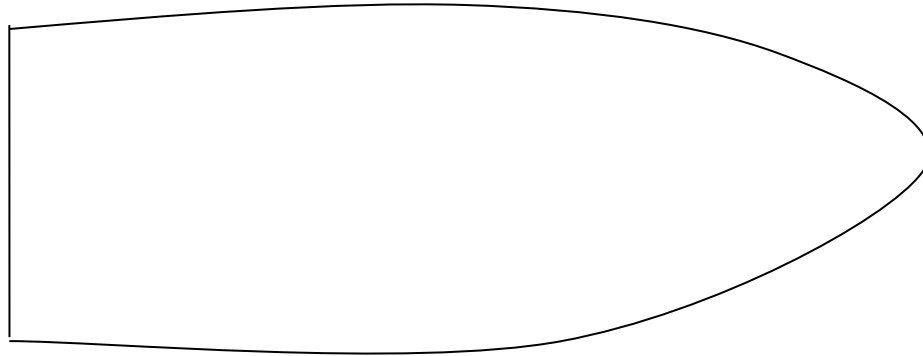
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側面圖

Side View Profile



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8. Fuel type/ tank no./ total capacity 燃油類 / 油缸數量 / 總容量	
9. Generator IC engine maker /type. 發電內燃機製造商/型類	
10. Generator engine serial number. 發電內燃機號碼	
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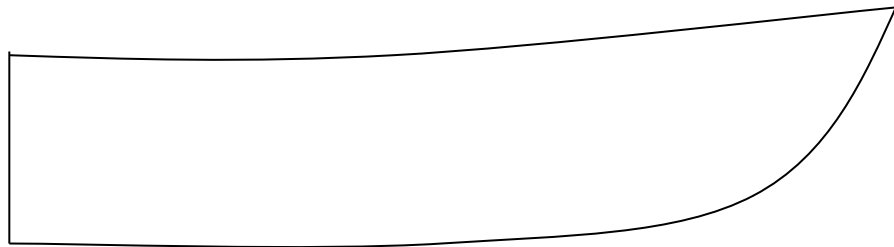
Electrical Installation Plans

電器及其系統設備圖則

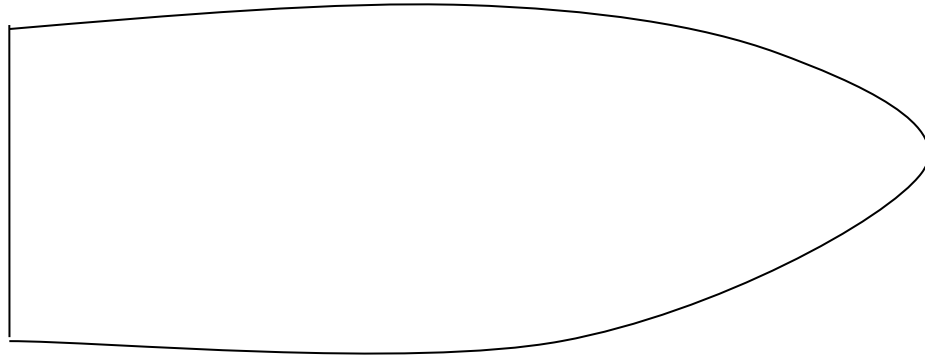
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側面圖
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5. No. of Generator / serial no.. 發電機數目 / 號碼	
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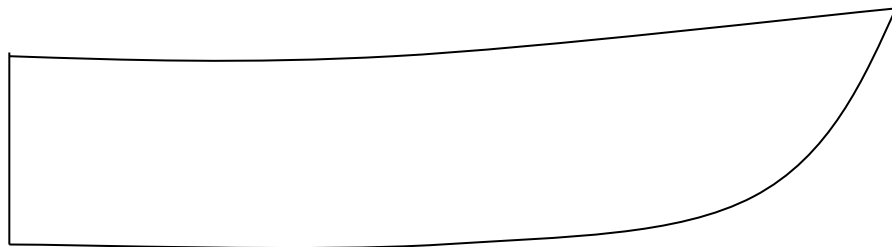
Machinery & Electrical Installation Plans

機器與電器及其系統設備圖則

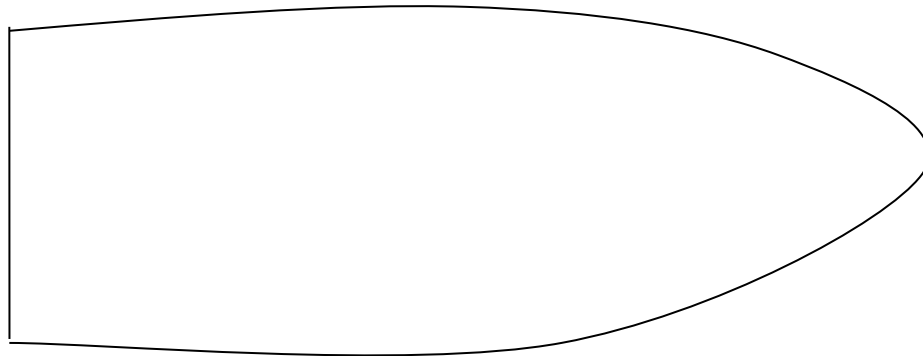
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DOMESTIC LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS INSTALLATION

1 Marking

- 1.1 Liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) cylinders shall be clearly marked of the name of their contents.

2 Properties of LPG

- 2.1 Possible dangers arising from the use of LPG appliances include fire, explosion and asphyxiation due to leakage of gas from the installation, etc.
- 2.2 LPG is heavier than air and, if released in a space with coaming, may travel some distance whilst seeking the lowest part of that space and its adjoining spaces. The accumulation of LPG probably poses dangerous consequence and fatality when triggered by inadvertent spark or ignition.

3 Storage

- 3.1 No more than 50 kg (or combined water capacity 130 litres) of LPG shall be carried on board.
- 3.2 LPG cylinders and expended cylinders shall as far as practicable be stowed on open decks. The cylinders and all valves, pressure regulators and pipes leading from such cylinders shall be properly secured, protected against mechanical damage, and excessive variations in temperature and direct rays of the sun. The cylinders shall be installed upright to prevent liquid from flowing into the pipes.
- 3.3 The LPG cylinder storage locker, and associated pipes and joints shall be readily accessible for the check of suspected leaks; and shall be as far away from any air pipes, ventilators, hatchways, etc. and close to the cooking appliances as practicable.
- 3.4 Except as necessary for service within the space, electrical wiring and fittings shall not be permitted within compartments used for the storage of LPG. Where such electrical fittings are installed, they shall be to the satisfaction of the Department for use in a flammable atmosphere. Sources of heat shall be kept clear of such spaces and "不准吸煙 No Smoking" and "不准明火 No naked light" notices shall be displayed in a prominent position.
- 3.5 Compartments used for the storage of LPG shall not be used for storage of other combustible products nor for tools or objects nor part of the gas distribution system. The LPG locker shall be marked with "LPG" on the door of the locker.

4 Installation

4.1 LPG pipes-

- (a) LPG pipes shall be of solid drawn copper alloy or stainless steel pipes, with appropriate compression or screwed fittings.
- (b) Flexible connections shall be avoided. Should they be used, an approved type of synthetic rubber hose connection shall be fitted. When used with flexible connections, appliances shall be controlled from the nearest isolating valve fitted on metallic pipe.

4.2 LPG cylinder storage locker

- (a) For storage above main deck-
 - (i) ventilation openings shall be provided on top and bottom of locker;
 - (ii) when LPG pipe is arranged to pass through bulkhead, the opening on bulkhead shall be of suitable size and height, to avoid the gas being leaked into the accommodation. If the LPG pipe is a synthetic rubber hose, precaution shall be taken to prevent the hose being chafed. A protecting conduit shall be fitted when necessary.
- (b) For storage below main deck-
 - (i) the locker bulkhead shall be of gastight construction. Bulkhead piece shall be fitted when LPG pipe is arranged to pass through bulkhead;
 - (ii) adequate ventilation shall be provided at top and bottom of locker and be led overboard;
 - (iii) gas detectors shall be fitted to detect any accumulation of LPG in the bilge.

- 4.3 Newly fitted or replaced gas consuming appliances shall be of type approved by Gas Authority, EMSD and marked with “GU” on them. Existing Gas consuming appliances (e.g. stove, water heater etc.) are recommended to be fitted with automatic gas shut-off device to stop the gas supply in the event of flame failure.



批准氣體用具GU標誌

5 Maintenance

- 5.1 Changing cylinders shall be done according to instructions of gas dealers. If it is suspected that either a cylinder or valve is faulty, put it ashore as quickly as possible, and in the meantime keep it in the open air, clear of any gratings, hatches or other openings leading below decks.
- 5.2 Sufficient ventilation shall be provided at the cooking space to displace the products of combustion and respiration.

6 Inspection

- 6.1 The vessel's crew or operator shall regularly examine joints of the LPG installation. If a leakage is suspected, the cylinder stop valve shall be turned off immediately; the vessel's engine shall be stopped, no switch on/off of electrical appliances and no other means of ignition allowed until it is certain that the vessel is clear of gas. Never put an appliance back into use without the leak having been found and rectified.

SAFETY PRECAUTION ON THE PROPER STORAGE AND USE OF PETROL

- 1 No excessive quantity of petrol should be carried on board vessel. Refer to Ch. IIIB/9.3 on maximum permissible capacity.
- 2 If portable container is used to carry petrol, the container should be of a type approved by the manufacturer of petrol engine (if necessary, owner must submit supporting document issued by the manufacturer, e.g. invoice, sale receipt etc.), and fitted with air vent.
- 3 The portable container should be stored in a well ventilated place, if necessary, on the open deck. The containers and all valves and pipes leading from such containers should be made of suitable material and properly secured and protected against mechanical damage, excessive temperature variations and direct sunlight. The container, storage cabinet, associated valve, pipes and joints should not have any fuel leaking, and should be readily accessible for checking of suspected leaks.
- 4 The storage spaces should be kept clear of any heat source and caution notices "不准吸煙 No Smoking" and "不准明火 No naked light" should be displayed in a conspicuous place when necessary.
- 5 Petrol should not be used for other purposes, e.g. cleaning of engine parts, which may impose unnecessary fire risk.
- 6 Unless it is certain that the containers storage space is well ventilated, otherwise the containers and the petrol should be removed from the storage space which is expected to be unattended for a period of time.

Certificates Relevant to Local Vessels

1. Apart from the certificates listed in Chapter II, the following plan approval, surveys and/or issuance of certificates or record document, which may be for operational purpose or requirements specified under legislations outside the Ordinance, Cap 548, are also relevant to local vessels if applicable:
 - (1) Minimum Safe Manning document;
 - (2) International Tonnage Certificate;
 - (3) International Load Line Certificate;
 - (4) International Oil Pollution Prevention Certificate;
 - (5) International Pollution Prevention Certificate for the Carriage of Noxious Liquid Substances in Bulk;
 - (6) International Air Pollution Prevention Certificate or HKAPP Certificate.
2. For the issuance of items 1.(1) and (5) of the above, owners shall apply to Marine Department directly. For initial certificate, application must be enclosed with relevant application details/plans for assessment.
3. For items 1.(2), (3), (4) and (6), the indicated International Convention certificates may be issued by recognized classification societies directly to the owner, together with survey records in accordance with the requirements of the relevant Convention. A copy of such certificate and record is required to be submitted to Marine Department.

**Alternative Survey Regime for Periodical Survey Requirements
of Propeller Shafts and Propellers of Class III Vessels
(Category A Steel/GRP Hull with $L \geq 24\text{m}$)**

1 Definition

1.1 Service records

Service records are regularly recorded data showing in-service conditions of the shaft(s) and may include, as applicable, lubricating oil temperature, bearing temperature and oil consumption records (for oil lubricated bearings).

1.2 Oil sample examination

An oil sample examination is a visual examination of the stern tube lubricating oil taken in presence of the surveyor with a focus on water contamination.

1.3 Lubricating oil analysis

Lubricating oil analysis is to be carried out at regular intervals not exceeding twelve (12) months taking into account the table below with suggestion of the upper limits of metal and water content values: *(extracted from the International Association of Classification Societies (IACS) Rec. 36 "Recommended procedure for the determination of contents of metals and other contaminants in stern tube lubricating oil)*

Contaminants	Content Values	Contaminants	Content Values
Water	1%	Nickel	10 ppm
Chromium	10 ppm	Silicon	40 ppm
Copper	50 ppm	Tin	10 ppm
Iron	30 ppm	Magnesium	30 ppm
Lead	10 ppm	Sodium	80 ppm
Chloride content in water	70 ppm (ingress of salt water)		

1.4 Keyed connection

Keyed connection is the forced coupling methodology between the shaft and the propeller with a key and keyway achieved through the interference fit of the propeller boss on the shaft tapered end.

1.5 Keyless connection

Keyless connection is the forced coupling methodology between the shaft and the propeller without achieved through the interference fit of the propeller boss on the shaft tapered end.

1.6 Propeller shaft and bearing clearance

The clearance limits between propeller shaft and bearing are tabulated below: *(extracted from Annex M of the Code of Practice – Safety Standards for Class III Vessels)*

Tail Shaft Diameter (Mm)	Bearing Material	Lignum Viatae, Layered Rubber	White Metal Alloy		Cast Rubber
	Clearance Limit (mm)		Oil lubricated	Water lubricated	
<100		4.0	1.50	2.0	3.5
100~<150		4.4	1.65	2.2	4.4
150~<200		4.8	1.80	2.4	4.8
200~<250		5.2	1.95	2.6	-

2 Periodical survey requirement for oil lubricated propeller shaft

2.1 Drawing the shaft and examining the entire shaft, seals system and bearings.

2.2 For keyed and keyless connections:

2.2.1 Removing the propeller to expose the forward end of the taper of the shaft.

2.2.2 Performing a non-destructive examination (NDE) by an approved surface crack-detection method all around the shaft in way of the forward portion of the taper section, including the key way (if fitted). For shaft provided with liners the NDE shall extend to the after edge of the liner.

2.3 Checking and recording the bearing clearances.

2.4 Verification that the propeller is free of damages which may cause the propeller to be out of balance.

2.5 Verification of the satisfactory conditions of inboard and outboard seals during re-installation of the shaft and propeller.

2.6 Recording the bearing wear down measurements (after re-installation).

3 Survey requirements for extending oil lubricated propeller shaft survey not exceeding 4 years.

3.1 For keyed and keyless connections:

3.1.1 Removing the propeller to expose the forward end of the taper of the shaft; and

3.1.2 Performing a non-destructive examination (NDE) by an approved surface crack-detection method all around the shaft in way of the forward portion of the taper section, including the key way (if fitted).

3.2 Checking and recording the bearing wear down by means of measurements or methods accepted by the Marine Department.

3.3 Visual inspection of all accessible parts of the shafting system.

3.4 Verification that the propeller is free of damages which may cause the propeller to be out of balance.

- 3.5 Seal liner found to be or placed in a satisfactory condition.
- 3.6 Verification of the satisfactory re-installation of the propeller including verification of satisfactory conditions of inboard and outboard seals.
- 3.7 Pre-requisites to satisfactorily verify in order to apply extension up to 4 years:
 - 3.7.1 Review of the previous wear-down measurements and/or clearance readings;
 - 3.7.2 Review of service records;
 - 3.7.3 Review of test records of lubricating oil analysis;
 - 3.7.4 Oil sample examination;
 - 3.7.5 Verification of no reported repairs by grinding or welding of shaft and/or propeller; and
 - 3.7.6 The vessel owner is required to submit a declaration to declare that the propeller shaft system is maintained in good working condition.
- 3.8 The following matters must be noted for the requirements of propeller shaft system lubricating oil analysis:
 - 3.8.1 The analysis of the lubricating oil shall be carried out by an institution accepted by the MD (including the institutions recognized by the State, the Recognized Authorities or the Classification Societies recognized by MD) within a period of not exceeding twelve months. Vessel owners must note that the metal and water content of the lubricating oil should not exceed the recommended limits in the table attached to Section 1.3;
 - 3.8.2 Vessel owners shall properly keep the lubricating oil analysis report and submit it to the inspecting officer during annual survey to verify the condition of the propeller shaft system; and
 - 3.8.3 If the lubricating oil of the propeller shaft system is to be replaced, the vessel owner shall record in details (including causes, quantity, date and the follow-up of the replacement of the lubricating oil), and submit it to the inspecting office at the time of the survey to verify the condition of the propeller shaft system.
- 3.9 For keyed and keyless connections, the interval between two consecutive surveys may be extended after the execution of the extension survey with satisfactory results. The extension is up to a maximum of 4 years and no further extension can be granted. Before the expiration of the extension, the vessel owner shall arrange for propeller shaft survey on slipway.
- 3.10 For vessels at their 4th anniversary have been granted for extending the periodical survey for “propeller shaft – drawn out for inspection” to not exceeding 1 year, no further extension will be granted. Instead, before the expiration of the extension, the vessel owner shall arrange for propeller shaft survey on slipway.
- 3.11 If the propeller shaft system is abnormal, the vessel owner shall arrange for inspection and repairing as soon as possible, and put it on record.

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Safety Standards for Class IV Vessels

(issued under Section 8 of the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) Ordinance, Cap 548)



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1	G.N.7422	11.11.2011	25.11.2011	Whole revision
2	G.N.3790	29.05.2015	29.05.2015	Revision of section 1.1 of Chapter VI
3	G.N.3790	29.05.2015	29.05.2015	Addition of new section 1.1A in Chapter VI
4	G.N.4986	02.09.2016	29.05.2015	Addition of sections 2.4 and 2.5 in Chapter VI
5	G.N.4986	02.09.2016	02.09.2016	Revision of Annexes 7 and 7A
6	G.N.4986	02.09.2016	02.09.2016	Revision of sections 4.1 to 4.4 and 5.1[Note(F)] of Chapter VII
7	G.N.1134	03.03.2017	03.03.2017	FOREWORD: Omission of quote of section 9 of Cap. 548G in para. 3
8	G.N.1134	03.03.2017	03.03.2017	Chapter I: Revision of sections 1.3~1.4 setting out the usage of the terms “shall”, “must”
9	G.N.1134	03.03.2017	03.03.2017	Chapter I: Omission of sections 1.6~1.8
10	G.N.1134	03.03.2017	03.03.2017	Chapter I: Addition of three Cap. 413 sub. leg. in section 2.1
11	G.N.1134	03.03.2017	03.03.2017	Chapter I: Omission of section 2.2.1
12	G.N.1134	03.03.2017	03.03.2017	Chapter I: Revision of the required certification in section 2.3
13	G.N.1134	03.03.2017	03.03.2017	Chapter I: Revision/addition of definitions in section 3
14	G.N.1134	03.03.2017	03.03.2017	Chapter I: Revision of section 4.1 to consolidate requirements scattered in the original sections 4.1, 4.3, 9, 12, Chapters III-A and III-B
15	G.N.1134	03.03.2017	03.03.2017	Chapter I: Revision of section 4.2
16	G.N.1134	03.03.2017	03.03.2017	Chapter I: Omission of sections 8.2, 11 and 12
17	G.N.1134	03.03.2017	03.03.2017	Chapter I: Revision of sections 10 and 13
18	G.N.1134	03.03.2017	03.03.2017	Chapter II: Addition of URL for Certificate of Inspection in section 1.2
19	G.N.1134	03.03.2017	03.03.2017	Chapter III: Deletion of bracketed remark at beginning of chapter

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21	G.N.1134	03.03.2017	03.03.2017	Chapter III: Revision of section 3.15 in respect of dark smoke emission
22	G.N.1134	03.03.2017	03.03.2017	Chapter III: Addition of section 3.17 for requirements in respect of compressed air system
23	G.N.1134	03.03.2017	03.03.2017	Chapter III: Revision of section 6.3 setting out the requirement on use of naked fire
24	G.N.1134	03.03.2017	03.03.2017	Omission of Chapters III-A and III-B
25	G.N.1134	03.03.2017	03.03.2017	Chapter IV: Revision of section 2.4(2) in respect of requirements for carrying passengers on sunken deck
26	G.N.1134	03.03.2017	03.03.2017	Chapter IV: Revision of section 4.1(5) on usage of fore and aft part of vessel as passenger space
27	G.N.1134	03.03.2017	03.03.2017	Chapter IV: Addition of section 5 setting out requirements on acceptance of inflatable boat
28	G.N.1134	03.03.2017	03.03.2017	Chapter V: Addition of section 1.2.7 for requirement of periodical inspection for portable fire extinguishers
29	G.N.1134	03.03.2017	03.03.2017	Chapter V: Revision of section 3.1 for addition of URL on the requirements of fire-fighting apparatus
30	G.N.1134	03.03.2017	03.03.2017	Chapter VI: Revision of official name of Communications Authority (CA) in section 1.2
31	G.N.1134	03.03.2017	03.03.2017	Chapter VI: Addition of section 2.6 for recommendation of wearing lifejackets at all times on board open vessels
32	G.N.1134	03.03.2017	03.03.2017	Chapter VI: Omission of section 3
33	G.N.1134	03.03.2017	03.03.2017	Chapter VI: Revision of section 4.1 for addition of URL on the requirements of life-saving appliances
34	G.N.1134	03.03.2017	03.03.2017	Chapter VII: Addition of section 1.1 setting out the effective date of the chapter
35	G.N.1134	03.03.2017	03.03.2017	Chapter VII: Addition of section 1.3 setting out the requirements on new/replaced lights and sound signals
36	G.N.1134	03.03.2017	03.03.2017	Chapter VII: Revision of sections 5.2.1, 5.2.3 and 5.4 according to COLREG amendments
37	G.N.1134	03.03.2017	03.03.2017	Chapter VII: Addition of section 5.5 setting out the requirements on vertical sectors
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40	G.N.1134	03.03.2017	03.03.2017	Annex 8: Partial revision/addition of para. 2.5~2.7 for methods on measurement of appendages
41	G.N.1134	03.03.2017	03.03.2017	Annex 10: Addition of minimum sludge tank capacity under para.(b)
42	G.N.1134	03.03.2017	03.03.2017	Annex 11: Omission of para. 3
43	G.N.1134	03.03.2017	03.03.2017	Annex 12: Whole revision according to MDN 124/2007
44	G.N.1134	03.03.2017	03.03.2017	Annex 13A: Revision of remark (2) under para. (III)
45	G.N.1134	03.03.2017	03.03.2017	Annex 13B: Revision of Remark *5 under Periodic Survey Programme Table
46	G.N.1134	03.03.2017	03.03.2017	Annex 13B: Revision of Remark *3 under Final Inspection Table
47	G.N.8215	20.12.2019	20.12.2019	Chapter VI: Section 1 –subsection 1.1A to 1.1B renumbered, new subsection 1.1A inserted after subsection 1.1; subsections 1.2 and 1.3 revised to specify the new and former lifejacket requirements; and Section 4 –subsections 4.1, 4.2, 4.3 and 4.4 revised to specify the requirements of new and former regulations.
48	G.N.4206	24.7.2020	1.8.2020	The Code was amended with regard to regulatory regime reform for Class IV vessels.
49	G.N.4206	24.7.2020	1.8.2020	Chapter I : Addition of the definition of “CE standard” in section 2.2.1; and addition of a note under the definitions of “new vessel” and “existing vessel” for the meaning of date denoted at the top right corner of the terms and definition of “authorized surveyor (AS)” in section 3
50	G.N.4206	24.7.2020	1.8.2020	Chapter. I/8.4, II/1.3, V/3.1, VI/4.1, and Annex 7: URL of sources updated
51	G.N.4206	24.7.2020	1.8.2020	The terms “open decked vessel” and “closed decked vessel” are respectively substituted by “open cruiser” and “cruiser” in order to be consistent with the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels)(Certification and Licensing) Reg.; and addition of the definitions in Ch. IV/2.1

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52	G.N.4206	24.7.2020	1.8.2020	Chapter. IX/3.1 and 3.2 : The vessel “length” is clarified as vessel’s “length overall”
53	G.N.4206	24.7.2020	1.8.2020	Chapter. X/Part 2, sections 1~4 : Revision of the types of vessels Part 2 applicable according to the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Safety and Survey) (Amendment) Regulation 2020; and addition of effective dates
54	G.N.4206	24.7.2020	1.8.2020	Annex 1A : Insertion of the excerpt of the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Certification and Licensing) (Amendment) Regulation 2020 regarding the requirement of advance approval for Class IV vessel intending to let for hire or reward
55	G.N.4206	24.7.2020	1.8.2020	Forms in Annex 3, 4 are revised according to amendments of the Code; and moved to Marine Department web site
56	G.N.4206	24.7.2020	1.8.2020	Annex 4A : Omission of the contents regarding “installation suitable for unattended machinery space”
57	G.N.4206	24.7.2020	1.8.2020	Revision of survey requirements in Annex 7 and 7A in accordance with the Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Air Pollution) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulation 2019
58	G.N.4206	24.7.2020	1.8.2020	Annex 8 : Deletion of contents not applicable to pleasure vessels in section 2.5; and addition of method for determination of tonnage length for open cruiser in section 4.2.2
59	G.N.4206	24.7.2020	1.8.2020	Annex 14: Addition of RINA rules applicable to Class IV vessels
60	G.N.4206	24.7.2020	1.8.2020	Chapter III: Contents of section 2.2 amended and moved to Ch. IV/5
61	G.N.4206	24.7.2020	1.8.2020	Chapter V, Table 1: Omission of the requirement for fire main + hose + hydrant + jet nozzle in respect of (L)<15 vessels in accordance with the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Safety and Survey) (Amendment) Regulation 2020
62	G.N.6256	2.11.2020	2.11.2020	Chapter X: Part 1A – Note *4 iii) under subsections 3.4 and 4.5(a) revised

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63	G.N.6256	2.11.2020	2.11.2020	Annex 5: In the annex throughout the term “person” substituted by “passenger”; Part 2 – equation for calculating heeling moment revised; Part 2 – equation for calculating GMo revised (Chinese version only)
64	G.N.6256	2.11.2020	2.11.2020	Annex 13B: Remarks in Table 2 – remark *1 revised
65	G.N.7604	3.12.2021	3.12.2021	Annex 13B: Remarks in Table 1 – remark *9 revised
66	G.N.949	10.2.2023	20.2.2023	Record of Amendment Update of amendments
67	G.N.949	10.2.2023	20.2.2023	Chapter IV Section 2 – subsection 2.2(1) revised
68	G.N.949	10.2.2023	20.2.2023	Chapter VI: Section 1 – subsection 1.1A.1 and 1.1B repealed Section 1 – subsection 1.1A.2 and 1.1A.3 revised Section 4 – subsection 4.2, 4.3 and 4.4 revised; Section 4 – Table 1, Table 3 and Table 7 revised; Section 4 - New paragraph 4.5 inserted; Section 4 - New Table 8 inserted.
69	G.N.949	10.2.2023	20.2.2023	Chapter IX: Section 3 – subsection 3.1 revised
70	G.N.949	10.2.2023	20.2.2023	Chapter X: Section 3 – subsection 3.4 revised
71	G.N.949	10.2.2023	20.2.2023	Annex 5: Part 2 revised
72	G.N.949	10.2.2023	20.2.2023	Annex 10: Section 1(e) revised
73	G.N.4206	19.7.2024	22.7.2024	New Chapter XI added

FOREWORD

(1) The Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) Ordinance (Cap. 548) (hereafter referred to as “the Ordinance”) provides for the regulation and control of local vessels in Hong Kong and for other matters affecting local vessels, including their navigation and safety at sea (whether within or beyond the waters of Hong Kong).

(2) This Code of Practice is approved and issued by the Director pursuant to section 8 of the Ordinance for the purpose of ensuring acceptable technical and safety standards in the design, construction, maintenance and inspection of local vessels in conjunction with the condition required or the standards prescribed by the Director under the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels)(Safety and Survey) Regulation. This Code also provides necessary practical guidance on operational safety practices in conjunction with the relevant requirements in the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels)(Certification and Licensing) Regulation.

(3) Section 9 of the Ordinance explains the use of approved codes of practice in proceedings.

(Amendment No. 7)

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CHAPTER I

GENERAL

1 Introduction

- 1.1 The legislation relating to the control, licensing and regulation of local vessels in Hong Kong is contained in the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) Ordinance (Cap. 548) and its subsidiary legislation. This Code of Practice is issued under section 8 of the Ordinance.
- 1.2 This “Code of Practice – Safety Standards for Class IV vessels” has been developed by the Hong Kong Marine Department in consultation with the local maritime industry through representation in relevant working groups and committees. The primary aim in developing the Code has been to set standards of safety and protection for all passengers and crew on board. The Code relates especially to the construction of a vessel, its machinery, equipment and stability and to the correct operation of the vessel so that safety standards are complied with and maintained.
- 1.3 This Code has been developed for application to Class IV (pleasure vessels) in the waters of Hong Kong, including vessels which are used exclusively for pleasure purposes and are let for hire or reward under the terms of a written charter agreement or a written hire-purchase agreement (hereafter referred to as “pleasure vessels let for hire”). In accordance with the legal status prescribed in section 9 of the Ordinance, requirements set out in this Code shall be followed.
- 1.4 The legislative requirements quoted in this Code should be subject to authentic provisions of the legislative instrument and its latest amended. These requirements are mandatory and must be complied with.
- 1.5 The builder, repairer or owner/managing agent of a vessel, as appropriate shall take all reasonable measures in accordance with the requirements of the Code to ensure that the designed materials, strength, appliances and stability of the vessel are suitable for the intended purpose having regard to their locations on the vessel, the area of operation and the weather conditions which may be encountered.

(Amendment No. 8, 9, 48)

2 Statutory Regulations and Standards

- 2.1 This Code shall be construed in the light of the following ordinances and their subsidiary legislation as amended, and the relevant Rules, as appropriate:
 - (A) Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) Ordinance (Cap. 548)(hereafter referred to as the “Ordinance”)
 - (1) Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels)(Certification and Licensing) Regulation (Cap. 548D)
 - (2) Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels)(Typhoon Shelters) Regulation (Cap. 548E)
 - (3) Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (General) Regulation (Cap. 548F)

- (4) Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Safety and Survey) Regulation (Cap. 548G) (hereafter referred to as "Survey Regulation")
- (5) Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels)(Compulsory Third Party Risks Insurance) Regulation (Cap. 548H)
- (6) Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Fees) Regulation (Cap. 548J)
- (7) Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels)(Local Certificates of Competency) Rules
- (B) Merchant Shipping (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Ordinance (Cap. 413)
 - (1) Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Oil Pollution) Regulations (Cap. 413A)
 - (2) Merchant Shipping (Control of Harmful Anti-Fouling Systems on Ships) Regulation (Cap. 413N)
 - (3) Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Pollution by Garbage) Regulations (Cap. 413O)
 - (4) Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Air Pollution) Regulation (Cap. 413P)
(Amendment No.10)
- (C) Merchant Shipping (Safety) Ordinance (Cap. 369)
 - (1) Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Signals of Distress and Prevention of Collisions) Regulations (Cap. 369N)
 - (2) Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Use of Signals of Distress) Regulations (Cap. 369O)

2.2 Other standards

- 2.2.1 Apart from the requirements in this Code, the rules of classification societies recognized by Marine Department (see Annex 14) and the standards and rules of other maritime authorities (such as CE standards (i.e. the standard of product which complies with the relevant Product Directives adopted by the council of the European Communities and is affixed "CE marking")) applicable to vessels operating in Hong Kong waters or other equivalent standards may be used as assessment standards.

(Amendment No. 11, 48, 49)

- 2.2.2 Existing vessels shall comply with the requirements previously applicable to them before the implementation of this Code unless otherwise expressly specified in the Survey Regulation or in this Code. The approval and/or exemption of construction and equipment (if any) given to the existing vessels shall remain valid unless otherwise revoked.

(Amendment No. 48)

2.3 Certificates or Records

- 2.3.1 Upon satisfactory completion of statutory surveys or assessment, the following certificates or record document (1) and (3) may either be issued by competent surveyor or Marine Department. Certificates (2) and (4) shall be issued by Marine Department as necessary:

(Amendment No. 48)

- (1) Certificate of Inspection

- (2) Certificate of Survey
 - (3) Survey Record of Inspection for certain Equipment or Tests etc. (if applicable)
 - (4) Exemption Certificate / Permit for alternate material, fitting or equipment (if applicable)
- 2.3.2 International Tonnage Certificate, if issued, may be issued by recognized classification societies directly to the owner, together with survey records in accordance with the requirements of the relevant Convention. A copy of such certificate and record is required to be submitted to Marine Department. *(Amendment No. 12)*
- 2.3.3 If the Merchant Shipping (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Ordinance (Cap. 413) applies to the vessel, plan approval and survey shall be conducted and/or the following certificates or records shall be issued:
- (1) the specified certificate required under the Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Oil Pollution) Regulations (Cap. 413A) is the International Oil Pollution Prevention Certificate or HKOPP Certificate; and
 - (2) the specified certificate required under the Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Air Pollution) Regulations (Cap. 413P) is the International Air Pollution Prevention Certificate or HKAPP Certificate.

The certificate and survey record related to the International Oil Pollution Prevention Certificate and International Air Pollution Prevention Certificate can be issued by recognized classification societies direct to shipowners according to relevant international conventions. A copy of such certificate and record shall be submitted to Marine Department.

(Amendment No. 48)

3 Definitions

“approved”, in relation to equipment, appliances, machinery, any fittings or materials, means approved by the Director;

“authorized organization (AO)” means the classification society authorized (by means of authorization document) by the Director to carry out statutory survey work for local vessels; *(Amendment No. 13)*

“authorized surveyor (AS)”, as defined in section 2 of the Ordinance; *(Amendment No. 49)*

“carrying xx passengers” means vessel’s permissible number of passengers that can be carried;

“certificate of ownership” means a certificate of ownership issued or endorsed by the Director under sections 10, 23 or 26 the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Certification and Licensing) Regulation;

“Class I vessel” means any vessel, other than a Class IV vessel, that is allowed to carry more than 12 passengers; *(Amendment No. 48)*

“classification societies” means the classification societies recognized by the Director, which are as follows:

- (1) American Bureau of Shipping (ABS);

- (2) Bureau Veritas (BV);
- (3) China Classification Society (CCS);
- (4) DNV AS; *(Amendment No. 13)*
- (5) Korean Register of Shipping (KR);
- (6) Lloyd's Register (LR);
- (7) Nippon Kaiji Kyokai (NK);
- (8) RINA S.p.A. (RINA); or
- (9) Russian Maritime Register of Shipping (RS) *(Amendment No. 13)*

“Code” means this Code;

“competent surveyor” as defined in section 2 of the Survey Regulation;

“existing vessel” means a vessel which is not a new vessel as defined in section 2 of the Survey Regulation^{Note 1}; *(Amendment No. 49)*

“extreme breadth (最大寛度)”, in relation to a local vessel, means the athwartship distance between the extremity of the outermost permanent structure (which includes fender of any kind, bulwark, hand rails, etc.) on the port side and the extremity of the outermost permanent structure on the starboard side of the vessel; *(Amendment No. 13)*

“favourable weather” means weather, when the visibility is good and when the combined effects of wind, sea or swell upon the ship under consideration are never greater than those which would cause moderate rolling or pitching, or result in a large amount of sea splash comes to the weather deck or, in the case of open cruisers, over the gunwale of a vessel;

“final inspection” means the last or final visit for the purpose of survey or inspection, usually carried out on safety equipment items and functional trials in an initial survey or a periodical survey for a vessel;

“gross tonnage” (GT), a measurement figure for a Class IV vessel, of which the details and calculation can be referred to Annex 8 of this Code;

“initial survey” in connection with anyone of the certificates mentioned in Part 3 and Part 4, in so far as applicable, of Survey Regulation means the survey (including its final inspection) to be completed for a new vessel for the first issue of the concerned certificate;

“length” or the symbol “(L)”, unless otherwise expressly specified in this Code, as defined in section 2 of the Survey Regulation (see the diagram in Annex 17); *(Amendment No. 48)*

“length overall (LOA)” (總長度), as defined in section 2 of the Ordinance;

- “new vessel”, as defined in section 2 of the Survey Regulation^{Note1} (*Amendment No. 49*)
- “novel type vessel”, means a vessel that is not designed, constructed or used according to the traditional form; (*Amendment No. 48*)
- “owner”, as defined in section 2 of the Ordinance;
- “Ordinance” or “LVO” means the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) Ordinance (Cap. 548);
- “passenger”, as defined in section 2 of the Ordinance;
- “periodical survey” in connection with anyone of the certificates mentioned in Part 4, in so far as applicable, of Survey Regulation means the survey (including its final inspection) to be completed for an existing vessel for the renewal survey, annual endorsement survey or intermediate survey for the issue of the concerned certificate;
- “pleasure vessel”, as defined in section 2 of the Ordinance;
- “pleasure vessel operator”, in relation to a Class IV vessel, means a person who is in charge of the vessel;
- “sister vessels” means vessels constructed of the same design (i.e. the same hull form with identical length, breadth, depth and arrangement) in the same shipyard; (*Amendment No. 48*)
- “waters of Hong Kong ” means waters of Hong Kong within the meaning of Schedule 2 of the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance (Cap. 1).

4 Application

- 4.1 Except otherwise specified in the following section 4.2, this Code applies to all pleasure vessels which are required to be licensed as Class IV vessels. The applicable chapters and annexes are as follows:
- (1) all vessels: Chapters I, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII and IX; Annexes 1B, 2, 4A, 5, 6, 8, 9 and 10;
 - (2) all pleasure vessels let for hire, Annexes 1 and 1A, in addition to the above (1);
 - (3) any pleasure vessels let for hire that carry not more than 60 passengers (i.e. vessels issued with a Certificate of Inspection): Chapter II, Annexes 3, 4 and 13A, in addition to the above (1) and (2);
 - (4) Other vessels that are issued with a Certificate of Survey or Certificate of Inspection: Chapter II, Annexes 3, 4 and 13B, in addition to the above (1) and (2);

^{Note1} In this code, a vessel (to which a particular requirement applies) is a “new vessel” when the reference to “the commencement date” in the definition of “new vessel” under section 2 “Interpretation” of the Survey Regulation is substituted by a date denoted at the top right corner of the term “new vessel”. (Example: “new vessel^{1.8.2020}” means, according to the definition of Survey Regulation, a vessel first licensed or altered on or after 1.8.2020). The date denoted at the top right hand corner of the term “existing vessel” is the date before which the vessel was first licensed. (*Amendment No. 49*)

- (5) Certification of vessels and the types of vessels that must also comply with the additional requirements stated in Chapter X of this Code are shown in the following table:

No. of Passengers / Construction Feature	EXISTING VESSEL 1.8.2020					NEW VESSEL 1.8.2020				
	Gross Tonnage (GT)*	Pleasure vessel NOT let for hire or reward		Pleasure vessel let for hire or reward		Vessel Length (L)*	Pleasure vessel NOT let for hire or reward		Pleasure vessel let for hire or reward	
		Additional Requirement	Certification	Additional Requirement	Certification		Additional Requirement	Certification	Additional Requirement	Certification
(a) More than 60 passengers	Any Tonnage	X/Pt 2	CoS	X/Pt 2	CoS	Any Length	X/Pt 2, CoP1	CoS	X/Pt 2, CoP1	CoS
(b) 13 to 60 passengers	GT > 150	X/Pt 2	CoS	X/Pt 2	CoS	L ≥ 24m & GT > 150	X/Pt 1A	CoS	X/Pt 1A, X/Pt 2	CoS
						L ≥ 24m & GT ≤ 150		CoI		CoI
	GT ≤ 150	-	Not required	X/Pt 2	CoI	L < 24m	-	Not required	X/Pt 1A, X/Pt 2	CoI
(c) not more than 12 passengers	GT > 150	X/Pt 2	CoS	X/Pt 2	CoS	L ≥ 24m & GT > 150	X/Pt 1A	CoS	X/Pt 1A, X/Pt 2	CoS
						L ≥ 24m & GT ≤ 150		CoI		CoI
	GT ≤ 150	-	Not required	X/Pt 2	CoI	L < 24m	-	Not required	X/Pt 1B**, X/Pt 2	CoI
Novel Construction	Any Tonnage	case by case	CoS	case by case	CoS	Any length	case by case	CoS	case by case	CoS

Legend

* by gross tonnage (GT): applicable to existing vessels^{1.8.2020}; by length (L): applicable to new vessels^{1.8.2020}

** applies solely to open cruisers

CoP1: in accordance with the relevant requirements for the vessel type “launch” carrying the same number of passengers specified in the “Code of Practice – Safety Standards for Class I Vessels”

X/Pt 1A: the provisions of Part 1A of Chapter X of this Code

X/Pt 1B: the provisions of Part 1B of Chapter X of this Code

X/Pt 2: the provisions of Part 2 of Chapter X of this Code

CoS: except for novel type vessels, officers of Marine Department or AO are to undertake statutory plan approval and surveys (including final inspection); Marine Department officers are to undertake the issuance of Certificates of Survey

CoI: competent surveyors (or as directed by the Director) are to undertake all statutory plan approval and surveys as well as the issuance of Certificates of Inspection

Case by case: to be considered by the Director on a case-by-case basis in respect of the impact on life safety and environment posed by the design, construction and operation of the vessel.

(Amendment No. 14, 15, 48)

4.2 This Code does not apply to any vessel prescribed in section 10 of the Ordinance.

4.3 The coxswain of a pleasure vessel let for hire:

(1) is required to conduct a safety briefing to all persons on board before commencing a voyage. A general guide on the content of the “Safety Briefing for Pleasure Vessels Let for Hire” is at Annex 1;

(2) shall comply with section 6 of the Merchant Shipping (Certification and Licensing) Regulation (Cap. 548D) concerning the restrictions on Class IV vessels. Excerpts of the relevant Ordinance are at Annex 1A.

(Amendment No. 48)

4.4 The owner, agent or coxswain of any vessel which carries or uses petrol onboard is required to observe the “Safety Precautions on the Proper Storage and Use of Petrol” indicated in Annex 2.

4.5 Compliance with this Code satisfies the condition relevant to the safety and pollution prevention requirements of the Survey Regulation relating to any Class IV vessel operating in the waters of Hong Kong.

4.6 The Director may, on the certificate of ownership of a certificated Class IV vessel, make an endorsement to the effect that the certificated vessel may be used with one ancillary vessel meeting the following conditions:

(1) belongs to the same owner as the certificated vessel;

(2) does not exceed 4 metres in length overall (LOA); and

(3) either is not fitted with an engine or is fitted with engines not exceeding 7.5 kW total propulsion power.

(Former Sections 5, 6 and 7 revoked (Amendment No. 48))

8 Duties Relating to Class IV Vessels

8.1 It is the responsibility of the owner and agent of any Class IV vessel to ensure that the vessel is properly maintained and examined in accordance with the requirements of the ordinances and regulations mentioned in section 2 above in this Code. *(Amendment No. 48)*

8.2 The coxswain of every mechanically propelled Class IV vessel shall ensure that the machinery spaces of his vessel are at all times kept clean and free from unnecessary combustible materials and that waste oil is not allowed to accumulate in the bilges.

8.3 Any jet ski belonging to Class IV shall be of the type/model approved or recognized by

classification society or by the national maritime authority of their country of manufacture.
(Amendment No. 48)

- 8.4 Application must be made to Marine Department for any vessel intending for towing a banana boat or similar vessel. The application form can be downloaded from the following URL: <https://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/forms/pdf/md530.pdf>

(Amendment No. 48, 50)

9 Equivalent

Under section 83 of the Survey Regulation Marine Department may grant permission for providing on board any other fitting, material, appliance or apparatus, or type thereof, or other facilities that are different from those required in this Code if the Department is satisfied by testing or other methods that their effectiveness is equivalent to that required in this Code; supported by necessary survey and test reports. (Amendment No. 16)

10 Display of Certificate

Under section 30 of the Survey Regulation, the Certificate of Inspection / Certificate of Survey must be displayed in a conspicuous location onboard. (Amendment No. 17)

(Former Section 11 revoked (Amendment No. 48))

CHAPTER II

INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATION

(This chapter applies to Class IV vessels holding a Certificate of Survey or Certificate of Inspection required by the legislation)

1 Certification

- 1.1 A certification inspection is to determine that the vessel's structure, machinery, electrical, safety equipment installations and stability comply with the requirements of this Code, including the examination when the vessel is on slip or dry-docking.
- 1.2 The surveyor should decide the scope of the examination based on the vessel type, number of passengers to be carried and the intended plying limits of the vessel in a certification inspection.
- 1.3 Any pleasure vessels licensed to carry not more than 60 passengers that are let for hire should pass the periodic survey carried out by Marine Department, AO or AS before a Certificate of Inspection would be issued. See the Periodic Survey Programme at Annex 13A of this Code. The format of the Certificate of Inspection is available at Marine Department website: https://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/pub_services/ocean/lvs_survey7.html

The validity period of the certificate is decided by the competent surveyor subject to the intended purpose and condition of the vessel, and should not be more than 12 months. See Annex 4 of this Code for the inspection record of a vessel that is issued with a Certificate of Inspection.

- 1.4 New pleasure vessels ^{1.8. 2020} of 24m or above in length and not more than 150 gross tonnage (i.e. $L \geq 24\text{m}$ & $GT \leq 150$) should pass the periodic survey carried out by Marine Department, AO or AS before a Certificate of Inspection would be issued. Please see the Periodic Survey Programme at Annex 13B of this Code.
- 1.5 Vessels holding a Certificate of Survey issued by Marine Department as required by the Ordinance, including any pleasure vessels that are licensed to carry more than 60 passengers, existing pleasure vessels ^{1.8. 2020} of over 150 gross tonnage ($GT > 150$) and new pleasure vessels ^{1.8. 2020} of 24m or above in length and over 150 gross tonnage (i.e. $L \geq 24\text{m}$ & $GT > 150$) are subject to the periodic survey carried out by Marine Department or AO. Refer to the relevant Survey Programme at Annex 13B of this Code.

(Amendment No. 18, 48)

2 Examination and Inspections

- 2.1 For the purpose of obtaining a Certificate of Inspection for any vessel, matters relating to examination and inspection of its design, construction, safety equipment installations and stability in compliance to the requirements of this Code are to be appropriately arranged and agreed with the competent surveyor.
- 2.2 Relevant document from builder shall be endorsed and certified by the competent surveyor confirming the standard of construction applied to the vessel. *(Amendment No. 48)*
- 2.3 New vessels of proto-type approval, including details of approved production procedures and key inspections, with valid certification document is acceptable. Proven type pleasure

vessels with proper documentation or verification details can also be considered acceptable.

- 2.4 For any vessel, the builder's inspection reports or certificates and the inclining test report are required for endorsement by a competent surveyor. The endorsed documents shall be kept onboard with the Inspection Record. *(Amendment No. 48)*

(Former section 3 revoked (Amendment No. 48))

CHAPTER III

HULL, MACHINERY AND ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS

(Unless otherwise expressly specified, this chapter applies to all Class IV vessels)

1 Standards for Construction and Installations etc.

The vessel's strength, structure, arrangements, materials, scantlings, main and auxiliary machinery, boilers and pressure vessels, electrical installations, etc. shall be so designed, constructed and installed as to ensure that the vessel is fit for the service for which it is intended. Owner or builder may make reference to any relevant standards of classification societies for pleasure vessels or small craft or appropriate standards (such as CE standards); or any other equivalent standards. *(Amendment No. 48)*

2 Hull Construction and Marking

2.1 (1) The vessel shall be designed and constructed to:

- (a) provide structural strength adequate for the intended services of the vessel;
- (b) maintain adequate freeboard and stability; and
- (c) prevent the ready ingress of sea water.

(2) Vessel shall not have false bottom or secret compartment.

(Contents of former section 2.2 were amended and moved to Ch. IV, section 5 (Amendment No. 60))

2.3 Bulkheads of vessel except those of wooden construction, and as far as practicable on wooden vessel in particular the foremost bulkhead, shall be of watertight construction.

2.4 (1) Every enclosed space shall be provided with suitable ventilation and lighting. Every such space for regular entrance by crew or working personnel shall be suitably mechanically ventilated and illuminated.

(2) Every deck house shall be provided with appropriate insulation to avoid from excessive heat.

2.5 The certificate of ownership number of a vessel must be painted and mounted in accordance with section 38 of the Certification and Licensing Regulation.

2.6 If an existing pleasure vessel ^{1.8.2020} (i.e. first licensed before 1 August 2020) licensed to carry not more than 60 passengers that is not let for hire changes its use to be let for hire, an inclining test or calculation shall be conducted according to the standards of an authorized classification society or their equivalent. Alternatively, relevant certificates (such as class certificates or CE certificates), documents or declarations issued by an authorized classification society or a certification body shall be provided

2.7 As an alternative to section 2.6 above, a simple inclining test can be conducted. Refer to Annex 5 for details –

- (1) for Class IV vessels (including open cruisers or cruisers (enclosed deck vessels)) that are licensed to carry not more than 12 passengers, to ascertain that the angle of heel will not exceed 7° when having 2/3 of the passengers distributed on one side of the vessel and 1/3 on the other. The test is to be carried out in accordance with the details stated in Part 1; or
- (2) for Class IV vessels (including open cruisers or cruisers (enclosed deck vessels)) that are licensed to carry 13 to 60 passengers, to ascertain that the angle of heel will not exceed 10° when all passengers move from one side of the vessel to the other. The test is to be carried out in accordance with the details stated in Part 2.

If the vessel is not longer than 6 metres, an immersion test to prove its adequacy of buoyancy is also acceptable.

2.8 If a new pleasure vessel ^{1.8.2020} (i.e. first licensed on or after 1 August 2020) not let for hire changes its use to be let for hire, an inclining test or calculation shall be conducted as per Chapter X of this Code.

(Amendment No. 20, 48)

3 Machinery Installations

3.1 Suitable means of protection or device shall be provided to machinery, equipment, winches, etc. so as to avoid posing a danger to the persons on board. Special attention shall be paid to moving parts, hot surfaces and other dangers. *(Amendment No. 48)*

3.2 Machinery spaces shall be so designed and built so as to prevent risk of fire or explosion, and provide safe and free access to all machinery and its controls as well as to any other part that may require servicing. Adequate ventilation shall be provided for the machinery spaces.

3.3 On any open cruiser capable of cruising at high speeds ^{Note}, it is recommended that a safety device capable of tripping the propulsion engine(s), shall the vessel become out of control, be fitted. For a jetski, manufacturer recognized engine cutoff device or as appropriate, is to be fitted on board.

Note: When an open cruiser is rated with operating speed exceeding 17 knots or capable to achieve that speed, it is also termed as “high speed open cruiser”

3.4 If the vessel is of wooden construction, it is recommended that a metal tray, which can readily be cleaned, be fitted under the engine to protect the bilges against saturation by oil.

3.5 The engine's exhaust pipe and bulkhead piece shall be insulated with heat-resistant material unless it is served by a water-cooling system. A silencer or expansion chamber

shall be fitted on the exhaust pipe.

3.6 The arrangements for filling fuel tanks shall be such that oil will not spill or overflow into any compartment of the vessel.

3.7 Fuel tanks shall be substantially constructed of suitable material and securely fixed in position. Fuel oil outlet valves shall be readily closed from a position outside the space where the tank is situated. A suitable metal tray for collection of leaking oil shall be fitted under each valve of oil tank. *(Amendment No. 48)*

3.8 All fuel oil tank and lubrication oil tank venting pipes shall be led outside the compartment to open area. The open end of each venting pipe for fuel oil tanks shall be fitted with properly secured metallic wire-gauze.

3.9 Oil pipes, water pipes and engine exhaust pipes shall generally not be fitted above or close to any electrical distribution board, switchboard, etc. or any hot surface. If it is unavoidable to do so, suitable protection shall be provided.

3.10 Fuel oil pipes and their attachments shall be of adequate strength and free from excessive vibration.

3.11 A bilge pump of sufficient capacity shall be provided for any vessel of length (L) 8 metres and above.

3.12 When petrol is stowed onboard for use in outboard engines or portable generator engines, safety precautions as indicated in Annex 2 shall be strictly followed.

3.13 Every vessel of gross tonnage 400 and above must be fitted with an oily water separator of an approved type in compliance with the requirements of the Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Oil Pollution) Regulations (refer to Annex 10).

3.14 Engine Room and Wheelhouse Communication and Safety Arrangement

(1) On any vessel with manned engine rooms, a suitable system of communication between wheelhouse and engine room shall be provided.

(2) Any vessel with length as indicated below, operating in unattended machinery spaces mode, shall be provided with the following installation in the proximity of the position of helmsman:

(a) Vessel of $L < 24$ m *(Amendment No. 48)*

(i) for main engine - essential control (such as means of start and stop control of speed and clutch), indicators and abnormal alarms.

(Amendment No.48)

(ii) for generator engine and engine room ventilation fans - means to stop.

(iii) for bilge water in engine room - high level audible alarm^{Note}.

- (iv) for existing vessels^{2.1.2007}, a fixed fire detection (operated by smoke detectors) and fire alarm system for engine room are recommended. If these fittings are not installed, regular surveillance shall be exercised from outside engine room or control station by the coxswain or a crew member.
- (v) for new vessels^{2.1.2007}, a fixed fire detection (operated by smoke detectors) and fire alarm system for engine room are to be installed. ^{Note}

Note

For vessel length of less than 12 m, if regular surveillance can be exercised from outside engine room or control station by the coxswain or a crewmember, these requirements can be waived.

- (b) Vessel of $L \geq 24$ m *(Amendment No. 48)*

same as (a) above but in addition, provided with a fixed fire detection (operated by smoke detectors) and fire alarm system for engine room.

3.15 Any engine fitted on a vessel shall be properly maintained at all time free from dark smoke emission. In this regard, during the final inspection for initial and periodic survey, engine performance condition check would include smoke emission test using Ringelmann Chart. When the dark smoke emitted is as dark as or darker than Shade 2 of the Ringelmann Chart and is emitted for a continuous period of more than 3 minutes, the emission is considered a contravention of the law. *(Amendment No. 21)*

3.16 Any vessel if found or reported emitting excessive dark smoke, owners would be requested to present vessel's engine(s) for special inspection and smoke test to ensure compliance. Any non-compliance will be pursued in accordance with relevant legislation requirement.

3.17 Compressed Air System

3.17.1 Suitable pressure-relief arrangements shall be provided to prevent excess pressure in any part of the compressed air systems.

3.17.2 The starting air arrangements for main engine of a cylinder diameter exceeding 300 mm shall be adequately protected against the effects of back firing and internal explosion in the starting air pipes.

3.17.3 The discharge pipes from starting air compressor shall be led directly to the starting air receiver. Starting air pipes from air receivers serving main or generator engines shall be entirely separate from other services.

3.17.4 Provision shall be made to avoid or minimize the entry of oil into the air pressure systems and to drain the oil from the systems.

3.17.5 (1) Air receivers of a new vessel^{1.8.2020} or air receivers newly installed in an existing

vessel shall meet the standards stated below (solely for air receivers of low pressure installation (such as air whistle)) and undergo the survey of a relevant maritime institution or an authorized surveyor/person:

- (i) to meet the national standards of a maritime authority or the standards of a classification society or other recognized international standards such as ASME Standards or CE Standards, and to be issued with relevant certificates and have a comprehensive maintenance and survey programme; or
 - (ii) to be inspected and issued with a certificate by an authorized person who can inspect, test and issue a certificate for a pressurized gas installation under the Dangerous Goods (General) Regulations.
- (2) Each air receiver shall be provided with the following fittings:
- (i) Stop valve and pressure gauge
 - (ii) Drain valve
 - (iii) Safety valve

(Amendment No. 22, 48)

4 Electrical Installations

- 4.1 The nominal voltage of electrical systems is recommended to be 380V for generation and power circuits, 220V for lighting and distribution circuits and 24V D.C. for low voltage circuits.
- 4.2 The hull return system shall not be used for power or lighting.
- 4.3 Permanently exposed fixed metal parts of electrical machines or equipment which are not intended to be “live”, but which are liable under fault conditions to become “live” shall be earthed if they are supplied at a voltage exceeding 50V, except arranged with double insulation internally.
- 4.4 Electrical apparatus shall be so constructed and so installed that it should not cause injury to person when handled or touched in the normal manner.
- 4.5 The voltage rating of any cable shall not be less than the nominal voltage.
- 4.6 Every conductor of a cable or flexible cord shall be capable of carrying the maximum current which will normally flow through it without exceeding the appropriate current rating as specified by the manufacturer of the cable.
- 4.7 Cable runs shall be selected so as to protect against condensed moisture or drips. Cables shall, as far as possible, be remote from sources of heat, such as hot pipes, resistors, etc., and shall be protected from avoidable risks of mechanical damage.
- 4.8 Circuits shall be protected against short circuit and overload.

- 4.9 The current rating of circuit breakers shall not exceed the current rating of the smallest size of cable in the circuit protected by the circuit breaker.
- 4.10 Lighting fittings shall be so arranged as to prevent temperature rises which could damage the wiring and to prevent surrounding material from becoming excessively hot.
- 4.11 Accumulator batteries of lead-acid type shall not be located in accommodation spaces. Suitably installed hermetically-sealed accumulator batteries of alkaline type are acceptable to be placed in accommodation spaces.
- 4.12 In spaces where flammable mixtures are liable to collect and in any compartment assigned principally to contain an accumulator battery lead-acid type, the electrical fittings shall be of an explosion proof type.
- 4.13 A lightning conductor is recommended to be fitted for a vessel whose hull or mast is constructed of nonconductive materials. The lightning conductor may be connected to a copper plate fixed to the vessel's hull below the light waterline. The requirement is applicable to only non-metallic hull vessels.

5 Pollution Prevention

Owners and agents are required to comply with the requirements relevant to the MARPOL as follows :

- (1) The Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Oil Pollution) Regulations (Cap. 413A) applicable to any pleasure vessel of gross tonnage 400 and above (Refer to Annex 10 of this Code);
- (2) Merchant Shipping (Control of Harmful Anti-Fouling Systems on Ships) Regulation (Cap. 413N);
- (3) Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Pollution by Garbage) Regulations (Cap. 413O); and
- (4) The Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Air Pollution) Regulation (Cap. 413P) applicable to any pleasure vessel (Refers to Annexes 7 and 7A of this Code).

(Amendment No. 48)

6 Other Installations and Equipment

- 6.1 At least one anchor of adequate weight is to be installed with anchor chain of adequate size, length and strength for its intended purpose. Where ropes are used instead of chain cables, the rope's size and strength shall be equivalent to that of chain cable. Except for manual operating type, suitable cable and anchor recovery arrangement or windlass is recommended.

- 6.2 A repair tool kit for main and auxiliary engines is to be carried.
- 6.3 No naked fire is permitted to use for cooking or similar activities whenever there is passenger onboard, unless the cooking is done inside a galley fitted with fire protected bulkheads. *(Amendment No. 23)*

7 Shipboard Passenger Lift

7.1 Certificate of manufacture:

Lifts on board shall not affect the structural safety of the ship and shall be constructed in accordance with applicable standards (e.g. Australian Standards, British Standards and CE Standards, etc.). A certificate issued by a recognized organization or an equivalent professional body shall be attached.

7.2 Periodic Inspection

The lifts on board shall be regularly tested and inspected in accordance with the manufacturer's guidelines, and the relevant work and relevant inspection report shall be carried out and issued by the manufacturer or the works contractor recognised by the certificate issuing agency. Registered lift contractors of the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department may also carry out relevant inspection work and issue relevant reports.

The shipowner is required to submit a valid inspection report at the time of the annual survey.

(Amendment No. 48)

8 Alteration

Before making any major alterations to the vessel, the shipowner/agent/competent surveyor shall follow the guidelines in Marine Department Notice No. 215 of 2023 on "Alterations to Local Vessels". *(Amendment No. 48)*

CHAPTER IV

PASSENGER AND CREW ACCOMMODATION

1 Accommodation

- 1.1 Accommodation spaces shall be maintained in a clean, suitable lighting, well-ventilated and habitable condition with efficient means of escape.
- 1.2 There shall be sufficient handholds and grab-rails within the accommodation to allow safe movement around the accommodation when the vessel is in a seaway.
- 1.3 Heavy items of equipment such as batteries, cooking appliances etc., shall be securely fastened in place to prevent movement when the vessel is underway.
- 1.4 All vessels shall ensure the boarding for crew and passengers is safe.
- 1.5 For vessels carrying more than 12 passengers, sanitary apparatus or wash room shall be provided on board as far as practicable, taking into consideration the actual operational needs (e.g. voyages exceeding 30 minutes). *(Amendment No. 48)*
- 1.6 Glass or mirror shall be made of materials, which will not break into dangerous fragments if fractured.
- 1.7 Passenger and crew accommodation shall have at least 1.85 metres of clear headroom above deck flooring.

2 Maximum Carrying Capacity and Seating

- 2.1 The maximum carrying capacity (including passengers and crew) for a Class IV vessel shall be determined as follows:

- (1) open cruiser ^{Note (i)} *(Amendment No. 51)*

L × B numeral	Total Number of Persons
≤ 5	2
>5 to ≤ 10	3
> 10	4

- (2) cruiser (closed deck vessel) ^{Note (ii)} *(Amendment No. 51)*

total number of persons = $L_d \times B \times 0.4$

where L = vessel length (m) as defined in Chapter I of this Code

L_d = vessel deck overall length (m)

B = vessel maximum breadth (m)

Note (i): “Open cruiser” means a vessel which is not a “cruiser”. For the avoidance of doubt, jetski is an Open cruiser.

(Amendment No. 51)

Note (ii): “cruiser” means a vessel which (a) has a continuous main deck; or (b) cabin could accommodate 60% of vessel’s carrying capacity (total number of persons permitted to carry) with weatherproof cabin door and drainage holes on deck.

(Amendment No. 51)

- 2.2 An increased capacity may be considered subject to a satisfactory result of the test stated below for a vessel with the maximum carrying capacity required exceeding the upper limit of the calculated value in section 2.1 above. Such increase shall take into consideration the minimum number of crew required for the vessel as specified in the operating licence, of which the evaluation is guided by the details given at Annex 4A of this Code:

- (1) an existing pleasure vessel ^{1.8.2020} (i.e. first licensed before 1 August 2020) receiving a satisfactory result after conducting an inclining test or calculation in accordance with the requirements stipulated in section 2.6 or 2.7 in Chapter III of this Code;
- (2) a new pleasure vessel ^{1.8.2020} (i.e. first licensed on or after 1 August 2020) receiving a satisfactory result after conducting an inclining test or calculation in accordance with Chapter X of this Code.

(Amendment No. 48)

- 2.3 All passengers shall be arranged with seating or resting facilities adequate for the intended purpose. As a guidance, the number of fixed seats shall be not less than 50% of its maximum number of carrying capacity and the balanced number of seats can be in other form or type provided that they are relatively stable and safe for its purpose.

- 2.4 (1) Any new pleasure vessel ^{2.1.2007} (i.e. first licensed on or after 2 January 2007) that is let for hire shall not carry passenger below main deck.
- (2) For any new pleasure vessel ^{2.1.2007} not let for hire or any existing pleasure vessel ^{2.1.2007} (i.e. first licensed before 2 January 2007) let for hire; any compartment below main deck shall not be used as passenger space as far as practicable, except on a sunken deck which has scantlings equivalent to main deck and shall be at least 100 mm above the deepest loaded waterline or fitted with flooding alarms, provided these spaces are clearly marked with the accessible escape route.

(Amendment No. 25)

- 2.5 For any pleasure vessel let for hire, a “Seating plan” and a passenger capacity assessment form of format indicated in Annex 4A are to be submitted and verified by AS or Marine Department.

3 Marking of carrying capacity in Passenger Space

- 3.1 For any pleasure vessel carrying more than 12 passengers that is let for hire, the number of

passengers in which each deck can accommodate shall be indicated, in a conspicuous location, at all spaces where passengers will be embarking, in Chinese and English :-

Upper Deck	xxx
Main Deck	xxx
Others	xxx
Total Number of Passengers	xxx
Minimum Number of Crew	xxx
Total Number of Person Permitted	xxx

3.2 For any pleasure vessel carrying not more than 12 passengers that is let for hire, it is recommended to mark the maximum carrying capacity in a conspicuous location, in Chinese and English.

3.3 Lifejacket stowage location shall be clearly marked.

(Former section 4 revoked (Amendment No. 48))

5 Protection of Passengers and Crew

Bulwarks, guardrails or equivalent should as far as practicable be installed near the periphery of weather decks accessible to passengers and crew. If persons on board will not walk or work on the sides of the main deck under normal conditions during sailing, fitting of bulwarks or guardrails is not required provided there are suitable warning plates.

(Amendment No. 60)

6 Inflatable Boat

6.1 The construction of inflatable boat shall meet the standard of International Standard Organization issued ISO 6185 with respect to structural materials, functional components and safety requirements (including maximum load capacity), etc. appropriate to vessel's length and engine horsepower. Independent certification for the vessel applying for licence shall be furnished. A relevant certificate (CE certificate) provided by the certification body is also acceptable.

6.2 The maximum carrying capacity (including passengers and crew) of a vessel shall comply with the requirements of ISO 12217-1 (appropriate to the design category of the vessel) and ISO 14946 on the number of persons intended to carry.

(Amendment No. 27, 48)

CHAPTER V

FIRE PROTECTION

1 General Requirements

- 1.1 Fire-fighting apparatus shall be of approved type. Apparatus approved by the maritime administration of a convention country, or classification society on behalf of an administration in accordance with the recommendations of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), or fire-fighting apparatus approved by the national maritime authority of its country of manufacture or equivalent (such as CE approved), is acceptable.
(Amendment No. 48)

1.2 Portable Fire Extinguishers

- 1.2.1 The approximate fire-extinguishing capacity of each type of portable fire extinguisher are as shown in the following table:

Vessel Length (L)(m) Media	$L \leq 9$	$9 < L < 15$	$L \geq 15$
Foam, water (litres)	2.8	4.6	9
CO ₂ (kg)	1	1.5	3
Dry Powder (kg)	1.4	2.3	4.5

- 1.2.2 Fire extinguishers to be used for switchboards, control panels, batteries, etc. shall be of a type suitable for electrical fires, e.g. dry-powder or CO₂ fire extinguishers.
- 1.2.3 Fire extinguishers to be used for machinery spaces shall be of the type suitable for oil fires, e.g. foam, dry powder or CO₂ fire extinguishers.
- 1.2.4 Portable extinguishers are to be suitably distributed throughout the protected spaces. Normally at least one shall be stowed near the entrance to that space.
- 1.2.5 Carbon dioxide fire extinguishers shall not be used in accommodation spaces.
- 1.2.6 No portable fire extinguisher is required for a jetski.
- 1.2.7 Portable fire extinguishers shall be periodically examined and subject to tests in accordance with the requirements in Note*5 of Annex 13B. *(Amendment No. 28, 48)*

1.3 Fire Pumps

- 1.3.1 When an emergency fire pump is required, such pump, its source of power (if any) and sea connection shall not be situated in the same compartment of the main fire pump.
- 1.3.2 A manually operated pump shall be capable of producing a jet of water having a throw of not less than 6 metres from its nozzle.

1.4 Hydrants, Hoses, Nozzles

- 1.4.1 Fire hydrants shall be positioned so as to allow at least one jet of water from a single length of fire hose to reach any part of the vessel normally accessible. If only one hydrant is provided for the engine room it shall be located outside that space and near the entrance.
- 1.4.2 The nozzles shall be appropriate to the delivery capacity of the fire pumps fitted, but in any case shall have a diameter of not less than 10 mm.

- 1.4.3 Dual purpose nozzle incorporating a shut-off meeting the requirements set out in Appendix I of MDN No. 49 of 2019 is accepted as an alternative to the requirements of jet nozzles and spray nozzles stipulated in Schedule 4 of the Survey Regulation.

1.5 Fixed Fire Extinguishing System

Aerosol System meeting the requirements set out in Part B, MDN No. 49 of 2019 or FM-200 System meeting the requirements set out in MDN No. 25/2023 is accepted as an alternative to the fixed CO₂ fire-extinguishing system stipulated in Schedule 4 of the Survey Regulation.

2 Ready Availability and Maintenance of Apparatus

- 2.1 Whenever a local vessel is being used or operated, every fire-fighting apparatus carried on board the vessel shall be:
- (a) in working order;
 - (b) ready for immediate use; and
 - (c) placed in a position easily accessible.
- 2.2 The apparatus shall be inspected at intervals of not more than 12 months.

3 Scale of Fire-fighting Apparatus

- 3.1 The requirements of fire-fighting apparatus are prescribed under Schedule 4 of Survey Regulation. The electronic version of which is available at URL –
https://www.elegislation.gov.hk/hk/cap548G!en-zh-Hant-HK?INDEX_CS=N&xpid=ID_1438403422947_001
(Amendment No. 29, 48)
- 3.2 The requirements for a vessel of 75 m or more in length shall be specified by the Director on case by case basis having considered the following factors:
- (a) the vessel's mode of operation;
 - (b) the vessel's intended service;
 - (c) the vessel's size;
 - (d) the vessel's construction;
 - (e) the total number of persons on board (and crew manning);
 - (f) the compliance of regional standards or international standards, if applicable; and
 - (g) potential hazards to the safety of the vessel and any person or property on board the vessel.
- 3.3 Provisions of fire-fighting apparatus in Survey Regulation Schedule 4 (Table 8) are quoted below:
- QUOTE

Table 8
Pleasure vessels licensed to carry not more than 60 passengers and
operate within waters of Hong Kong that are not let for hire

Fire-fighting Apparatus Vessel Length (L)(m)		L < 5.5	5.5 ≤ L ≤ 9	9 < L < 15	15 ≤ L < 24	L ≥ 24
Portable Fire Extinguisher ⁽²⁾	1.4 kg	1 ⁽¹⁾	2	-	-	-
	2.3 kg	-	-	2	-	-
	4.5 kg	-	-	-	2	2
	Engine Room	-	-	2 ⁽³⁾	2 ⁽³⁾	2 ⁽³⁾
Fire Bucket with Lanyard ⁽⁴⁾		1 (or 1 bailer)	2	2	2	3
Main Fire Pump	Power	-	-	-	1 ⁽⁵⁾	1
	Manual	-	-	-		-
Emergency Fire Pump	Power	-	-	-	-	1 ⁽⁵⁾
	Manual	-	-	-	-	
Hydrant		-	-	-	capable of delivering one jet of water having a throw of not less than 6 m which can be directed on to any part of the vessel through a hose with a 10 mm	
Hose		-	-	-	1	2
Nozzle	Jet	-	-	-	1	2
	Spray	-	-	-	-	1
Fireman’s Axe		-	-	-	-	1

Notes:

- (1) (a) Portable dry powder fire extinguisher or equivalent.
(b) No fire extinguisher is required for a jetski.
- (2) Two extinguishers shall be provided if there is a galley on board.
- (3) For engine room that contains internal combustion type machinery having in aggregate a total power output of not less than 375 kW.
- (4) Fire buckets may be substituted by an equal number of portable dry powder fire extinguishers each of a capacity of not less than 4.5 kg of dry powder or equivalent.
- (5) The fire pump and its sea suction shall be situated outside the engine room.

3.4 Provisions of fire-fighting apparatus in Survey Regulation Schedule 4 (Table 1) are quoted below:

Table 1

(i) **Pleasure vessels that are licensed to carry more than 60 passengers**

(ii) **Pleasure vessels licensed to carry 13 to 60 passengers that are let for hire**

Vessel length (L)(m) Fire-fighting Apparatus		(L)<15	15≤(L)<24	24≤(L)<60	60≤(L)<75 ⁽¹⁾
Portable Fire Extinguisher	Passenger Accommodation Space	1 on each deck (minimum 2)		1 within not more than 10 m walking distance, but at least 2 on each deck	
	Wheel House	1			
	Galley	1			
	Engine Control Room	1			
	Engine Room	3	4	1 for each 750 kW or part thereof of the power output of the engine and electric motor, but at least 3 and not more than 6 in each room	
	Machinery Space	1 within each space			
<Fixed CO ₂ Fire Extinguishing System> ^{(2) (3)}	Engine Room	-		gas quantity, storage, piping, nozzle, alarm, location and arrangement shall be in accordance with the relevant plans approved under Part 3 of Survey Regulation	
<Fire Detection And Alarm System> ⁽³⁾				quantity, type, location and arrangement shall be in accordance with the relevant plans approved under Part 3 of Survey Regulation	
Main Fire Pump	Power	-	1 ⁽⁴⁾	1 ⁽⁵⁾	1
	Manual			-	-
Emergency Fire Pump	Power	-		1 ⁽⁴⁾	1 ⁽⁴⁾
	Manual				
Fire Main + Hose + Hydrant + Jet Nozzle		- (Amendment No. 61)	1 set	1 set to be provided for each pump ⁽⁶⁾	
Fireman’s Axe		-		1	

(1) The requirement for a local vessel of 75 m or more in length shall be specified by the Director on a case-by-case basis.

(2) (a) Required for any local vessel that is licensed to carry more than 12 passengers and installed with internal combustion engines of aggregate propulsion power of 375 kW or

over.

- (b) The fixed CO₂ fire extinguishing system may be substituted by a non-portable fire extinguisher (45L foam or equivalent CO₂ type) if it can be satisfactorily demonstrated that the jet of the fire extinguishing media can reach any part of the engine room.
- (c) For local vessels of 24 m or more in length and that are not new vessels^{2.1.2007}, one 45L foam or 16 kg CO₂ fire extinguisher shall be provided in the engine room.
- (3) Requirements in angle brackets (“< >”) are for new vessels^{2.1.2007} only.
- (4) The fire pump and its sea suction shall be situated outside the engine room.
- (5) The fire pump may be propulsion engine driven, provided it can be readily engaged to the engine.
- (6) A Class IV vessel of 24 m or more in length shall be provided with the following additional appliances:
 - (a) 1 hydrant in each engine room; and
 - (b) 1 spray nozzle on each deck and in each engine room.

UNQUOTE

Remark : For existing pleasure vessels^{2.1.2007} of length less than 24 m that is let for hire, power/manual pump may be substituted by equivalent means of additional fire fighting apparatus.

3.5 Provisions of fire-fighting apparatus in Survey Regulation Schedule 4 (Table 3) are quoted below:

QUOTE

Table 3
Pleasure vessels licensed to carry not more than 12 passengers that are let for hire

Fire-fighting Apparatus \ Vessel length (L)(m)		L < 12	12 ≤ L < 24	24 ≤ L < 75 ^(Note)
Portable Fire Extinguisher	Accommodation Space	1 on each deck		2 on each deck
	Wheel House	1		
	Galley	1		
	Engine Control Room	1		
	Engine Room	2	3	4
	Machinery Space	1 within each space		
Fire Bucket With Lanyard		1	2	3

UNQUOTE

Note: The requirement for a local vessel of 75 m or more in length shall be specified by the Director on a case-by-case basis.

CHAPTER VI

LIFE-SAVING APPLIANCES AND ARRANGEMENTS

1 General Requirements

- 1.1 All life-saving appliances (other than lifejackets) shall be of the approved type. Appliances conforming to the International Life-Saving Appliance (“LSA”) Code adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee of the International Maritime Organization by its resolution MSC.48(66), and approved by a maritime administration of a jurisdiction to which the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 is applicable or a classification society, or life-saving appliances approved by the national maritime authority of their country of manufacture or equivalent (such as CE approved), are acceptable. *(Amendment No. 2, 47, 48)*

1.1A Lifejacket

1.1A.1 *(Repealed)*

- 1.1A.2 Under the Survey Regulation, unless otherwise specified, a Class IV vessel shall provide every person (regardless of whether he/she is a child or an adult) on board with a suitable lifejacket (refer to 1.1A.4), the total number of which must be not less than the maximum number of persons licensed to be carried (i.e. including crew members) as specified in the operating licence. Also, pleasure vessels carrying more than 12 passengers that are let for hire shall provide infant lifejackets, the total number of which must be not less than 2.5% of the maximum number of passengers licensed to be carried (excluding crew members) as specified in the operating licence.

1.1A.3 Lifejacket Standards

The lifejackets required to be provided on board a local vessel under section 32 of and Schedule 3 to the Survey Regulation must –

- (a) at least comply with the performance standards and requirements set out in –
 - (i) for a vessel which is permitted to leave the waters of Hong Kong –
 - (A) section 2.2.1 or 2.2.2 of the LSA Code; or
 - (B) ISO 12402-3:2006 (Personal floatation devices – Part 3: Lifejackets, performance level 150 – Safety requirements) issued by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO); and
 - (ii) for a vessel which is permitted to ply solely in the waters of Hong Kong –
 - (A) section 2.2.1 or 2.2.2 of the LSA Code; or
 - (B) ISO 12402-4:2006 (Personal floatation devices – Part 4: Lifejackets, performance level 100 – Safety requirements) issued by the ISO; and
- (b) be of a type approved by a maritime administration of a jurisdiction to which the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 is applicable or a classification society or the European Union.

1.1A.4 Suitable Lifejacket¹

¹ In complying with the requirements in section 1.2(ii) under Part 2 in Chapter X, passengers on board open cruiser let for hire during water sports activities can wear a lifejacket of a standard not lower than the performance standards and requirements set out in ISO 12402-5:2006 (Personal floatation devices – Part 3: Lifejackets, performance level 50 – Safety requirements) issued by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO). Provision of such additional lifejackets for use shall not replace any of the lifejackets required to be provided on board in accordance with the maximum number of persons to be carried as specified in the operating licence. *(Amendment No. 48, 49)*

A suitable lifejacket means a lifejacket that is designed and manufactured in accordance with 1.1A.3 above, and fit for the intended wearer. A lifejacket complying with such standard is designed with a normal size range, differentiated by the weight and/or height of the intended wearer. Such a range of sizes would be marked on the label of lifejacket for reference:

	SOLAS	ISO
Adult	≥43kg, ≥155cm	≥40kg
Child	15-43kg, 100-155cm	15-40kg
Infant	<15kg, <100cm	<15kg
“Common Lifejacket” (refer to <1.1A.6>)	N.A.	15-120kg

1.1A.5 To avoid confusion, the lifejackets (except infant lifejackets) placed on board should as far as practicable not of mixed standards.

1.1A.6 “Common Lifejacket”

A lifejacket suitable for both adults and children (Common Lifejacket) complies with ISO performance level 100. It is only suitable to be used by vessels sailing within the Hong Kong waters. For details of the Common Lifejacket accepted by the Marine Department and the information of the manufacturers, refer to Marine Department Notice No. 69 of 2019.

The Common Lifejacket should have a Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) electronic tag attached with a unique identification serial number. The electronic tag should fulfill the following specification requirements:

1	Material	Silicon (or equivalent).
2	Dimension	56 x 12 x 1.8 mm (+/- 10% on each dimension).
3	Frequency band	Within the 860 to 960 MHz band of the UHF spectrum, and shall be readable within the frequency range 865 – 868MHz and/or 920 – 925MHz allocated by the Office of the Communications Authority (OFCA) of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.
4	Protocol	EPC global ISO 18000-6C (or equivalent).
5	IC	Higgs 3 (or equivalent).
6	EPC memory	96 bits (or above).
7	User memory	512 bits (or above).
8	Write cycles	100 000 (or above).
9	Storage environment	-40°C to +90°C (or wider range).
10	Wet clean	85°C (up to 60 minutes) (or equivalent). 120°C (up to 10 minutes) (or equivalent).

11	Iron	200°C (up to 10 seconds with press cloth) (or equivalent).
12	Security features	(a) The tags shall be compatible with the security scheme for product authentication. (b) Each tag shall be assigned a unique ID in EPC memory bank. Structure of the encoding and numbering scheme shall make reference to Item 13 below with details to be provided and confirmed by the Marine Department. (c) Each tag shall be protected by a locked access password to avoid unauthorised access (32 bits). (d) Each tag shall be protected by a locked kill password to avoid unauthorised access (32 bits). (e) Each tag shall be assigned an authentication code (96 bits) in user memory bank which will be updated during authentication process. (f) Data content of the security scheme for tag initialization.
13	Structure of the encoding in the UHF RFID tag (for reference)	(a) The code is AA99-999999, of which each “A” represents an alphabetic character from A to Z and each “9” represents a digit from 0 to 9. (b) The hyphen is fixed. (c) The prefix “MD” will be used in the RFID provided by the Marine Department. The RFID of other Common Lifejackets shall not use “MD” in the encoding.

1.1A.7 Oversized or Overweight Passengers/Personnel on Board

With reference to the LSA Code, restraining straps should be provided on board to assist overweight or oversized passengers/personnel in securing their lifejackets as they are unable to don the standard-compliant lifejackets.

1.1B *(Repealed)*

1.2 Very high frequency (VHF) radio equipment shall obtain the Ship Station Licence issued by the Communications Authority (CA), Hong Kong. *(Amendment No. 30)*

1.3 One lifebuoy must be able to support two adult persons. *(Amendment No. 47)*

1.4 The buoyant lifeline shall be attached to a lifebuoy and be placed in the proximity of the ship's side.

1.5 Lifebuoys should be marked on both sides with the name or certificate of ownership number of the vessel on which they are carried.

2 **Stowage of Appliances**

2.1 Whenever a local vessel is being used or operated, every life-saving appliance carried on board the vessel should be –

- (a) in working order;
- (b) ready for immediate use; and
- (c) placed in an easily accessible position.

2.2 Lifebuoys should be in good and serviceable condition and ready for use at all times.

Lifebuoys should as far as practicable be distributed on both sides of the vessel. They are to be placed in racks by means of loose attachment to allow them to float freely as necessary. *(Amendment No. 48)*

2.3 Lifejackets should be stowed in racks or under seats and be clearly marked. They should be evenly distributed according to the disposition of persons on board.

2.4 If a lifejacket is individually stored in a plastic bag, and –

- (a) where the plastic bag is completely transparent, the plastic bag should be easily ripped open; and
- (b) where the plastic bag is opaque or is not completely transparent –
 - (i) the plastic bag should be easily ripped open; and
 - (ii) there should be a clear indication at a conspicuous place on the outside of the plastic bag that the plastic bag contains a lifejacket.

(Amendment No. 4)

2.5 If one or more lifejackets are stored in an enclosed space (for example: a cabinet, a bag) which is opaque or is not completely transparent, there should be a clear indication at a conspicuous place on the outside of the enclosed space that the enclosed space contains a lifejacket. *(Amendment No. 4)*

2.6 *(Repealed)*

3 Safety Briefing

When a pleasure vessel let for hire is engaged in chartering, the coxswain should ensure that all persons on board are briefed for safety as per Annex 1.

4 Scale of Life-Saving Appliances

4.1 The requirements of life-saving appliances for Class IV vessels are prescribed in the Survey Regulation Schedule 3, the electronic version of which is available at the URL below–

<https://www.elegislation.gov.hk/hk/cap548G!en-zh-Hant-HK/sch3> *(Amendment No. 33)*

4.2 Provisions of life-saving appliances in Survey Regulation Schedule 3 (Table 7) are quoted below:

Table 7

**Class IV vessels that are licensed to carry not more than 60 passengers
and are not let for hire or reward and operate within
waters of Hong Kong**

Life-saving Appliances	Quantity	
	Vessel Length (L)(m)	Number
Lifebuoy	(L) < 12	1
	12 ≤ (L) < 21	2
	21 ≤ (L) < 37	4
	(L) ≥ 37	6
Buoyant Lifeline ⁽²⁾	1	

Notes:

(1) *(Repealed L.N. 154 of 2019)*

(2) The minimum length of buoyant lifeline is:

For $(L) < 21 \text{ m}$ 18 m
For $(L) \geq 21 \text{ m}$ 27.3 m

4.3 Provisions of life-saving appliances in Survey Regulation Schedule 3 (Table 1 and Table 2 are quoted below:

Table 1

- (i) **Class IV vessels that are licensed to carry more than 60 passengers**
(ii) **Class IV vessels licensed to carry 13 to 60 passengers that are let for hire**

Operation Area Life-saving Appliances	Specified Sheltered Waters, typhoon shelter or anywhere within Waters of Hong Kong
Lifebuoy	minimum number per Table 2
Buoyant Lifeline ⁽³⁾	1 for vessel $(L) < 12 \text{ m}$ 2 for vessel $(L) \geq 12 \text{ m}$
Self-igniting Light ⁽⁴⁾	2

Notes:

(1)-(2) *(Repealed L.N.154 of 2019)*

(3) The minimum length of buoyant lifeline for a Class IV vessel that is licensed to carry more than 60 passengers is 30 m.

The minimum length of buoyant lifeline for a Class IV vessel that is licensed to carry not more than 60 passengers is :

For $(L) < 21 \text{ m}$ 18 m
For $(L) \geq 21 \text{ m}$ 27.3 m

(4) Required for a Class IV vessel that carries more than 100 passengers.

Table 2

Minimum number of lifebuoys as required in Table 1

Vessel length (L)(m)	Number of lifebuoys
$(L) < 12$	2
$12 \leq (L) < 15$	4
$15 \leq (L) < 18$	6
$18 \leq (L) < 21$	8
$21 \leq (L) < 24$	10
$(L) \geq 24$	12

- 4.4 Provisions of life-saving appliances in Survey Regulation Schedule 3 (Table 3 and Table 5) are quoted below:

Table 3
Class IV vessels that are licensed to carry not more than 12 passengers but are let for hire

Operation Area Life-saving Appliances	Specified Sheltered Waters, typhoon shelter or anywhere within Waters of Hong Kong
lifebuoy	Minimum number per Table 5
buoyant lifeline ⁽⁶⁾	1 for vessel (L) < 12 m 2 for vessel (L) ≥ 12 m
<self-igniting light (for vessel (L) ≥ 37 m)> ⁽⁵⁾	2

Notes:

- (5) Requirements in angle brackets (“< >”) are for new vessels^{2.1.2007} only.
(6) The minimum length of buoyant lifeline is 30 m.

Table 5
Minimum Number of Lifebuoys as required in Table 3

Vessel Length (L)(m)	Number of Lifebuoys
(L) < 12	1
12 ≤ (L) < 24	2
24 ≤ (L) < 37	4
(L) ≥ 37	6

Note: For jetski, one lifejacket for each person to be provided onboard.

(Amendment No. 47)

- 4.5 Provisions of life-saving appliances in Survey Regulation Schedule 3 (Table 8) are quoted below:

Table 8

- (i) **A Class IV vessel that is licensed 1 August 2020 to carry not more than 60 passengers and is let for hire or reward (except a Class IV vessel that is and open cruiser)**
- (ii) **A Class IV vessel that is an open cruiser licensed to carry not more than 60 passengers and is let for hire or reward**
- (iii) **A Class IV vessel of more than 150 gross tonnage and is licensed before 1 August 2020**

Life-saving appliances	Number
Lifebuoy	sufficient for use by the maximum number of persons that the vessel is licensed to carry ⁽¹⁾

Note:

- (1) For a Class IV vessel that is an open cruiser licensed to carry not more than 60 passengers and is let for hire or reward, this requirement is exempted if the passengers on board the vessel wear suitable lifejackets while the vessel is underway.

CHAPTER VII

LIGHTS, SHAPES AND SOUND SIGNALS

1 General

- 1.1 Unless indicated otherwise, this chapter (including amendments made therein) applies to all vessels (new and existing). *(Amendment No. 34, 48)*
- 1.2 Lights, shapes and sound signals provided for navigational purpose shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Signals of Distress and Prevention of Collisions) Regulations (Cap. 369N), which gives effect to the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea 1972 (COLREG), as amended.
- 1.3 All navigation lights and sound signals shall be of the type approved/certified by Marine Department, or the Maritime Administration of a convention country.
- All lanterns and sound signals fitted on any new vessel^{3.3.2017}; or replacement of these lights/signals on existing vessel shall be of the type approved/certified by Marine Department, or the Maritime Administration of a convention country or an authorized organization (definition in Ch. I/3.1 refers). Each navigation light shall be accompanied by a type-approval certificate. *(Amendment No. 35, 48)*
- 1.4 In addition to section 1.3 above, lights, shapes and sound signals that comply with the European Product Directive, meet the relevant provisions of the above-mentioned COLREGs and bear a "CE" mark are acceptable. *(Amendment No. 48)*

2 Definitions

For the purpose of this chapter, except where the context otherwise requires:

- (1) The words "length (L)" and "breadth" of a vessel mean her length overall and greatest breadth (definition in Ch. I/3 refers).
- (2) The term "height above the hull" means height above the uppermost continuous deck. This height shall be measured from the position vertically beneath the location of the light.

3 Alternative Lights

Lanterns may be either electric or oil type.

4 Lights and Sound Signals

The tables at the following sections indicate the signal appliances to be carried by vessels of the length (L) as indicated.

4.1 Power Driven Vessels $L \geq 50$ m

Item	No. Req'd	Intensity/Size	Remark
Masthead Light	1 fwd 1 aft	visibility 6 n. miles	
Side Light (P&S)	1 set	" 3 n. miles	
Stern Light	1	" 3 n. miles	
Anchor Light	1 fwd 1 aft	" 3 n. miles	all round white
N.U.C. Light	2	" 3 n. miles	all round red
Black Ball	2	0.6 m diameter	
Black Diamond	1	0.6 m diameter, 1.2 m height	
Whistle	1	Audibility range 50 m $\leq$ L < 75 m 1 n. mile 75 m $\leq$ L < 200 m 1.5 n. mile	
Bell	1	0.3 m mouth diameter	
Gong	1		for L $\geq$ 100 m

4.2 Power Driven Vessels $20 \text{ m} \leq L < 50 \text{ m}$

Item	No. Req'd	Intensity/Size	Remark
Masthead Light	1	visibility 5 n. miles	
Side Light (P&S)	1 set	" 2 n. miles	
Stern Light	1	" 2 n. miles	
Anchor Light	1	" 2 n. miles	all round white
N.U.C. Light	2	" 2 n. miles	all round red
Black Ball	2	0.6 m diameter	
Black Diamond	1	0.6 m diameter, 1.2 m height	
Whistle	1	audibility range 1 n. mile	
Bell	1	0.3 m mouth diameter	

4.3 Power Driven Vessels $12 \text{ m} \leq L < 20 \text{ m}$

Item	No. Req'd	Intensity/Size	Remark
Masthead Light	1	visibility 3 n. miles	
Side Light (P&S)	1 set	" 2 n. miles	may be combined lantern
Stern Light	1	" 2 n. miles	
Anchor Light	1	" 2 n. miles	all round white
N.U.C. Light	2	" 2 n. miles	all round red
Black Ball	2	dimensions commensurate with size of vessel	
Black Diamond	1	ditto	
Whistle	1	audibility range 0.5 n. miles	
Sound Signal	1	means of making efficient sound signal	

4.4 Power Driven Vessels $L < 12$ m

Item	No. Req'd	Intensity/Size	Remark
Masthead Light	1	visibility 2 n. miles	may exhibit an all-round white light instead ^{Note (A)}
Stern Light	1	" 2 n. miles	
Side Light (P&S)	1 set	" 1 n. miles	may be combined lantern
Anchor Light	1	" 2 n. miles	all round white
N.U.C. Light ^{Note (B)}	2	" 2 n. miles	all round red
Black Ball ^{Note (B)}	2	dimensions commensurate with size of vessel	
Black Diamond ^{Note (B)}	1	ditto	
Sound Signal	1	means of making efficient sound signal	

Note

- (A) The masthead light or all-round white light may be displaced from the fore and aft centreline of the vessel if centreline fitting is not practicable, provided that the sidelights are combined in one lantern which shall be carried on the fore and aft centreline of the vessel or located as nearly as practicable in the same fore and aft line as the masthead light or the all-round white light.
- (B) Except those engaged in diving operations, the subject lights and shapes shall not be required.

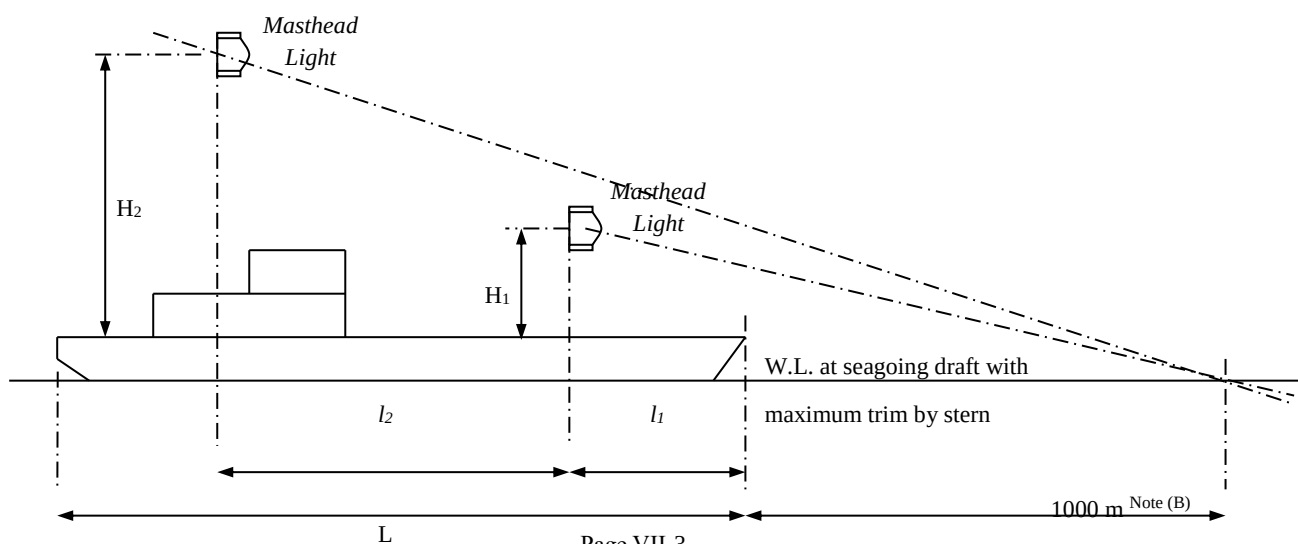
(Amendment No. 6)

- 4.5 Power driven vessel with $L < 7$ m and maximum speed not exceeding 7 knots may in lieu of the lights prescribed in 4.4 above, exhibit an all round white light and shall, if practicable, also exhibit sidelights.
- 4.6 Whenever a jetski is to operate from sunset to sunrise or restricted visibility in daytime, all lights prescribed above shall be exhibited.

5 Positioning of Light Signals

Except in special cases, the masthead light, side lights and stern light shall be so placed as to be above and clear of all other lights and obstructions.

5.1 Masthead Light



Ship Length L (m)	L < 12 Note (A)	12 ≤ L < 20 Note (A)	20 ≤ L < 50 Note (A)	L ≥ 50
l_1	As far forward as is practicable	As far forward as is practicable	≤ 0.5L	≤ 0.25L
l_2	--	--	--	≥ 0.5 L
H_1	may be < 2.5 m Note (D)(F)	≥ 2.5 m Note (C)(F)	≥ 6 m or ship's breadth (whichever is greater), but need not > 12 m Note (F)	
H_2	--	--	--	≥ ($H_1+4.5$) Note (E)(F)

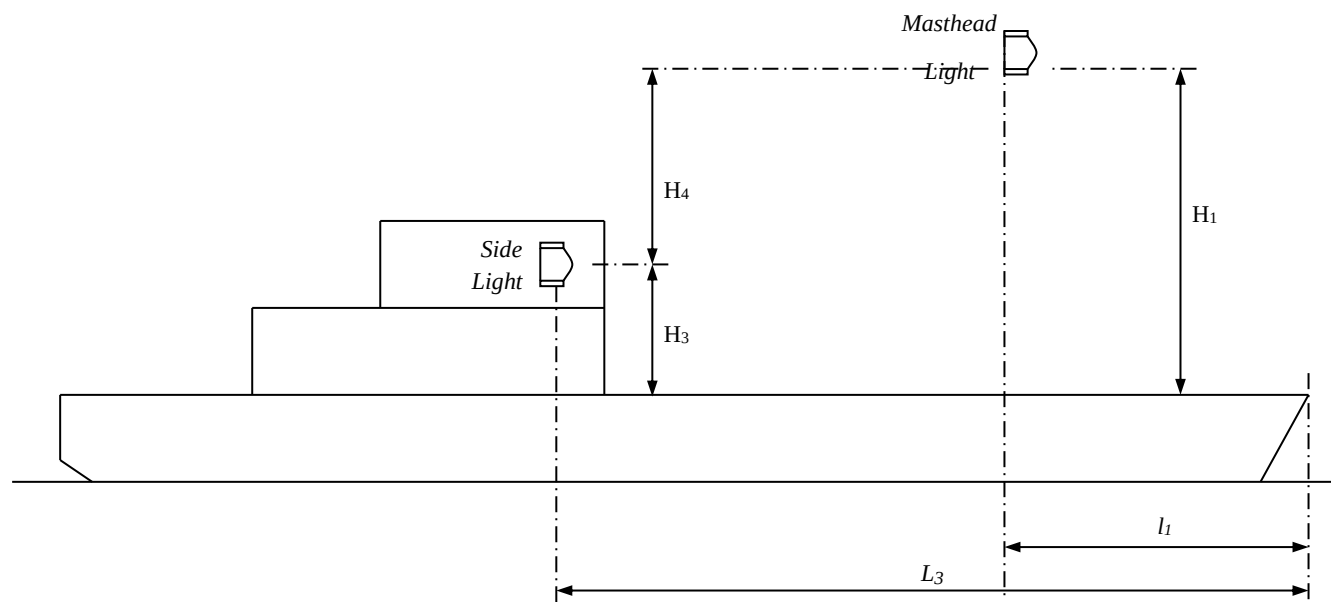
Note

- (A) On vessels of $L < 50$ m only one masthead light is required.
- (B) The vertical separation of masthead lights of power-driven vessels shall be such that in all normal conditions of trim the after light will be seen over and separate from the forward light at a distance of 1000 m from the stem when viewed from sea level.
- (C) On vessels of $12 \text{ m} \leq L < 20$ m the height is measured from gunwale.
- (D) Vessels of $L < 12$ m may carry the uppermost light at a height of less than 2.5 m above the gunwale. When however a masthead light is carried in addition to side lights and a stern light or the all-round lights prescribed in the regulation is carried in addition to side lights, then such masthead light or all-round light shall be carried at least 1 m higher than the side lights.
- (E) One of the two or three masthead lights prescribed for a vessel when engaged in towing or pushing another vessel shall be placed in the same position as either the forward masthead light or the after masthead light; provided that, if carried on the after mast, the lowest after masthead light shall be at least 4.5 m vertically higher than the forward masthead light.
- (F) The masthead light of a high speed vessel may be placed at a height related to the breadth of the vessel lower than that prescribed for H_1 , provided that the base angle of the isosceles triangles formed by the sidelights and masthead light, when seen in end elevation, is not less than 27°. For the dimension of vertical separation between foremast and mainmast light on a high speed vessel of $L \geq 50$ m, paragraph 13 in Annex I of the Schedule to Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Signals of Distress and Prevention of Collisions) Regulations refers. *(Amendment No. 6)*

5.2 Side Light

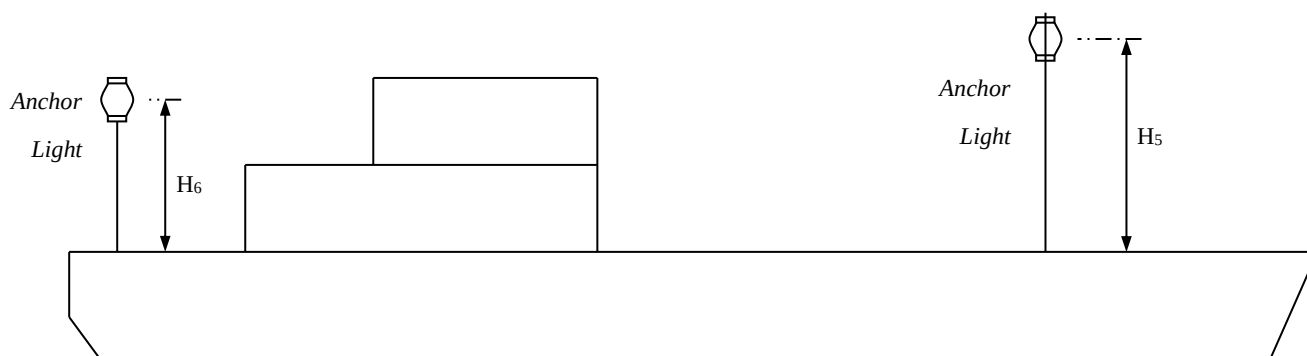
- 5.2.1 The side lights of vessels of $L \geq 20$ m shall be fitted with inboard screens painted matt black and meet the requirements with respect to horizontal sectors. On vessels of $L < 20$ m the side lights, if necessary to provide with horizontal sectors, shall be fitted with inboard matt black screens. With a combined lantern, using a single vertical filament and a very narrow division between the green and red sections, external screens need not be fitted. *(Amendment No. 36)*
- 5.2.2 Side lights shall not be so low as to be interfered with by deck lights. They shall be placed at or near the side of the vessel (recommended not more than 0.1 ship's breadth from shipside).
- 5.2.3 The sidelights, if in a combined lantern and carried on a power-driven vessel of less than 20 m in length, shall be placed not less than 1 m below the masthead light.

(Amendment No. 36)



Length (m)	$L < 20$	$20 \leq L < 50$	$L \geq 50$
l_3	no requirement	$> l_1$ (i.e. side light not to be in front of masthead light)	$> l_1$ (i.e. side light not to be in front of forward masthead light)
H_3	$\leq 0.75 H_1$		
H_4	in the case of combined lantern, $\geq 1\text{m}$	--	--

5.3 Anchor Light



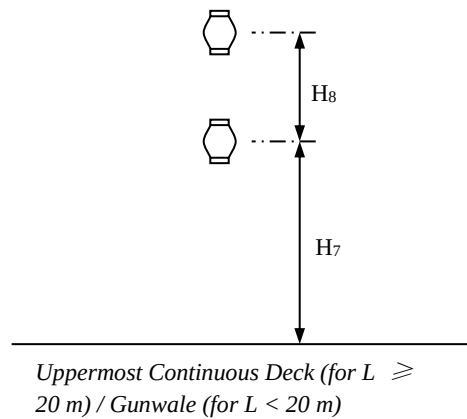
Length (m)	$L < 50$ Note	$L \geq 50$
H_5	Position can best be seen	$\geq 6\text{ m}$
H_6		$\leq (H_5 - 4.5)$

Note

On vessels of $L < 50\text{ m}$, only one anchor light is required.

5.4 Vertical Spacing of Lights fitted in a Vertical Line

(Amendment No. 36)



Length (m)	$L < 20$	$L \geq 20$
H_7	≥ 2 m (except where a towing light is fitted)	≥ 4 m (except where a towing light is fitted)
H_8 ^{Note}	≥ 1 m	≥ 2 m

Note When 3 lights are carried they shall be equally spaced.

5.5 Electric Light Vertical Sectors

The lights shall be so positioned such that:

- (i) at least the required minimum intensity is maintained at all angles from 5° above to 5° below the horizontal; and
- (ii) at least 60% of the required minimum intensity is maintained from 7.5° above to 7.5° below the horizontal.

(Amendment No. 37)

Chapter VIII

DOMESTIC LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS INSTALLATION

No naked fire is permitted to use for cooking or similar activities when carrying passengers on board, unless cooking is done inside a galley fitted with fire-protected bulkheads.
(Amendment No. 48)

1 Marking

Liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) cylinders shall be clearly marked of the name of their contents.

2 Properties of LPG

- 2.1 Possible dangers arising from the use of LPG appliances include fire, explosion and asphyxiation due to leakage of gas from the installation, etc.
- 2.2 LPG is heavier than air and, if released in a space with coaming, may travel some distance whilst seeking the lowest part of that space and its adjoining spaces. The accumulation of LPG probably poses dangerous consequence and fatality when triggered by inadvertent spark or ignition.

3 Storage

- 3.1 No more than 50 kg (or combined water capacity 130 litres) of LPG shall be carried on board.
- 3.2 LPG cylinders and expended cylinders shall as far as practicable be stowed on open decks. The cylinders and all valves, pressure regulators and pipes leading from such cylinders shall be properly secured, protected against mechanical damage, and excessive variations in temperature and direct rays of the sun. The cylinders shall be installed upright to prevent liquid from flowing into the pipes.
- 3.3 The LPG cylinder storage locker, and associated pipes and joints shall be readily accessible for the check of suspected leaks; and shall be as far away from any air pipes, ventilators, hatchways, etc. and close to the cooking appliances as practicable.
- 3.4 Except as necessary for service within the space, electrical wiring and fittings shall not be permitted within compartments used for the storage of LPG. Where such electrical fittings are installed, they shall be to the satisfaction of the Department for use in a flammable atmosphere. Sources of heat shall be kept clear of such spaces and "不准吸煙 No Smoking" and "不准明火 No naked light" notices shall be displayed in a prominent position.
- 3.5 Compartments used for the storage of LPG shall not be used for storage of other combustible products nor for tools or objects nor part of the gas distribution system. The LPG locker shall be marked with "LPG" on the door of the locker.

4 Installation

4.1 LPG pipes-

- (a) LPG pipes shall be of solid drawn copper alloy or stainless steel pipes, with appropriate compression or screwed fittings.

- (b) Flexible connections shall be avoided. Should they be used, an approved type of synthetic rubber hose connection shall be fitted. When used with flexible connections, appliances shall be controlled from the nearest isolating valve fitted on metallic pipe.
- 4.2 LPG cylinder storage locker
- (a) For storage above main deck-
- (i) ventilation openings shall be provided on top and bottom of locker;
 - (ii) when LPG pipe is arranged to pass through bulkhead, the opening on bulkhead shall be of suitable size and height, to avoid the gas being leaked into the accommodation. If the LPG pipe is a synthetic rubber hose, precaution shall be taken to prevent the hose being chafed. A protecting conduit shall be fitted when necessary.
- (b) For storage below main deck-
- (i) the locker bulkhead shall be of gastight construction. Bulkhead piece shall be fitted when LPG pipe is arranged to pass through bulkhead;
 - (ii) adequate ventilation shall be provided at top and bottom of locker and be led overboard;
 - (iii) gas detectors shall be fitted to detect any accumulation of LPG in the bilge.
- 4.3 Newly fitted or replaced gas consuming appliances (e.g. stove, water heater etc.) shall be of type approved by Gas Authority, EMSD and marked with “GU” on them. Existing Gas consuming appliances are recommended to be fitted with automatic gas shut-off device to stop the gas supply in the event of flame failure.



5 Maintenance

- 5.1 Changing cylinders shall be done according to instructions of gas dealers. If it is suspected that either a cylinder or valve is faulty, put it ashore as quickly as possible, and in the meantime keep it in the open air, clear of any gratings, hatches or other openings leading below decks.
- 5.2 Sufficient ventilation shall be provided at the cooking space to displace the products of combustion and respiration.

6 Inspection

The vessel's crew or operator shall regularly examine joints of the LPG installation. If a leakage is suspected, the cylinder stop valve shall be turned off immediately; the vessel's engine shall be stopped, no switch on/off of electrical appliances and no other means of ignition allowed until it is certain that the vessel is clear of gas. Never put an appliance back into use without the leak having been found and rectified.

CHAPTER IX

VESSEL OPERATOR REQUIREMENTS

1 General

A Class IV vessel or an ancillary vessel of a Class IV vessel that is more than 3 metres in length overall or is fitted with engines of more than 3 kilowatts total propulsion power shall not be underway unless there is on board a person in charge of the vessel who is the holder of a local certificate of competency as a pleasure vessel operator, or any equivalent certificate as specified in the Merchant Shipping (Local Certificates of Competency) Rules. It is the responsibility of the owner or the person in charge of any Class IV vessel to ensure that the vessel is safe for its intended operation when underway, including the consideration of its essential fittings and number of crew.

2 Certificate of Competency

2.1 Pleasure Vessel Operator Certificates, which combine both deck and engineering qualifications, are issued in two grades as follows:-

- (1) Pleasure Vessel Operator Grade 2 Certificate; and
- (2) Pleasure Vessel Operator Grade 1 Certificate.

Pleasure Vessel Operator Grade 2

A Pleasure Vessel Operator Grade 2 Certificate entitles the holder to take charge of a pleasure vessel that is of not more than 15 m in length overall operating in Hong Kong waters.

Pleasure Vessel Operator Grade 1

A Pleasure Vessel Operator Grade 1 Certificate entitles the holder to take charge of any pleasure vessel operating in Hong Kong waters.

2.2 Other certificates issued under the current or the repealed legislation are recognized in accordance with the appropriate provisions in the Examination Rules for Pleasure Vessel Operator Certificate of Competency and the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels)(Local Certificate of Competency) Rules, as follows :

http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/pub_services/pdf/examrules_ploc.pdf
http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/pub_services/pdf/cocrules.pdf

(1) Other certificates issued under the current legislation Cap. 548

Item	Certificates issued under Cap. 548	Equivalent Grade of Pleasure Vessel Operator Certificate	Type of Local Vessel the Certificate Holder may operate
(a)	Coxswain Grade 1 Certificate or Coxswain Grade 2 Certificate <u>Plus</u> Engine Operator Certificate (without restriction)	Pleasure Vessel Operator Grade 1 Certificate	Any pleasure vessel
(b)	Coxswain Grade 3 Certificate that is not endorsed to the effect that the holder is restricted to act as the coxswain only within certain areas or of particular type of vessels <u>Plus</u> Engine Operator Certificate (without restriction)	Pleasure Vessel Operator Grade 2 Certificate	A pleasure vessel of not more than 15 m in length overall

(2) Following certificates issued under the repealed legislation Cap. 313 (a full list of all such certificates can be found in the links provided in paragraph 2.2 above.):

Item	Combination of Former Certificates (as pleasure vessel master or engineer issued under Cap. 313)	Equivalent Grade of Pleasure Vessel Operator Certificate for the purpose of Cap. 548	Type of Local Vessels that the certificate holder may operate under Cap. 548
(a)	Local certificate of competency as Pleasure Vessel Master Grade I <u>Plus</u> Any pleasure vessel engineer certificate of competency, or equivalent	Pleasure Vessel Operator Grade 1 Certificate	Any pleasure vessel

Item	Combination of Former Certificates (as pleasure vessel master or engineer issued under Cap. 313)	Equivalent Grade of Pleasure Vessel Operator Certificate for the purpose of Cap. 548	Type of Local Vessels that the certificate holder may operate under Cap. 548
(b)	Local certificate of competency as Pleasure Vessel Master Grade II or local certificate of competency as master of a vessel of 15 tons and under, endorsed with "valid for privately owned pleasure craft only" <u>Plus</u> Any pleasure vessel engineer certificate of competency, or equivalent	Pleasure Vessel Operator Grade 2 Certificate	A pleasure vessel of not more than 15 m in length overall
(c)	Local certificate of competency as master of a vessel of 300 tons and under, local certificate of competency as master of a vessel of 60 tons and under, or certificate of competency as a trawling master <u>Plus</u> Any pleasure vessel engineer certificate of competency, or equivalent	Pleasure Vessel Operator Grade 1 Certificate	Any pleasure vessel
(d)	Local certificate of competency as master of a fishing vessel (without restriction) <u>Plus</u> Any pleasure vessel engineer certificate of competency, or equivalent	Pleasure Vessel Operator Grade 2 Certificate	A pleasure vessel of not more than 15 m in length overall

3 Manning Requirements

3.1 Any Class IV vessel carrying not more than 12 passengers and having vessel length overall less than 12 metres can be operated by: *(Amendment No.52)*

- (1) a person in charge of the vessel who is the holder of a local certificate of competency as a pleasure vessel operator (i.e. COC – Pleasure Vessel Operator Grade I or Grade II) or equivalent certificate; and
- (2) an additional crew member is required if the pleasure vessel exceeds 8 metres in length overall and carries more than 10 persons that is let for hire (see Annex 1 of this Code). *(Amendment No. 48, 52)*

- 3.2 For any Class IV vessel carrying more than 12 passengers but not more than 60 passengers or having vessel length overall of or above 12 metres the vessel can be considered safe and properly controlled by one person holding the Local Certificate of Competency as a Pleasure Vessel Operator Grade 1, or a Pleasure Vessel Operator Grade 2 if the length overall of the vessel is not more than 15 metres, or its equivalence, provided that the following arrangements are met: *(Amendment No. 52)*
- (1) the vessel is appropriately equipped for unattended machinery space operation. For pleasure vessels let for hire, these requirements are indicated in Ch. III/3.14; and
 - (2) there shall be at least one additional crew member with common engineering knowledge on board to assist the person in charge while the vessel is underway in order to cope with operational needs including helping out emergency measures, etc. (refer to Annex 1 of this Code).
- 3.3 The requirement in sect. 3.2 (2) can be waived provided that the vessel is not carrying any passenger and the owner satisfies that person in charge can properly control the vessel safely for the voyages intended.
- 3.4 For any Class IV vessel carrying more than 60 passengers, the minimum safe manning requirements shall be specified by the Director on a case by case basis.

CHAPTER X

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO CERTAIN TYPES OF CLASS IV VESSELS

(New chapter (Amendment No. 48))

PART 1A

This part applies to the following types of new vessels^{1.8.2020}

- (a) pleasure vessels of 24m or more in length ($L \geq 24\text{m}$) that are not let for hire; or
- (b) pleasure vessels of any length and carry not more than 60 passengers that are let for hire (except open cruisers carrying not more than 12 passengers that are let for hire).

1 Vessels Shall Be Built to Acceptable Standards

- 1.1 Each vessel shall be designed and built to the standards of classification societies specified in Annex 14 or equivalent standards (e.g. CE/ISO standards) based on its size, building materials, intended use, etc. However, in the event of any inconsistency between this Code and any of the standards of the classification societies, CE/ISO, etc., the requirements of this Code shall prevail.
- 1.2 Relevant certificates, documents or declarations provided by the ship builder/shipyard or other certification bodies are acceptable.

2 Ship Builder/Shipyard

- 2.1 Shipyards should be recognized by relevant authorities or international certification bodies; obtain ship building approval documents endorsed by classification societies, relevant authorities or quality certification bodies; or be inspected by an AS who shall submit a relevant report to Marine Department (see the sample report in Annex 16) upon satisfactory inspection of the following:
 - (1) **workshop facilities & equipment:** e.g. workshop scale, ventilation system, dust extracting system, illumination, lifting appliances, fire-fighting system;
 - (2) **quality control:** e.g. humidity control (or an equivalent measure), material storage, quality monitoring and reporting, material certificates (resin, fibre glass, paint, etc.);
 - (3) **production process:** e.g. types of tools and methods used, hull inspection and repair records, the method statement of mould loft, transportation process from mould loft to sea; and
 - (4) **competency of management staff and technicians:** e.g. qualifications of management staff and technicians (professional/training certificates, relevant experience, etc.).
- 2.2 A copy of the supporting documents mentioned in section 2.1 above shall be provided to Marine Department for record purposes.

3 Submission of Plans and Data for Approval

- 3.1 Plans and data for the items listed in the table below shall be submitted for approval.
- 3.2 For plans and data submitted to Marine Department for approval, 3 copies of each plan shall be submitted for the first of a series of sister ships and 2 copies for the remaining sister ships. For plans and data submitted to the AO/AS for approval, 1 copy of the approved plans and data shall be submitted to Marine Department for record purposes.
- 3.3 Plans shall be drawn in appropriate scale and of legible quality.
- 3.4 For vessels of 24m or more in length with gross tonnage of more than 150 ($L \geq 24\text{m}$ & $GT > 150$), let for hire or not for hire, their plans and data shall be submitted to Marine Department or AO for approval;

For (a) vessels of 24m or more in length with gross tonnage of 150 or below ($L \geq 24\text{m}$ & $GT \leq 150$) that are not let for hire; or (b) pleasure vessels of any length with gross tonnage of 150 or below that are let for hire, their plans and data may be submitted to Marine Department, AO or AS for approval.

No.	Plans and Data
(1)	General arrangement
(2)	Safety equipment plan, showing: (a) life saving appliances (b) fire fighting apparatus, emergency controls and structural fire protection arrangement (c) Lights, shapes and sound signals (d) means of escape, escape installations and arrangement, etc.
(3)	Structures and scantlings, watertight/weathertight closing appliances ^{*1}
(4)	Machinery installations ^{*2}
(5)	Electrical installations ^{*2}
(6)	Installations for prevention of oil and air pollution ^{*2}
(7)	Inclining test report ^{*3, *4}
(8)	Intact stability information booklet (after inclining test) ^{*3, *4}
(9)	Damage stability information booklet (after inclining test) (for any pleasure vessels carrying more than 12 passengers that are let for hire) ^{*3, *4}

Notes

- ^{*1} The plan requirement for this item can be waived if the ship builder/shipyard or other certification bodies provide relevant certificates, documents or declarations on the construction standards.
- ^{*2} The required vessel particulars in the form of Annex 15 may be filled in in lieu of the plan required for this item.
- ^{*3} Only one report for the same ship model of the same shipyard is required to be provided to Marine Department for record purposes.

(Note: If the newly built vessel is of the same design as a ship found in the database (i.e.

constructed with the same mould and material, having the same number of watertight bulkheads and the same bulkhead arrangement, as well as the same essential machinery installations, carrying capacities of persons, water and fuel. If there are changes in machinery installations, an inclining test has to be carried out to ascertain that the variances of lightship weight and vertical centre of gravity (VCG) are less than 2%, and the variance of longitudinal centre of gravity (LCG) is less than 1%, the survey and plan approval requirement of intact and damage stability (if applicable) can be waived.)

*4 The plan required for this item may be substituted by the following:

- i) an inspection report or a certificate or declaration issued by the ship builder/shipyard or a third-party inspection body (e.g. a CE certification body, a competent surveyor or an IACS member); or
- ii) calculation based on inclining test data made and relevant reports endorsed by a competent surveyor; or
- iii) on-site verification/test carried out by a competent surveyor to confirm the vessel's compliance with section 4.5(b), and hence its compliance with the equivalent intact stability requirements. *(Amendment No. 62)*

4 Intact Stability

4.1 Except for vessels mentioned in section 4.5 below, the intact stability of any vessel shall meet the following requirements in both lightship and full load conditions:

- (a) sections 4.1.1 – 4.1.4; or
- (b) section 4.2; or
- (c) section 4.3.

4.1.1 Criteria regarding righting lever (GZ) curve properties

- (a) the initial transverse metacentric height (initial GM_T) $\geq 0.15\text{m}$;
- (b) the area under the righting lever (GZ) curve :
 - (i) ≥ 0.055 m-rad up to an angle of heel of 30° ;
 - (ii) ≥ 0.090 m-rad up to an angle of heel of 40° or the angle of down flooding (if that angle is less);
 - (iii) ≥ 0.030 m-rad between the angles of heel of 30° and 40° or the angle of down flooding (if that angle is less);

(Note: angle of down flooding is an angle of heel at which the lower edges of any opening in the hull, superstructures or deckhouses which cannot be closed weathertight immerse).
- (c) the righting lever (GZ) shall be at least 0.20m at an angle of heel equal to or greater than 30° ; and
- (d) the maximum righting lever (GZ_{max}) shall occur at an angle of heel not less than 25° but preferably over 30° .

4.1.2 Crowding (this section applies to any vessels carrying more than 12 passengers)

The angle of heel due to the crowding of passengers when they move from one side of the vessel to the other shall not be greater than 10° . The passengers shall be assumed to congregate at 0.25m^2 per person on the uppermost deck(s), with all passengers crowding on

one side of the vessel. The vertical centre of gravity of a standing passenger shall be taken.

4.1.3 Turning (this section applies to any vessels carrying more than 12 passengers)

Heeling is developed due to turning of the vessel. The angle of heel shall not be greater than 10°. The heeling moment may be derived from the following formula: –

$$MR = 0.2 V_o^2 \Delta (KG - d/2) / Lwl$$

where

MR = heeling moment (kN-m)

V_o = speed of the vessel in the turn (m/sec)

Lwl = length of vessel on the waterline (m)

Δ = displacement (tonnie)

KG = height of the centre of gravity above keel (m)

d = mean draft (m)

4.1.4 Wind Moment (this section applies to any vessels carrying more than 12 passengers)

Wind moment is calculated according to section 2.3 “Severe Wind and Rolling Criterion (Weather Criterion)” of the International Code on Intact Stability, 2008 (2008 IS Code) published by the International Maritime Organization (IMO). The wind pressure factor shall be taken to be 500 Pa. (ref: Resolution A.749(18))

4.2 For vessels of less than 20m in length (L<20m) that carry not more than 100 passengers, Marine Department accepts the standards for intact stability applicable to vessels operating within sheltered waters as stipulated in the Technical Regulation for the Survey of Coastal Boats (《沿海小型船舶檢驗技術規則》) promulgated by the Maritime Safety Administration of the People’s Republic of China (MSA), or the equivalent. For vessels of 20m or more in length (L≥20m) that carry not more than 100 passengers, Marine Department accepts the standards appropriate for vessels operating in Hong Kong waters as promulgated by the MSA.

4.3 Other standards (such as CE) with equivalent criteria on intact stability appropriate for vessels operating in Hong Kong waters are also acceptable.

4.4 Every vessel shall be inclined according to the standards of the AO or equivalent to confirm the vessel's displacement, VCG and LCG in lightship condition on completion or close to completion of construction (for a new vessel) or **alteration** (for an existing vessel). An inclining test report shall be submitted for approval.

4.5 For vessels operating solely under favourable weather^{Note1} and sea conditions, only the following requirements are to be complied with:

- (a) requirements of sections 4.1.1(a), 4.1.2 & 4.1.3, and to carry out an inclining test in accordance with section 4.4; or *(Amendment No. 62)*
- (b) an alternative to intact stability calculation **(this section does not apply to pleasure vessels carrying more than 12 passengers that are let for hire):**
 - (i) a simple on-site inclining test carried out by a competent surveyor in

^{Note1} Refer to the definition under section 3 of Chapter I of this Code.

accordance with the procedures set out in Annex 5:

- (1) for Class IV vessels that are licensed to carry not more than 12 passengers, to ascertain that the angle of heel will not exceed 7° when having 2/3 of the passengers distributed on one side of the vessel and 1/3 on the other. The test is to be carried out in accordance with the details stated in Part 1; or
 - (2) for Class IV vessels that are licensed to carry 13 to 60 passengers, to ascertain that the angle of heel will not exceed 10° when all passengers move from one side of the vessel to the other. The test is to be carried out in accordance with the details stated in Part 2; and
- (ii) a sea trial of the vessel in full load condition carried out to the satisfaction of a competent surveyor.

5 Damage Stability (this section applies to any pleasure vessels carrying more than 12 passengers that are let for hire)

5.1 Subdivision standard

Every vessel shall comply with the subdivision standard for flooding of any one main compartment.

5.2 The final condition of the vessel after damage shall satisfy the following requirements –

- (a) in the case of symmetrical flooding, there shall be a positive residual metacentric height of at least 50mm as calculated by the constant displacement method;
- (b) in the case of asymmetrical flooding, the angle of heel for one-compartment flooding shall not exceed 7°;
- (c) in no case shall the main deck be submerged in the intermediate stages or final stage of flooding.

6 Watertight Bulkheads, Closing Appliances

6.1 A vessel to which Part 1A applies shall be fitted with the following watertight bulkheads:

- (a) collision bulkhead;
- (b) fore and after bulkheads of engine room;
- (c) watertight doors below the main deck (if any) shall be fitted with visual and audio alarms to the wheelhouse to give alerts when watertight doors are open.

6.2 On every vessel, air pipes, ventilators, small hatchways, manholes, skylights and doors leading to a space below the main deck shall be fitted with weathertight or watertight closing appliances. If they are of weathertight design, the sills, coamings, etc. shall be of a suitable height to avoid ingress of water.

7 Emergency Controls

7.1 Means for stopping machinery, shutting off oil fuel suction pipes and closing of openings.

7.1.1 In every vessel there shall be provided with –

- (a) means for stopping ventilation fans serving machinery and accommodation spaces; and

- (b) means for closing all skylights, doorways, ventilators and other openings to such spaces.

Such means shall be capable of being operated from positions outside the said spaces which would not be made inaccessible by a fire within such spaces.

- 7.1.2 Power driven forced and induced draught fans, oil fuel transfer pumps and other similar fuel pumps shall be fitted with remote controls situated outside the spaces in which such machinery or pumps are situated, and which would not be made inaccessible by a fire within such spaces. The controls shall be capable of stopping such machinery or pumps in the event of fire in the said spaces.
- 7.1.3 A pipe connected to any oil fuel or lubricating oil storage tank, not being a double bottom tank, which if damaged would permit discharge of the contents and pose a fire hazard, shall be fitted with a valve or cock which shall be secured to the tank to which it is connected and be capable of being closed from a readily accessible position outside the space in which the tank is situated.

8 Structural Fire Protection, Escape Installations, Etc.

8.1 In all spaces –

- (a) paints, varnishes and other finishes used on exposed surfaces shall not contain highly flammable base products, including nitrocellulose, and shall not be capable of producing toxic gases or excessive quantities of smoke;
- (b) insulating materials shall be of non-combustible materials; and
- (c) any means of escape shall lead to the open deck.

8.2 In accommodation, service spaces and control stations –

- (a) all exposed surfaces in corridors, exposed surfaces of ceilings and surfaces in concealed or inaccessible spaces shall have low flame spread characteristics;
- (b) primary deck coverings shall be of a material which will not readily ignite or give rise to toxic or explosive hazards at elevated temperatures;
- (c) the doorways and stairways for escape purpose shall be evenly distributed and arranged so as to avoid congestion in any part of a vessel. Every door and hatch cover shall be operable from either side; and
- (d) dead-end corridor shall not be more than 7m in length.

- 8.3 For vessels with hull constructed of non-steel materials, fire retarding material shall be used in the hull, deck and bulkhead structures of engine room boundaries so that the required strength could be maintained for a period of 30 minutes or more. For hull structures below the waterline, the insulation shall extend to at least 300mm below the lightest waterline.

- 8.4 Any part of a deck or bulkhead, which separates a crew space from any machinery space, galley, or spaces used for the storage of flammable substances, shall be of gastight construction.

9 Stairways, Passageways, Doors and Exits in Passenger Spaces

- 9.1 Any stairways and passageways forming part of an escape route shall be kept unobstructed at all times, with a minimum width of 400mm or of a design (including the width) meeting the standards of a maritime institution recognized by Marine Department (e.g. Australia AMSA or CE).
- 9.2 The clear width of every passageway, door and exit forming part of an escape route shall at least be the same as the width of the stairway and passageway.
- 9.3 The doors of any enclosed passenger space shall be opened in such a direction so as not to obstruct the route of escape. The doors shall not be locked during a voyage.

PART 1B

This part applies to new open cruisers ^{1.8.2020} that are let for hire and carry not more than 12 passengers.

1 Hull Construction

The design and construction of the vessel shall:

- (a) provide structural strength sufficient for the intended use of the vessel;
- (b) maintain adequate freeboard and stability;
- (c) prevent the ready ingress of sea water; and
- (d) not be fitted with a false bottom or concealed space.

2 Vessel Construction Standards

- 2.1 Apart from the requirements in this Code, present rules and standards of classification societies recognized by Marine Department or other equivalent standards may be used as assessment standards.
- 2.2 Relevant certificates, documents or declarations provided by the ship builder/shipyard or other certification bodies are acceptable.

3 Ship Builder/Shipyard

- 3.1 Shipyards shall be recognized by relevant authorities or international certification bodies; obtain ship building approval documents endorsed by classification societies, relevant authorities, quality certification bodies; or be inspected by an AS who shall submit a relevant report (see the sample report in Annex 16) upon satisfactory inspection of the following:
 - (1) **workshop facilities & equipment:** e.g. workshop scale, ventilation system, dust extracting system, illumination, lifting appliances, fire-fighting system;
 - (2) **quality control:** e.g. humidity control (or an equivalent measure), material storage, quality monitoring and reporting, material certificates (resin, fibre-glass, paint, etc.);
 - (3) **production process:** e.g. types of tools and methods used, hull inspection and repair records, the method statement of mould loft, transportation process from

mould loft to sea; and

- (4) **competency of management staff and technicians:** e.g. qualification of management staff and technicians (professional/training certificates, relevant experience, etc.).

3.2 A copy of the supporting documents mentioned in section 3.1 above shall be provided to Marine Department for record purposes.

4 Submission of Plans and Data for Approval

4.1 Plans and data for the items listed in the table below shall be submitted for approval.

4.2 For plans and data submitted to Marine Department for approval, 3 copies of each plan shall be submitted for the first of a series of sister ships and 2 copies for the remaining sister ships. For plans and data submitted to the AO/AS for approval, 1 copy of the approved plans and data shall be submitted to Marine Department for record.

4.3 Computer drawings or hand sketches must be clear and concise. Plans shall be drawn to scale and of legible quality as far as possible.

4.4 The plans and data may be submitted to Marine Department, AO or AS for approval.

No.	Plans and Data (reference can be made to the simple plans in Annex 6)
(1)	General arrangement (including installations of lights, shapes & sound signals)
(2)	Life Saving Appliance and Fire Fighting Appliance installation and arrangement diagram (incl. escape routes)
(3)	Vessel particulars and basic hull and deck plate thickness diagram ^{*1}
(4)	Machinery/electrical installation plans
(5)	Inclining test report/simple inclining test report

Note

*1 For hull and deck plate thickness, reference can be made to the information provided by the ship builder/shipyard or other certification bodies.

5 Stability

5.1 Any open cruisers that are let for hire and carry not more than 12 passengers shall conduct a simple inclination test. The test is to ascertain that no angle of heel exceeding 7° will arise when having 2/3 of the passengers distributed on one side of the vessel and 1/3 on the other (see Annex 5 of this Code).

For a new vessel of less than 6m length, an immersion test which proves its adequacy of buoyancy is also acceptable as an alternative.

5.2 As an alternative to satisfying the requirement set out in section 5.1 above, an inclining test or calculation conducted in accordance with the standards of an authorized classification society or equivalent, or the provision of relevant certificates (such as class certificates or

CE certificates), documents or declarations issued by an authorized classification society or certification bodies is also acceptable.

PART 2 (Other Requirements)

1 Additional Requirements for Life-saving Appliances (this section will come to effect on 1 April 2021) *(Amendment No. 53)*

- 1.1 For (a) any existing pleasure vessels^{1.8.2020} (except open cruisers) let for hire; or (b) existing pleasure vessels^{1.8.2020} of more than 150 gross tonnage (GT>150) (whether let for hire or not), the quantity of life-saving appliances shall be appropriately increased to facilitate speedy escape of the crew and passengers on board in case the vessels are in distress. The total quantity of life-saving appliances, such as lifebuoys^{Note}, after the increase (i.e. including the number of lifebuoys required to be provided on board the vessels in accordance with the vessel length as stipulated in the Survey Regulation) shall be adequate for use by the maximum number of persons to be carried as specified in the operating licence.
- 1.2 Any (new or existing) open cruiser carrying not more than 60 passengers that are let for hire shall comply with the following requirement:
- (i) as per the requirements set out in section 1.1 above, to provide lifebuoys^{Note} adequate for use by the maximum number of persons to be carried as specified in the operating licence; or
 - (ii) all passengers on board shall wear a suitable lifejacket when the vessel is underway. Section 1.1A in Chapter VI of this Code shall be referred to for the standards and requirements for the lifejacket.

(Note: Lifebuoys can be substituted by inflatable liferafts, buoyant apparatus, lifebuoys or its combination. Each lifebuoy which complies with the standards is taken to be for use by two persons).

2 VHF Radio Equipment

(Note: this section applies to any pleasure vessel that is —

- (a) licensed to carry more than 12 but not more than 60 passengers and is let for hire;
- (b) licensed to carry more than 60 passengers, whether let for hire or not.

(Note: This section will come into operation on a day to be appointed by notice published in the Gazette). *(Amendment No. 53)*

- 2.1 A vessel to which this section applies shall be fitted with a piece of VHF radio equipment. A relevant licence issued by the Communications Authority (CA) shall be obtained for the equipment.
- 2.2 The operator of the VHF radio equipment must have received training in the use of the equipment and obtained an operator certificate issued by the CA. An operator certificate issued by the authorities in the Mainland or other countries will also be recognized.

3 AIS (this section applies to any pleasure vessel that is licensed to carry more than 100 passengers) *(Amendment No. 53)*

A vessel to which this section applies shall be fitted with an AIS. For specifications of the

AIS, the Code of Practice – Safety Standards for Class I Vessels shall be referred to.

4 Radar (this section applies to any pleasure vessel that is licensed to carry more than 100 passengers) *(Amendment No. 53)*

A vessel to which this section applies shall be fitted with a piece of radar equipment that is capable of determining any risk of collision exists, including equipment that can, by long-range scanning, give early warning of any risk of collision. For specifications of the radar, Annex I-4 of the Code of Practice – Safety Standards for Class I Vessels shall be referred to. The vessel is required to have on board, at all times when underway, a radar operator who has successfully completed a radar training course approved by the Director for the operation of the radar.

5 First Aid Kit (this section applies to any pleasure vessels carrying more than 12 passengers that are let for hire, effective from 1 April 2021) *(Amendment No. 53)*

A vessel to which this section applies shall be provided with a first aid box that contains the medical items as listed in the following table.

	Name	Specification	Quantity required
1	Triangular of calico	110cm x 110cm x 127cm	8 pieces
2	Pressure bandage	5cm x 2m	2 rolls
3	Bandage (ordinary or elastic)	5cm x 5.5m	2 rolls
4	Bandage (ordinary or elastic)	7.5cm x 5.5m	2 rolls
5	Plaster	Assorted, sterile, adhesive	20 pieces
6	Gauze	Sterile paraffin gauze	10 pieces
7	Tape	2.5cm x 5m	2 rolls
8	Absorbent cotton wool	35g	2 packs
9	Safety pin	Rustless, size 5cm	1 dozen
10	Scissors	Stainless steel throughout	1 pair
11	Disinfectant		0.2 litre

CHAPTER XI

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR BATTERY POWERED VESSELS

1 Application to Battery Powered Vessels

- 1.1 This chapter applies to local vessels that use electric power for the propulsion or general electrical loads with an installed battery capacity greater than 600Wh using cells and batteries containing alkaline or other non-acid electrolytes. Such vessels shall comply with the requirements of this chapter in addition to any other applicable requirements of this code of practice.

2 Requirements for Battery Powered Vessels

- 2.1 Batteries shall be constructed and tested in accordance with the relevant IEC Publications or equivalent where applicable.
- 2.2 Any lithium-ion batteries and battery systems with a capacity greater than 600 Wh installed a local vessel shall comply with the Technical Specification Small Craft – Lithium-ion batteries (ISO/TS 23625:2021) or equivalent.
- 2.3 Any local vessels of 24 meters or above, or any of the vessel type listed below, shall comply with the relevant rules published by an Authorized Organization for Electric Propulsion Systems or equivalent.
- Class I vessels;
 - Dangerous goods carrier;
 - Oil / Noxious liquid substance / Gas carriers;
 - Special purpose vessels;
 - Mobile fishing vessels; and
 - Any Class II vessels that may navigate within river trade limits.
- 2.4 Any local vessels which do not belong to the vessels in paragraph 2.3 shall comply with the following:
- (a) Vessels shall be constructed to the International Standards – Small Craft – Electric Propulsion System (ISO 16315:2016) and Small craft — Fire protection (ISO 9094), or their equivalent.
 - (b) Batteries shall be positioned aft of the collision bulkhead.
 - (c) Boundaries of battery compartment which is part of a vessel's structure or enclosures shall be of equivalent structural integrity and A-60 fire integrity.
 - (d) A battery compartment shall be fitted with fire/heat detectors or detection system where suitable.

- (e) A battery compartment with combined stored energy over 50 kWh in lithium ion batteries shall be equipped with a type of fixed fire extinguishing system recommended as suitable for suppressing battery fire by the battery maker of that batteries.

Safety Briefing for Pleasure Vessels Let for Hire

- 1 Before the commencement of any voyage for which the vessel is let for hire or reward, the coxswain shall ensure that all persons on board are briefed on the appropriate safety precaution, stowage and use of personal safety equipment such as lifejackets, buoyancy aids and lifebuoys, and the procedures to be followed in cases of emergency.
- 2 In addition to the requirements of section 1, the coxswain shall brief at least one assistant (if applicable, please see Ch. IX/3.1(2) of this Code)) who will be sailing with the vessel regarding the following: *(Amendment No. 48)*
 - (1) Procedures for the recovery of a person from the sea;
 - (2) Location of first aid kit, if any;
 - (3) Procedures and operation of radios carried on board, if any;
 - (4) Location of navigation light switches and other light switches;
 - (5) Location and use of fire-fighting equipment;
 - (6) Method of starting, stopping, and controlling the main engine; and
 - (7) Handling emergency situations and communication arrangements.
- 3 Safety guide plates or cards will be considered to be an acceptable way of providing the information required in section 2 above.

**Provisions in the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels)(Certification and Licensing)
Regulation on Matters Relating to Restrictions on Pleasure Vessels Let for Hire and
the Arrangement of Marine Department's Prior Approval and Audit Checks**

(Amendment No. 48)

(A) The provisions are quoted below:

QUOTE

6 Restrictions on Class IV vessels

- (1) A Class IV vessel shall not be used otherwise than:
 - (a) by the owner exclusively for pleasure purposes; or
 - (b) if it has been let to any person, by that person exclusively for pleasure purposes.
- (2) A Class IV vessel shall not be let for hire or reward unless:
 - (a) it is let under the terms of a written charter agreement or written hire-purchase agreement;
 - (b) the agreement contains a warning that states clearly:
 - (i) that the person to whom the vessel is let commits an offence if he does not comply with section 6(5)(b) of the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Certification and Licensing) Regulation (Cap. 548D);
 - (ii) that the person to whom the vessel is let should read carefully section 6 (except subsections (1), (2) and (4)) of the Regulation; and
 - (iii) where in the agreement the full text of those provisions may be found;
 - (c) the agreement contains, either in its body or as its attachment, the full text of this section (except subsections (1), (2) and (4));
 - (d) the warning and text referred to in paragraphs (b) and (c) are in the same language as that of the remaining parts of the agreement and are presented prominently in the agreement; and
 - (e) the agreement is signed by the owner and the person to whom the vessel is let.
- (3) A Class IV vessel shall not be let for hire or reward for an intended service that involves the carriage of passengers unless there is in force in respect of the vessel:

- (a) such certificate of inspection certifying that the vessel is fit for the intended service as is required under the Survey Regulation for a Class IV vessel of the type for which the vessel is certificated; and
 - (b) such policy of insurance in respect of third party risks as is required under Part VA of the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) Ordinance for a Class IV vessel of the type for which the vessel is certificated, having regard to the intended service. *(Amendment No. 38)*
- (4) If, without reasonable excuse, subsection (1), (2) or (3) is contravened the owner of the vessel, his agent and the coxswain each commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine at level 3.
- (5) Where a Class IV vessel is let for hire or reward:
 - (a) the owner, his agent and the coxswain shall ensure that there is kept on board the vessel:
 - (i) the relevant written charter agreement or written hire-purchase agreement; and
 - (ii) if any passenger is carried in the vessel, the certificate of inspection and the policy of insurance referred to in subsection (3), or certified copies of them;
 - (b) the person to whom the vessel is let shall ensure that throughout the period when the person is in possession of the vessel:
 - (i) the vessel is not used otherwise than by him exclusively for pleasure purposes; and
 - (ii) the documents referred to in paragraph (a) are kept on board the vessel; and
 - (c) the coxswain shall, on request by an authorized officer, produce for inspection the documents referred to in paragraph (a).
- (6) A person who without reasonable excuse contravenes subsection (5), commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine at level 2.
- (7) A person to whom a Class IV vessel is let does not have a reasonable excuse for contravening subsection (5)(b)(ii) merely because the person's contravention is attributable to the contravention by the owner, his agent and the coxswain of subsection (5)(a).
- (8) For the purpose of this section, a Class IV vessel is to be regarded as being used by a person exclusively for pleasure purposes if :
 - (a) in the case of the person being an individual, the vessel is used to carry the individual, his family members, relatives, friends and employees, and

family members, relatives and friends of his employees, for their pleasure purposes; or

- (b) in the case of the person being a club, company, partnership or association of persons, the vessel is used to carry its members and employees, and family members, relatives and friends of those members and employees, for their pleasure purposes.

- (9) If a person to whom a Class IV vessel is let under a hire-purchase agreement is named in the certificate of ownership as owner by virtue of section 9(b), then subsections (3) and (5) apply neither to the hire-purchase agreement nor to the vessel as far as that agreement is concerned.

UNQUOTE

- (B) Arrangement of Marine Department's Prior Approval for Class IV Vessel That are Let for Hire or Reward

Excerpt of the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Certification and Licensing) (Amendment) Regulation 2020

QUOTE

Section 6 amended (restrictions on Class IV vessels)

- (1A) A Class IV vessel must not be let for hire or reward unless there is an endorsement on the vessel's operating licence showing that approval for the vessel to be let for hire or reward has been given by the Director.
- (1B) If an owner of a Class IV vessel intends to let the vessel for hire or reward for an intended service that involves the carriage of passengers, the owner must, when applying for or renewing an operating licence in respect of the vessel—
 - (a) indicate that it is the owner's intention to let the vessel for hire or reward;
 - (b) submit to the Director copies of the certificate of inspection or certificate of survey referred to in subsection (3)(a) and the policy of insurance referred to in subsection (3)(b); and
 - (c) seek the Director's approval for the vessel to be let for hire or reward.
- (1C) If the Director approves a Class IV vessel to be let for hire or reward, the Director must make an endorsement to that effect on the vessel's operating licence.
- (1D) If subsection (1A) is contravened in respect of a vessel, the owner of the vessel, the owner's agent and the coxswain of the vessel each commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine at level 3.
- (1E) During the transitional period, a contravention of subsection (1A) does not constitute an offence under subsection (1D).

- (1F) For subsection (1E), transitional period means the 12-month period beginning on the date on which the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Certification and Licensing) (Amendment) Regulation 2020 comes into operation.

UNQUOTE

(Amendment No. 54)

(C) Arrangement of **Audit Check**

- Under section 7 of the Ordinance, the Director of Marine may authorize any person to be a surveyor for the purposes of the Ordinance subject to such conditions as the Director thinks fit and specified in the authorization to carry out the relevant provisions of the Ordinance, including the inspection of local vessels or the approval of plans.
- Under section 7(4) of the Ordinance, the Marine Department may carry out audit check of any survey carried out or any plan approved by an authorized surveyor for the purposes of the Ordinance. The purpose of the audit check is to ensure that the vessel is in compliance with the relevant safety and survey regulations and that the work of the authorized surveyor is in compliance with relevant standards.
- The Marine Department may conduct audit check of pleasure vessels surveyed and licensed by the authorized surveyors, including document check, review of plans and drawings in accordance with relevant rules and regulations, and conduct of vessel audit check. Details are as follows:
 - Document check: The Marine Department will check whether the documents provided on the pleasure vessels let for hire are complete and accurate, such as checking if the information on the certificate of inspection and survey records are consistent with the certificate of manufacture;
 - Review of plans and drawings: The plans and drawings of most of the pleasure vessels let for hire are inspected and approved by the authorized surveyors and the related certificates of inspection are issued by the authorized surveyors. At the time of review, the Marine Department may check whether the plans and drawings approved by the authorized surveyors are in compliance with the relevant requirements of relevant rules and regulations; and
 - Vessel audit check: The Marine Department will conduct a random inspection of the pleasure vessels let for hire to ensure that the physical condition and arrangement of the vessel are in accordance with the information listed in the relevant plans.
- Arrangement:
 - Authorized surveyors inspect and issue certificates of inspection (CoI) in normal procedures.
 - The Marine Department will make an appointment with the owner of the selected vessel to conduct vessel inspection.

- If deficiencies found, the subject AS will rectify accordingly. Unless the deficiency found is serious to the extent of affecting seaworthiness, e.g. critical hull damage, the entire procedure will not affect the validity of the issued licence.

(Amendment No. 48)

**Provisions in Merchant Shipping (Certification and Licensing) Regulation
on Matters Relating to Certificate of Competency Required for Class IV Vessels**

The provisions are quoted below:

QUOTED

47 Vessels required to carry operators holding local certificates of competency

- (1) A Class I, II or III vessel that is fitted with any propulsion engines shall not be underway unless there is on board:
 - (a) a person in charge of the vessel who is the holder of a local certificate of competency as a coxswain appropriate for the vessel, or any equivalent certificate specified in the Local Certificate of Competency Rules;
 - (b) in addition to the person referred to in paragraph (a), a person in charge of the engines who is the holder of a local certificate of competency as an engine operator appropriate for the total propulsion power of the engines of the vessel, or any equivalent certificate specified in the Local Certificate of Competency Rules; and
 - (c) such additional number of crew with such qualification, training and experience as may be specified in the full licence or temporary licence for the vessel.
- (2) Subsection (1)(b) does not apply to a local vessel specified in Schedule 3.
- (3) It is sufficient compliance with subsection (1)(a) and (b) if :
 - (a) a Government surveyor, having regard to the size of the vessel, the engines of the vessel, and the location of the controls, certifies in writing that a Class I, II or III vessel (including its engines) can be properly controlled by one person; and
 - (b) the person in charge of the vessel (including its engines) is the holder of both of the certificates referred to in subsection (1)(a) and
- (4) A Class IV vessel or an ancillary vessel of a Class IV vessel that is more than 3 metres in length overall or is fitted with engines of more than 3 kilowatts total propulsion power shall not be underway unless there is on board a person in charge of the vessel who is the holder of a local certificate of competency as a pleasure vessel operator, or any equivalent certificate as specified in the Local Certificate of Competency Rules.
- (5) If subsection (1) or (4) is contravened, the owner and the coxswain of the local vessel each commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine at level 3 and imprisonment for 6 months.

48 Person under 16 prohibited from operating certain vessels

- (1) A person under the age of 16 shall not steer, navigate or operate a local vessel that is fitted with a propulsion engine.
- (2) If subsection (1) is contravened by any person, that person, the owner and the coxswain of the local vessel each commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine at level 3.

50 Local certificates of competency to be carried on board

- (1) A person while in charge of a local vessel fitted with a propulsion engine shall carry with him in the vessel the local certificates of competency, or their equivalents, required under sections 47 and 49 and shall, on request by an authorized officer, produce them for inspection.
- (2) A person while in charge of the engines of a local vessel fitted with a propulsion engine shall carry with him in the vessel the local certificates of competency, or their equivalents, required under sections 47 and 49 and shall, on request by an authorized officer, produce them for inspection.
- (3) A person who contravenes subsection (1) or (2) commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine at level 2.

UNQUOTED

Safety Precautions on the Proper Storage and Use of Petrol

- 1 No excessive quantity of petrol shall be carried on board a vessel.
- 2 If portable container is used to carry petrol, the containers shall be of a type approved by the manufacturer of petrol engine (if necessary, owner shall submit supporting document issued by the manufacturer, e.g. invoice, sale receipt etc.); and fitted with air vent.
- 3 The portable container shall be stored in a well ventilated place, if necessary, on the open deck. The containers and all valves and pipes leading from such containers shall be made of suitable material and properly secured and protected against mechanical damage, excessive temperature variations and direct sunlight. The container, storage cabinet, associated valve, pipes and joints shall not have any fuel leaking, and shall be readily accessible for checking of suspected leaks.
- 4 Sources of heat shall be kept clear of the storage spaces and caution notices “不准吸煙 No Smoking” and “不准明火 No Naked Lights” shall be displayed in a prominent position when necessary.
- 5 Petrol shall not be used for other purposes, e.g. cleaning of engine parts, which may impose an unnecessary fire risk.
- 6 Unless it is certain that the containers storage space is well ventilated, otherwise the containers and the petrol shall be removed from the storage place which is expected to be unattended for a period of time.

檢查證明書
Certificate of Inspection

The **sample** of Certificate of Inspection can be downloaded from Marine Department web site at the following URL:

https://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/pub_services/ocean/lvs_survey7.html

(Amendment No. 55)

**Inspection Record for a Class IV Vessel
That Is Issued With a Certificate of Inspection**

The **sample** of Inspection Record can be downloaded from Marine Department web site at the following URL:

https://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/pub_services/ocean/lvs_survey7.html

(Note

Form A is applicable to vessel that is licensed to carry not more than 60 passengers but is let for hire or reward; but not include vessel that is not less than 24 metres in length, of not more than 150 gross tonnage and licensed for the first time on or after 1 August 2020.

Form B is applicable to vessel that is not less than 24 metres in length, of not more than 150 gross tonnage and licensed for the first time on or after 1 August 2020)

(Amendment No. 55)

第 IV 類船隻的最高可運載人數的計算

Determination of Maximum Number of Persons to be Carried
of a Class IV Vessel

船名 Name of Vessel.....	擁有權證明書號碼 Certificate of Ownership No :		
1 (a) 最高可運載量和座椅 Maximum Carrying Capacity and Seating			
船隻的最高可運載量(包括乘客和船員在內)的計算方法如下: The maximum carrying capacity (including passengers and crew) are determined as follows:			
或/or	[] (i) 開敞式遊樂船 open cruiser (L x B =)		
	L x B 所得數 numeral	總人數 Total No. of Persons	計算總人數 Determined Total No. of Persons
	≤ 5	2	()
	>5 to ≤ 10	3	()
	> 10	4	()
[] (ii) 遊樂船 cruiser	計算總人數 Determined Total No. of Persons		
	總人數 total number of persons = L _d × B × 0.4		
及/and	(iii) 船東要求最少船員名額 Owner's requested minimum number of crew = ()		
	程式中 where L _d : 船隻(甲板)的總長(米) vessel's (deck) length overall in metres = ()		
	B : 船隻的最大寬度(米) vessel's maximum breadth in metres = ()		
(b)	所有乘客應有足夠的座椅或休息設施可供擬定的用途。作指引之用，應有不少於總載客人數 50% 固定座位，餘數可採用另外的形式或類別，但必須相對地穩妥及安全，符合擬定用途。 All passengers should be arranged with seating or resting facilities adequate for the intended purpose. As a guidance, the number of fixed seats should be not less than 50% of its maximum number of carrying capacity and the balanced number of seats can be in other form or type provided that they are relatively stable and safe for its purpose.		不適用 Not applicable 足夠 / 不足夠 Adequate / Not Adequate
(c) 運載超過 12 名乘客及出租以收取租金或報酬的船隻之乘客艙室的標記 Marking in Passenger Space for vessel let for hire or reward and carrying capacity more than 12			
須在乘客上船的顯眼位置，以中、英文註明每層甲板可運載的乘客人數，如以下所示 The number of passengers in which each deck can accommodate should be indicated, in a conspicuous location, at all spaces where passengers will be embarking, in Chinese and English :-			
上層甲板 Upper level	()	不適用 Not applicable /	
主甲板 Main Deck	()		
其他 Others	()		
總乘客人數 Total number of passengers	()	已標記 / 未有標記 Marking Completed / Marking Not Done (Amendment No. 56)	
最少船員人數 Minimum number of crew	()		
允許運載總人數 Total number of persons permitted	()		

備註 Remark : (如有需要可另加頁數 Additional sheet if required)

 合資格驗船師(機構/公司)名稱及其驗船師姓名
 Name of Competent Surveyor (Institution/Company) and name of surveyor

簽署 Signature 日期 Date

Approximate Determination of Stability by Simple Inclining Test

Part 1

(Amendment No. 48, 63)

1 General

- 1.1 The simple inclining test is to ascertain the angle of heel a vessel would occur when 2/3 of the passengers distributed on one side of the vessel and 1/3 on the other side. The objective being that it should be ensured that no angle of heel exceeding 7° will arise as a result of the movement of passengers from one side of the vessel to the other side.

2 Test Procedure

- 2.1 The vessel should be tested with weights to represent the fully laden service condition.
- 2.2 The weights should be disposed, as far as practicable, with their centres of gravity in the correct vertical and lateral positions having regard also to those vessels where passengers should be taken as congregated at 0.3 m² each on the uppermost deck or decks to which they have access.
- 2.3 The test should be carried out in the following manner:
- (a) The vessel is to be loaded with weights as described above,
 - (b) Calculate a heeling moment equal to the weight of the passengers (W) multiplied by the extreme breadth (B) of the vessel and divided by 12 (=WB/12),
 - (c) Transfer weights from one side of the vessel to the other side in 3 equal increments such that the final heeling moment is equal to WB/12, the same vertical centre gravity of the whole being maintained. The weights and the distance they are moved together with the angle of heel should be recorded for each of the 3 moves.
 - (d) Restore all the weights to their original positions and record angle of heel when they are restored,
 - (e) Repeat (c) moving weights from opposite side,
 - (f) Repeat (d),
 - (g) If the angle of heel exceeds 7° during the test, the owner might add ballast weight and to repeat the test procedures (c), (d), (e) and (f). The weight and position of such ballast should be recorded.

3 Acceptance of Stability

- 3.1 As a general rule, no vessel will be accepted where the angle of heel exceeds 7° as a result of a heeling moment of WB/12 or any greater heeling moment that could be expected to arise in service.
- 3.2 In any case where an angle of heel exceeding 4° has arisen as a result of a heeling moment of WB/12, the seating and other arrangements of the vessel should be examined to see whether a heeling moment greater than WB/12 could be expected to arise in service. If this is found to be so, proper measure should be taken to avoid an angle of heel greater than 7° would arise as a result of this heeling moment.

4 Determination of weight of passengers and crew

- 4.1 The following information should be used for the consideration of the effects of passenger and crew weight:
- (1) The distribution of passengers is 4 per square metre;
 - (2) Each person has a mass of 68 kg or <75 kg>;
 - (3) Vertical centre gravity of seated passengers is 0.3 m above seat;
 - (4) Vertical centre gravity of standing passengers is 1.0 m above deck;
 - (5) Passenger and luggage should be considered to be in the space normally at their disposal

Note: < > applicable for new vessels^{2.1.2007} calculation only.

(Amendment No. 39)

Part 2

According to the procedure described in Part 1, with the value of the heeling moment equal to WB/2, to ensure that the ship's heel angle will not exceed 10° when all (100%) passengers are distributed on one side of the ship. For safety's sake, the test shall be carried out from one side of the vessel to the other side in three equal increments as described in paragraph 2.3(c) above, until the final heeling moment equals WB/2.

(Amendment No. 48, 63)

A rolling period test to derive the metacentric height can replace the requirements in Part 1 or Part 2:

General

The rolling period is the duration for one complete oscillation, i.e. starting from the extreme end of a roll to one side of the vessel, i.e. moves right across to the other extreme side and returns to the original starting point.

Test Procedure

- (a) The test should be conducted in harbour, in smooth waters with the minimum interference from wind and tide.
- (b) The mooring should be slack. A reasonable clearance at the sides of the vessel should be maintained to avoid making any contact during its rolling.
- (c) Weights which are liable to swing or liable to move (e.g. a drum) should be secured against such movement. The free surface effects of slack tanks should be kept as small as practicable.
- (d) The vessel is made to roll (e.g. by rhythmically lifting up and putting down a weight far off middle-line; by people running athwartships in unison; or by any other means). As soon as this forced rolling has commenced the vessel is allowed to roll freely and naturally.
- (e) By means of a stopwatch, the time is taken for not less than about five complete oscillations.
- (f) After allowing the roll to completely fade away, repeat the operations in paragraphs (d) and (e) twice with the time recorded.

Determination of Metacentric Height (GM)

- (a) From the total time for the total number of oscillations made, calculate the mean time (say T seconds) for one complete oscillation.
- (b) The metacentric height GM_0 is to be determined from the following formula:

$$GM_0 = (0.77 B/T)^2$$

where

B = extreme breadth of vessel in metres

(Note: The formula is valid for vessels with length not more than 24 metres)

(Amendment No. 48, 63)

適用於簡單傳統建造的第 IV 類別船隻的圖則
Plans for Simple Traditionally Built Class IV Vessels
 首次申請牌照 需要審批的簡單圖則
Simple Plans Required Approval for Initial Licensing

擁有權證明書號碼： Certificate of Ownership No.	船名： Name of Vessel
審批圖則 / Approval Plans 檢查證明書編號 Certificate of Inspection No	
<u>一般圖則/ General Plans</u> 1. 簡單圖則 <i>Plan(Simple)-G -01</i> 一般佈置圖則 (包括號燈、號型、聲號佈置) General Arrangement Plan (incl. lights, shapes & sound signals installations) 2. 簡單圖則 <i>Plan(Simple)-HS-02</i> 船隻資料及基本船殼和甲板之板厚示意圖則 Vessel Particulars, and Basic Hull and Deck Plate Thickness Diagram 3. 簡單圖則 <i>Plan(Simple)-HS-03</i> 傾斜試驗 / 橫搖週期 / 簡單傾斜- 測試報告 Inclining Experiment Report/Rolling Period / Simple Inclining - Test Report 4. 簡單圖則 <i>Plan(Simple)- HS -04</i> 救生及救火設備及佈置示意圖則 (包括逃生示意圖) LSA & FFA Installation and Arrangement Diagram (incl. escape route) 5. 簡單圖則 <i>Plan(Simple)-ME-05</i> 機器/電器設備圖則 Machinery / Electrical Installation Plans	備註/Remark 有 / 沒有 / 不需 * Yes / No / Not Applicable * 有 / 沒有 / 不需 * Yes / No / Not Applicable * 有 / 沒有 / 不需 * Yes / No / Not Applicable * 有 / 沒有 / 不需 * Yes / No / Not Applicable * 有 / 沒有 / 不需 * Yes / No / Not Applicable *
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簡單圖則 Plan(Simple)-G-01

General Arrangement Plan (incl. lights, shapes & sound signals installations)

一般佈置圖則

(包括號燈、號型、聲號佈置)

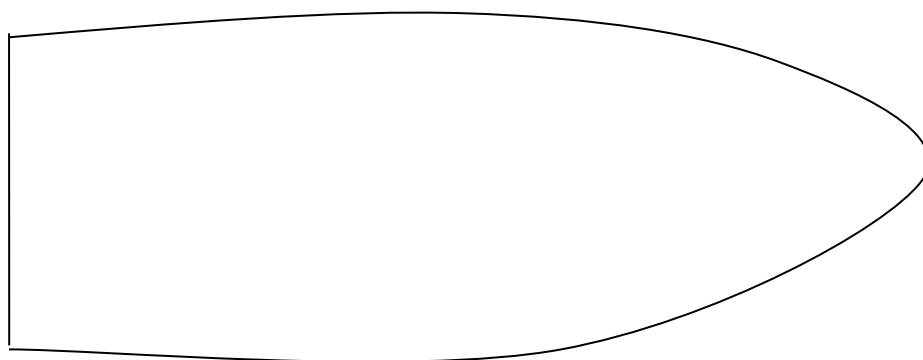
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側面圖

Side View Profile



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DECK

Remarks 備註:

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如設有上層建築, 請標示
2. Details can be supplemented by photos or separate sheets.
詳細可以相片補充或另加紙張
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不按比例/標尺

Vessel information 船隻資料	Content 資料內容
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2. Certificate of Ownership No. 擁有權證明書號碼	
3. Vessel Class / Type 船隻 類別 / 類型	
4. Length Overall 總長度	
5. Extreme Breath 最大寬度	
6. Depth 深度	
7. No. of Decks 甲板層數	
8. Lights, Shapes & Sound Signals Installations 號燈、號型、聲號設備 (Please show location / 請顯示位置)	
Approved by 經辦審批 :	Date 日期 :

簡單圖則/ Plan(Simple)-HS-02

Vessel Particulars and Basic Hull and Deck Plate Thickness Diagram

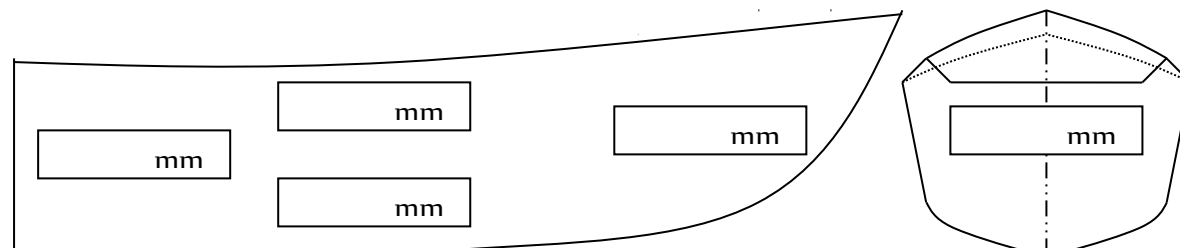
船隻資料及基本船殼和甲板之板厚示意圖則

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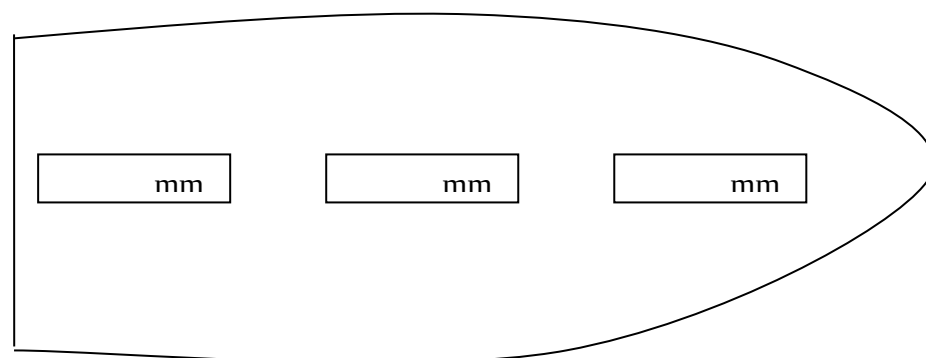
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請以虛線列出縱及橫向肋骨.
4. Not to proportion/scale. 不按比例/標尺
5. Hull and Deck Plate Thickness could make reference to the information provided by the ship builder/ shipyard or other certification bodies
船殼和甲板之板厚可參照船隻建造者/船廠或其他驗證機構提供的資料. (Amendment No. 48 修改第 48 號)



船旁及船底板
SIDE & BOTTOM PLATING

船尾板圖
TRANSOM



甲板 **DECK PLATING**

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6. Depth 深度	
7. Material 構造材料	
8. Number of Transverse Frame 橫架數目	
9. Number of Long. Girder/Keelson/ Frame 縱龍骨/邊龍骨/直隔擋數目	
10. Number / Size of Buoyancy Space 浮艙數目及容量 ____ / ____ (Please show location/ 請顯示位置)	
11. Hull Design / Construction Standards /Rules adopted 應用的船殼/結構標準/規則	
Approved by 經辦審批	Date 日期

簡單圖則 Plan(Simple)-HS-03

Inclining Experiment Report/Rolling Period / Simple Inclining - Test Report

傾斜試驗／橫搖週期 / 簡單傾斜- 測試報告

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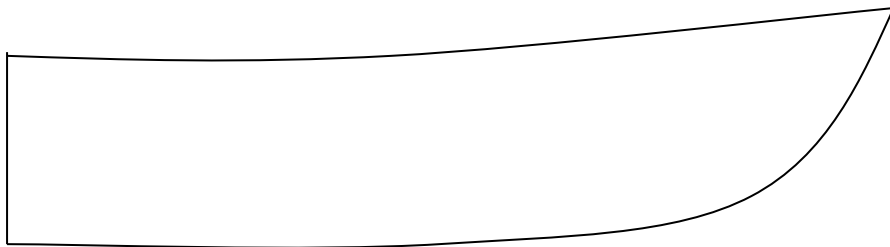
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LSA & FFA Installation and Arrangement Diagram (incl. escape route)

救生及滅火設備及佈置示意圖則 (包括逃生示意圖)

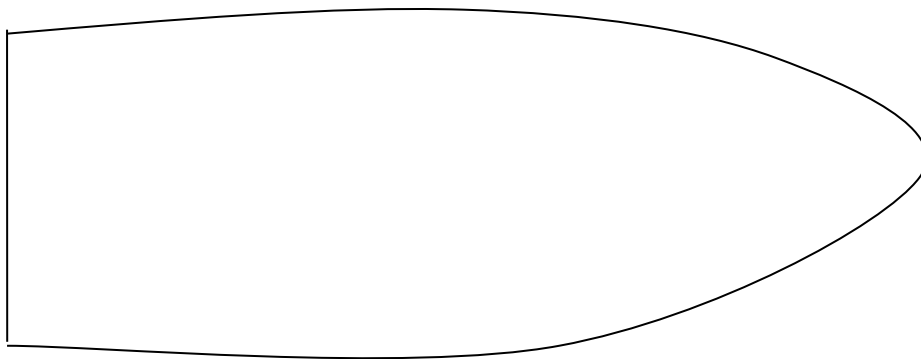
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3. Vessel Class / Type 船隻 類別 / 類型			
4. LSA & FFA Installation 救生及救火設備		(Please show location/ 請顯示位置)	
(a)			
(b)			
(c)			
(d)			
(e)			
5. Escape Route 逃生路線			
Approved by 經辦審批		Date 日期	

簡單圖則 Plan(Simple)-ME-05

Machinery & Electrical Installation Plans

機器與電器設備圖則

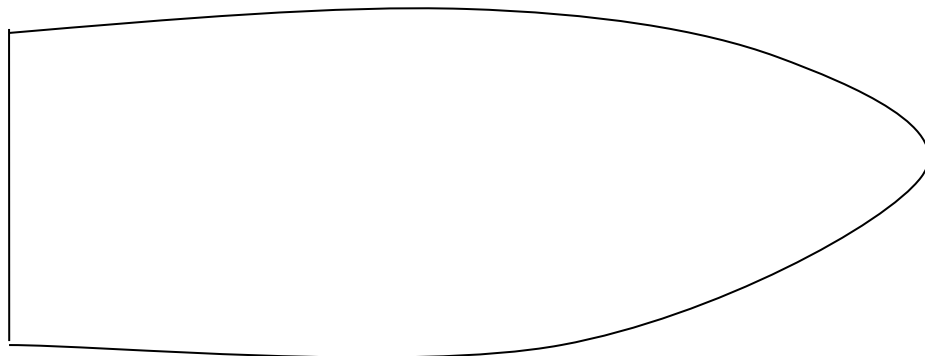
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4. No. of Main Engines/ Propellers 主機 / 推進器 數量	
5. Main engine Maker /Type 主機製造商/型類	
6. Main Engine Serial Number 主機號碼	
7. Total Engine Power (kW)/ RPM 主機總功率 (千瓦) / 轉速	
8. Fuel type/ tank no./ total capacity 燃油類 / 油缸數量 / 總容量	
9. Generator Engine Maker / Type 發電機製造商/型類	
10. Generator Engine Serial No. 發電機號碼	
11. Total Generator Engine Power (kW)/ RPM 發電總功率 (千瓦) / 轉速(每分)	
12.Voltage (V) / Frequency (Hz) 電壓 (伏特) / 週頻 (轉數/每秒)	
(Please show location/ 請顯示位置)	
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**Implementation of the Requirements of
Annex VI of MARPOL 73/78 to Locally Licensed Vessels
(Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Air Pollution) Regulation (Cap. 413P))**

The amendments to Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Air Pollution) Regulation have entered into force on 1 July 2016 and 1 March 2020 respectively. The Regulation is to give effect to the requirements of MARPOL Annex VI in Hong Kong. The Marine Department Notice (MDN) No. 39 of 2016 and 33 of 2020 give details of the relevant requirements applicable to local vessels under the Regulation. The subject MDNs are available at the following URLs:

<http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/notices/pdf/mdn16039.pdf>

<http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/notices/pdf/mdn20033.pdf>

(Amendment No. 5, 57)

Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Air Pollution) Regulation (Cap. 413P)

Inspection Checklist for Local Vessels

Certificate of Ownership Number:

Date of Survey:

Place of Survey:

Name of Surveyor:

	Cap. 413P	Inspection Details	Inspection Items		Inspection Results		Remarks
1	Division 2, Part 3 - Ozone-depleting substance (ODS)	Records (if any) and management guidelines for installations containing ODS	ODS that may be emitted aboard, mainly from air conditioning systems, refrigeration equipment, etc. To check management guidelines & relevant records (if applicable) are displayed on board		Requirement met	Requirement not met	
			To ensure no new installations containing ODS are fitted on board, and no installations containing hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs) on board		Requirement met	Requirement not met	
2	Division 3, Part 3 - Nitrogen oxides (NOx)	Records of brand, models and serial numbers of shipboard diesel engines with power output of more than 130 kW	To check if “existing vessels” are fitted with “existing diesel engines” or if engines on “new vessels” comply with NOx emission requirements (document proof is acceptable)		Requirement met	Requirement not met	Requirement for control of NOx emissions not applicable to “existing vessels” fitted with “existing engines”.
			Tier I	Ship built after 1 June 2008 but before 1 July 2016	Requirement met	Requirement not met	Tier II emission limits apply to engines which undergone a substantial modification on or after 1.7.2016 on ships built on or after 1.1.2011
			Tier II	Ship built on or after 1 July 2016	Requirement met	Requirement not met	
3	Division 6, Part 3 - Shipboard incinerators	Shipboard incinerators (incl. type, manual, training & record) meeting IMO requirements.	Incinerators		Available	Not available	Incinerators not meeting IMO requirements are not permitted to operate.
			IMO specifications		Requirement met	Requirement not met	
			IMO approved incinerator operated in Hong Kong: Operation (manual, training & record) of incinerators meeting relevant requirements		Yes	No	

	Cap. 413P	Inspection Details	Inspection Items	Inspection Results		Remarks
4 4.1	Division 4, Part 3 & Section 87, Part 6 -Fuel oil quality	Vessels of 400 gross tonnage or above: bunker delivery notes shall be kept on board for at least half year.	Bunker delivery note kept on board	Yes	No	Some vessels may already have obtained the exemption document from Marine Department
			Bunker delivery note issued by a local supplier or recognized/recorded supplier in the Mainland	Yes	No	
	Sulphur oxides (SOx)	Vessels of less than 400 gross tonnage: bunker delivery note not required.	Not Required	Not applicable		
			Sulphur content of fuel oil not exceeding 0.5% m/m	Yes	No	

(Amendment No. 5, 57)

TONNAGE MEASUREMENT

PART 1 GENERAL

1 Application

- 1.1 Subject to section 1.2, this chapter applies to **new vessels (see definition in Ch. I/3)**.
- 1.2 The following vessels are not required to be measured in accordance with this chapter –
- (1) any vessel the tonnage of which has been measured in accordance with the Merchant Shipping (Registration)(Tonnage) Regulations and is issued with the relevant tonnage certificate; or
 - (2) any vessel in possession of International Tonnage Certificate issued in accordance with the International Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships, 1969.
 - (3) **any existing vessel the tonnage of which has been measured in accordance with the previous methods of tonnage measurement.**

2 Method of Tonnage Measurement

- 2.1 The gross and net tonnages shall be determined in accordance with Part 2 of this chapter provided that in the case of novel types of vessel with constructional features which render the application of the provisions of Part 2 unreasonable or impracticable, the gross and net tonnages shall be determined as required by the Director.
- 2.2 All measurements used in the calculations of volumes shall be taken and expressed in metres to the nearest centimetre.
- 2.3 Gross and net tonnages shall be expressed as whole numbers, decimals being rounded off downwards.
- 2.4 All volumes included in the calculation of gross and net tonnages shall be measured, irrespective of the fitting of insulation or the like, to the inner side of the shell or structural boundary plating in ships constructed of metal, and to the outer surface of the shell or to the inner side of the structural boundary surfaces in ships constructed of any other material.
- 2.5 The total volume shall include volumes of appendages (e.g. rudder, kort nozzle, skeg, propeller shaft bossings, etc.) but exclude the volumes of spaces open to sea. Volumes within the hulls of ship shall be retained in V and V_c. *(Amendment No. 40, 58)*
- 2.6 Enclosed spaces above the main deck not exceeding 1 m³, air trunks having a cross-sectional area not exceeding 1 m² shall not be measured. *(Amendment No. 40)*
- 2.7 Masts, cranes and container support structures, which are completely inaccessible and

above the main deck, separated on all their sides from other enclosed spaces shall not be included in the total volume of all enclosed spaces. All mobile cranes shall be exempted.

(Amendment No. 40)

PART 2 ASCERTAINMENT OF TONNAGE

3 Vessels of 24 Metres in Length and Above

Tonnage of vessels of 24 m in length and above shall be ascertained in accordance with Part II of the Merchant Shipping (Registration)(Tonnage) Regulations. Only tonnage certificate or tonnage measurement record issued by the competent surveyors are considered to be acceptable.

4 Class IV Vessels of Less Than 24 m in Length

4.1 The tonnage of Class IV vessels of less than 24 m in length shall be ascertained in accordance with this section.

4.2 Gross tonnage

4.2.1 The gross tonnage (GT) shall be determined by the following formula:

$$GT = K_1 (V_1 + V_2)$$

where: $K_1 = 0.2 + 0.02 \log_{10} V_1$

$V_1 = V_H$, total volume of all enclosed spaces under the main deck, in m^3 ; which shall be obtained from section 4.2.2 (in catamaran, $V_1 = 2 \times V_H$).

V_2 = total volume of all enclosed spaces above the main deck, in m^3 ; which shall be obtained from section 4.2.3 below.

4.2.2 V_1 shall be determined by the following formula:

$$V_H = L_d \times B \times D \times C \quad m^3$$

where: L_d = length of the main deck, m (Main deck is the deck which form the top of the enclosed space of the hull.); for open cruiser, the length overall of the hull;

(Amendment No.58)

B =in vessels of other than wooden construction, the moulded breadth (in catamaran, the moulded breadth of one hull); and in wooden vessels, the breadth measured to the outer planking of the hull, m;

D = moulded depth, m;

C = coefficient obtained from the following table depending on the type of vessel:

Basic Hull Form	Hull Form Factor (C)	
ship	monohull	0.55
	catamaran	0.50
junk	0.60	
box	0.90	

4.2.3 V_2 shall be determined by the following formula:

$$V_2 = \sum l \times b \times h \quad \text{m}^3$$

where l , b , h are respectively the mean length, mean breadth and mean height of each tier of the enclosed spaces above the main deck, in m.

4.3 Net Tonnage

4.3.1 The net tonnage (NT) shall be determined by the following formula:

$$NT = K_2 \times GT$$

where: $K_2 = 0.5$ for all Class IV vessels

GT = gross tonnage calculated by section 4.2.1 above.

Installation, Document and Certification for Prevention of Oil Pollution

The installation, documentation and certification required on board, and information required to submit for approval for vessel of gross tonnage (GT) ≥ 400 are detailed as follows.

1 Required Installation, Documentation and Certification

- (a) An approved type oily water separator designed to produce effluent not more than 15 ppm of oil.

- (b) Tank (sludge tank) for oil residue in engine room.

The minimum sludge tank capacity (V_1) should be determined by the following formula:

$$V_1 = 0.005CD \text{ (m}^3\text{)}$$

where

C = daily fuel oil consumption (m^3); and

D = maximum no. of days when sludge can be discharged ashore.

Oil residue (sludge) may be disposed of directly from the oil residue (sludge) tank(s) through the standard discharge connection, or any other approved means of disposal. The oil residue (sludge) tank(s) should be provided with a designated pump for disposal that is capable of taking suction from the oil residue (sludge) tank(s); and should have no discharge connections to the bilge system, oily bilge water holding tank(s), tank top or oily water separators except that the tank(s) may be fitted with drains, with manually operated self-closing valves and arrangements for subsequent visual monitoring of the settled water, that lead to an oily bilge water holding tank or bilge well, or an alternative arrangement, provided such arrangement does not connect directly to the bilge piping system. *(Amendment No. 41)*

- (c) Standard discharge connection.
- (d) For Class IV vessels of GT ≥ 400 , Hong Kong Oil Pollution Prevention Certificate and Supplement issued/endorsed by the Director or International Oil Pollution Prevention Certificate and Supplement issued / endorsed by a recognized classification society.
- (e) Oil record book (Part I and Part II); pleasure vessels require Part I.

2 Information to be submitted

- (f) Installation plans for oily-water separator consist of:
 - (i) piping arrangements
 - (ii) wiring diagram of electrical installation.
- (g) Sludge tank and discharge arrangement plans include:
 - (i) construction, size and location of sludge tank
 - (ii) piping diagram of sludge tank from machinery spaces to reception facility via standard discharge connection.
- (h) Shipboard oil pollution emergency plan.

**Periodic Survey Programme for Pleasure Vessels Let for Hire
and Are Issued with a Certificate of Inspection**

(This annex applies to any pleasure vessel carrying not more than 60 passengers that is let for hire)

Pursuant to the Survey Regulation, all pleasure vessels carrying 60 passengers or less that are let for hire should possess a valid Certificate of Inspection. These type of vessels should conduct the annual or biennial periodical survey ^{Remark (1)}. The stipulations of these periodical survey items are as follows:

(I) Annual Survey Afloat

(A) Vessels carrying 60 passengers or less

- (a) A general inspection of hull external (above waterline), decks, superstructure, water-tight integrity and cabin arrangement etc.
- (b) An inspection of fire-fighting apparatus, life-saving appliances, navigation lights, shape and sound signals etc.
 - (i) the inspection of CO₂ and sprinkler systems (if fitted) shall be carried out in accordance with the requirements set out in remark*4 of Annex 13B.
 - (ii) the inspection of portable fire extinguishers and CO₂ bottles shall be carried out in accordance with the requirements set out in remark*5 of Annex 13B. The inspecting authorized surveyor is responsible for the work in place of Marine Department officer.
- (c) Passage and escape means of passenger cabin, safety protection means, ventilation means with closing appliances (if applicable), notice and markings.
- (d) A functional test of engine room bilge pump and fire pump (if fitted).
- (e) An inspection of the fuel oil system of engines, fire and oil pollution hazards prevention at machinery space, and a running test of main and auxiliary engines.
- (f) A general inspection of electrical installation and megger tests of A.C. electric circuits ^{Remark (2)}.
- (g) An inspection of ventilation arrangement and closing appliance of machinery space, if applicable.
- (h) Air Pollution Prevention installation (if applicable).
- (i) Verification of principal dimensions, engine and major machinery particulars.
- (j) Checking the domestic LPG system, if fitted.

- (k) Safety valve of air receiver functioning test (if fitted).
- (l) Checking the relevant document/certificate of the vessel.

(B) GRP open cruiser of LOA less than 8 m

- (a) A general inspection of hull external (above waterline), decks, superstructure, water-tight integrity and cabin arrangement etc.
- (b) An inspection of fire-fighting apparatus, life-saving appliances, navigation lights, shape and sound signals etc..
- (c) Passage and escape means of cabin, safety protection means, notice and markings.
- (d) A functional test of engine room bilge pump and fire pump (if fitted).
- (e) An inspection of the fuel oil system of engines, fire and oil pollution hazards prevention at machinery space, and a running test of main and auxiliary engines.
- (f) A general inspection of electrical installation and megger tests of A.C. electric circuits ^{Remark (2)}.
- (g) Verification of principal dimensions, engine and major machinery particulars.
- (h) Checking the relevant document/certificate of the vessel.

(II) Biennial Survey on Slipway

(A) Vessel carrying 60 passengers or less

- (a) The vessel is to be slipped and cleaned for inspection of the external hull (internal inspection of void spaces, tanks and double bottoms are required).
- (b) Gauging of the thickness of the keel, bottom, shell, deck and bulkhead plates for the vessel made of steel/aluminum and is eight (8) or more years old.
- (c) All sea and overboard discharge valves at below waterline are to be opened up for inspection.
- (d) Inspection of tail shaft, propeller, rudder and rudder stock.
- (e) Inspection of main engine and gearbox ^{Remark (3)}.
- (f) Air receiver to undergo a hydraulic test plus an internal inspection (if the external condition is good, a maximum of one survey cycle can be extended, i.e. conduct once every 4 years); if the air receivers meet the standards of a maritime administration's national standards or a classification society or other international recognized standards such as ASME Standards or CE Standards and are issued with appropriate certificates, the survey can be conducted by relevant maritime institutions/authorized surveyors/persons according to the standards of the institution or standard survey scheme (including interval).

(Amendment No. 48)

(g) Items in section (I)(A) above.

(B) GRP open cruiser of LOA less than 8 m

(a) The vessel is to be slipped and cleaned for inspection of the external and internal hull ^{Remark (4)}.

(b) Items in section (I) (B) above.

(III) Additional Requirements

During any periodical survey, the relevant surveyor has the right to inspect any part of the vessel or require any item of machinery or equipment to be opened up under any conditions, if deemed necessary.

Remarks :

- (1) (a) The periodical survey should be carried out in subsequent order; i.e. an annual survey should be followed by a biennial survey, etc.
- (b) If a certificate of inspection has expired and the certificate renewal inspection is carried out within one year from the date of the expiry of the certificate, the periodic survey that should be carried out will be the yearly survey due in accordance with the order as shown in (a). If the certificate had expired for more than one year, the biennial survey shall apply for renewal of the certificate.
- (2) Electric circuits insulation test reports issued by an EMSD registered electrical worker (REW) or registered electrical contractor (REC) are also acceptable. *(Amendment No. 44)*
- (3) An appropriate inspection/maintenance is subject to the engine maker's periodical maintenance schedule, an annual inspection/maintenance record issued by engine workshop or shipyard or ship owner as appropriate should be submitted for competent surveyor's endorsement. *(Amendment No. 48)*
- (4) Inspection record declared by ship owner / shipyard / competent surveyor is also acceptable.

**Periodic Survey Programme for Other Class IV Vessels that are issued with
a Certificate of Survey or Certificate of Inspection**

(Amendment No. 48)

Table 1 Periodic Survey Programme

No	Survey Items	Vessel Carrying More Than 60 Passengers			New Vessel of L≥24m or Existing Vessel of GT > 150*and is Let for Hire or Reward; Any Vessel of Novel Type (Amendment No. 48)			New Vessel of L≥24m or Existing Vessel of GT > 150*and is NOT Let for Hire or Reward (Amendment No. 48)		
		1	2	4	1	2	4	1	2	4
A	General and Safety Equipment									
1	Fixed Fire Extinguishing Installation CO ₂ system - blowing test Sprinkler System - function test		✓				✓ (*5d)			✓ (*5d)
2	Fixed Fire Extinguishing Installation - hydraulic test	(*4)								
3	Fire Extinguisher, CO ₂ Bottle – refill and hydraulic test (*5)	✓			✓			✓		
4	Buoyancy Apparatus – submerging test (for air case not filled with buoyant material)			✓			✓ (*3)			✓ (*3)
B	Hull and Fittings									
1	Hull - external (incl. Ship bottom) inspection	✓				✓			✓	
2	Hull - internal (including oil tank, water tank and voids) inspection		✓				✓			✓
3	Gauging thickness of deck, shell and bulkhead plating (for steel/aluminium vessel) (*2)			✓			✓			✓ (*3)
4	Sea Suctions, Discharging Valves - stripped down inspection		✓				✓			✓ (*3)
5	Anchors, Cables - ranged out for inspection		✓				✓			✓ (*3)
C	Machinery and Electrical Installation									
1	Main Engine - hydraulic test of coolers (incl. air, lub. oil, cooling water), cylinder head and water jacket		✓				✓ (*3)			✓ (*10)
2	Main Engine - overhaul of fuel oil pump, fuel nozzles		✓ (*3)				✓ (*3)			✓ (*10)

No	Survey Items	Vessel Carrying More Than 60 Passengers			New Vessel of L≥24m or Existing Vessel of GT > 150*and is Let for Hire or Reward; Any Vessel of Novel Type (Amendment No. 48)			New Vessel of L≥24m or Existing Vessel of GT > 150*and is NOT Let for Hire or Reward (Amendment No. 48)		
		1	2	4	1	2	4	1	2	4
3	Main Engine and Gear Box - stripped down for inspection)		✓ (*3a)			✓ (*3a)				✓ (*3a)
4	Generator engine- stripped down for inspection			✓			✓ (*3)			✓ (*10)
5	Main fire pump and emergency fire pump		✓				✓ (*3)			✓ (*3)
6	Bilge pump and windlass - stripped down for inspection		✓				✓ (*3)			
7	Independent fuel oil tank – internal & hydraulic test			✓			✓ (*3)			✓ (*3)
8	Air Receiver (P<17.2 bar) - internal inspection (*11)			✓			✓			✓
9	Air Receiver (P<17.2 bar) - hydraulic test (*11)			✓			✓			✓
10	Air Receiver (P≥17.2 bar) - internal inspection (*11)		✓				✓			✓
11	Air Receiver (P≥17.2 bar) - hydraulic test (*11)		✓				✓			✓
12	Tail Shaft, Propeller, Rudder and Rudder Stock - inspection		✓ (*3b)				✓ (*3b)			✓ (*3b)
13	Steering System – stripped down for inspection			✓			✓ (*3)			✓ (*3)
14	AC electrical circuit –main circuit breaker load test (*7)			✓						
15	Oil Pollution Prevention Installation (for vessel with IOPP/HKOPP certificate)	(*9)								
16	Oil Pollution Prevention Installation (for vessel do not require IOPP/HKOPP certificate) – hydraulic test of independent sludge tank			✓			✓ (*3)			✓ (*3)
17	Relevant requirements of Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Air Pollution) Regulation (Cap. 413P)	(*8) and (*9)								

Remarks in Table 1

* The length (L) demarcation applies to new vessels ^{1.8.2020}; the Gross Tonnage (GT) demarcation applies to existing vessels ^{1.8.2020}.
(Amendment No. 48)

*1 Survey Intervals

- 1 - to be conducted every year
 - 2 - to be conducted every two years
 - 4 - to be conducted every four years
- (a) The periodical survey should be carried out in subsequent order; i.e. a 1st year survey should be followed by a 2-yearly survey, a 3rd year survey should be followed by a 4-yearly survey, etc.
- (b) If a certificate of survey has expired and the certificate renewal inspection is carried out within one year from the date of the expiry of the certificate, the periodic survey that should be carried out will be the yearly survey due in accordance with the order as shown in (a). If the certificate had expired for more than one year, the 4-yearly survey shall apply for renewal of the certificate.
- *2 Applicable to vessels of age exceeding 8 years. For classed vessel possessing Classification Society's Certificate, the gauging inspections may be arranged when in the renewals of the Classification Society's Certificate.
- *3 Inspection record issued by engine workshop or shipyard as appropriate, should be submitted for reference.
- *3a For the survey schedule and interval for medium speed engine (of 300~1400 rpm), ship owners can refer to Annex K-1 of the Code of Practice – Safety Standards for Class I Vessels "Survey Schedule for Medium Speed Engines". In addition, the survey interval of the engine may also be set in accordance with the original maintenance plan of the main engine and the gearbox (according to the operation time); and records and declarations shall be submitted.
- (Amendment No. 48)*
- *3b The ship owner may arrange for the inspection of the tail shaft and propeller in accordance with the maintenance and inspection plan of the recognized classification society or the plan accepted by Marine Department; and shall submit records and declarations.
- (Amendment No. 48)*
- *4 Hydraulic test for CO₂ and sprinkler systems should begin from the 10th anniversary the system is in service, and thereafter at intervals of 10 years. The hydraulic testing pressure for the CO₂ system high pressure manifold should not be less than 125 bar.
- *5 Inspection for portable fire extinguishers and CO₂ bottles should be in accordance with the following table. The inspection record should be retained on board for examination; or each fire extinguisher is to be marked by paint or attached with a tag indicating the date and type of test.

Water, Foam, Dry Powder Fire Extinguisher		CO ₂ Fire Extinguisher, CO ₂ Fixed Installation Bottle		
Refill / Weighting ^(*a)	Hydraulic Test ^(*b)	Weighting	Refill	Hydraulic Test ^(*b)
Owner ^(*c) /FSIC ^(*d)	FSIC ^(*d) /MD	FSIC ^(*d) /MD	DG Reg. 62	DG Reg. 66

Abbreviation

- FSIC : Fire Service Installation Contractors registered in the Fire Service Department or institutions acceptable to the Director
- DG Reg. 62: A person holding a Dangerous Goods Licence issued under Reg. 62, Dangerous Goods (General) Regulation
- DG Reg. 66: A person approved by Fire Service Department under Reg. 66, Dangerous Goods (General) Regulation
- MD : Marine Department officer

Note

- (*a) The need for refilling should be in accordance with the instruction of manufacturer of fire extinguisher.

- (*b) Intervals of hydraulic test:
 Portable Fire Extinguishers - 5 years
 CO₂ bottles/propellant cartridges - 10 years *(Amendment No. 45)*
- (*c) Marine Department officers may examine the owner's competence on carrying out the servicing and conduct random checks including function test of the portable fire extinguishers.
- (*d) Serviced by FSIC is acceptable.
- *6 If the hull and machinery installation of a classed vessel are inspected by a surveyor of classification society, the inspection reports/certificates issued by classification society should be submitted for record.
- *7 Applicable to vessel fitted with generator each of capacity exceeding 50 kW.
- *8 Implementation of the requirements of Annex VI of MARPOL 73/78 to locally licensed vessels, refer to Annex 7 & 7A of this code of practice.
- *9 For renewal of HKOPP or HKAPP certificate, surveys should be carried out by Marine Department or Authorized Organization (AO) surveyors only. For renewal/endorsement of IOPP or IAPP certificate, surveys to be conducted by relevant Classification Society only and report to be submitted for reference. *(Amendment No. 65)*
- *10 For the survey interval for engine, maker's recommended maintenance practices can be referred. Inspection/maintenance records issued by the engine workshop or shipyard or ship owner as appropriate should be submitted for record purposes. *(Amendment No. 48)*
- *11 If the air receiver complies with the national standards of the maritime authority or the classification society or other internationally recognized standards such as ASME Standards or CE Standards and is issued with the relevant certificate, it may also be inspected by a relevant maritime institution or authorized surveyor/person according to the inspection plan of the institution or standard inspection plan (including the interval). *(Amendment No. 48)*

Table 2 Final Inspection ^(*)

No.	Survey Items ^(*)
A	GENERAL, HULL & SAFETY EQUIPMENT
1	Life Saving Appliances - inspection and function test
2	Fire Fighting Apparatus (incl. CO ₂ fixed fire extinguishing installation, emergency fire pump) - inspection and function test
3	Navigation Lights and Sound Signals - inspection and function test
4	Watertight / Weathertight Closing Appliances (incl. door, ventilator, air pipe, etc.) - inspection
5	Passenger Space (incl. escape signs, etc.), Crew Space, Escape Arrangement, Bulwarks and Rails - general inspection
6	General condition in Machinery Space (a) protection from injury of personnel (b) prevention of fire hazard (c) prevention of oil pollution hazard
7	Verification of principal dimensions, engine and major machinery particulars
B	MACHINERY AND ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION
1	Main Engines, Generator Engines, Steering Gears - running test

No.	Survey Items ^(*2)
2	Air Emission Assessment
3	Air Receiver Safety Valves - function test
4	Bilge and Oily Water Pumping System - function test
5	Prevention of Oil Pollution Installation - function test
6	Electrical Circuit - earthing test
7	- insulation resistance test ^(*3)
8	Meters on Switchboard - function test
9	Domestic L.P.G. Installation – inspection
C	OTHERS
1	Verifying Certificates of Competency of Master and Engineer (if manoeuvring test required)
2	Permanent ballast - confirmation of amount and position
3	Survey report issued by the competent surveyor - verification
4	Marking of Safe Working Load and Certificate of Lifting Appliances – verification ^(*4)

Remarks in Table 2

- *1 The final inspection shall be carried out afloat annually. Vessels of novel type shall be carried out by Marine Department officer. *(Amendment No. 64)*
- *2 Where practicable the listed items may be presented for inspection prior to the final inspection.
- *3 A valid electrical system insulation test report (with the test being conducted by an EMSD registered electrical worker (REW) within 2 weeks prior to the final inspection) issued by an EMSD registered electrical contractor (REC) is acceptable in lieu of the insulation resistance test inspection conducted by Marine Department officers or authorized inspection personnel. A valid electrical system insulation test report shall include the relevant necessary information. A valid electrical system insulation test report issued by authorized inspection personnel is acceptable. *(Amendment No. 46, 48)*
- *4 The following document / certificates certified by competent examiner should be presented in final inspection for verification of validity:
- Register of Lifting Appliance & Lifting Gear (Form 1);
 - Certificate of Test and Examination of Winches, Derricks and their Accessory Gear (Form 2);
 - Certificate of Test and Examination of Lifting Appliance and their Accessory Gear other than Derricks (Form 3).

**Rules and Regulations of Classification Societies
Applicable to Class IV Vessels**

1 American Bureau of Shipping (ABS)

- (i) Rules for Building and Classing Steel Vessels under 90 metres in Length
- (ii) Rules for Building and Classing High Speed Craft
- (iii) Steel Vessels for Service on Rivers and Intracoastal Waterways (for vessels operating within smooth waters)

2 Bureau Veritas (BV)

- (i) Rules for the Classification of Steel Ships
- (ii) Hull Structure and Arrangement for the Classification of Cargo Ships less than 65 m and Non Cargo Ships less than 90 m
- (iii) Hull Arrangement, Stability and Systems for Ships less than 500 GT
- (iv) Hull in Composite Materials and Plywood, Material Approval, Design Principles, Construction and Survey
- (v) Hull in Aluminium Alloys, Design Principles, Construction and Survey
- (vi) Rules for the classification of high speed craft

3 China Classification Society (CCS)

- (i) 游艇入級與建造規範
- (ii) 沿海小船入級與建造規範 (適用於長度不超過20米營業性遊艇)
- (iii) 海上高速船入級與建造規範
- (iv) 鋼質內河船舶建造規範(適用於長度大於或等於 20 米、在香港水域或內河航限(即珠江水域)距岸不超過 5 公里海域作業船隻)

4 DNV AS (DNV AS)

- (i) DNV Rules for Classification of Ships
- (ii) DNV Rules for Classification of High Speed, Light Craft and Naval Surface Craft

5 Lloyd's Register (LR)

- (i) Rules and Regulations for the Classification of Ships
- (ii) Rules and Regulations for the Classification of Special Service Craft (applicable to high speed craft, light displacement craft, multi-hull craft, yachts of overall length 24 m or greater and craft with draught to depth ratio less than or equal to 0.55)

6 Nippon Kaiji Kyokai (NK)

- (i) Rules and Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships
- (ii) Rules and Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Passenger Ships
- (iii) Rules and Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Inland Waterway Ships
- (iv) Rules and Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Ships of Fibreglass Reinforced Plastics
- (v) Rules and Guidance for High Speed Craft

7 RINA S.p.A. (RINA)

- (i) Rules for the Classification of Ships
- (ii) Rules for the classification of pleasure yachts
- (iii) Rules for the classification of High Speed Craft
- (iv) Rules for the classification of ships with reinforced plastic, aluminium alloy or wooden hull

(Amendment No. 59)

Note:

The above lists include the current rules and regulations applicable to Class IV vessels issued by classification societies/recognized authorities and are not exhaustive. Rules and regulations issued by other authorized organizations; and alternative standards may be considered.

RECORDS OF VESSEL PARTICULARS

(1) Vessel Basic Particulars

Type of Hull	Monohull / Catamaran
Material of Hull	Steel / Aluminum / Wood / GRP / (Others)
Material of Superstructure	Steel / Aluminum / Wood / GRP / (Others)
Place of Build	HK / Mainland China / Europe / (Others)
Year of Build	
Standard of Build	Class. Society: Rules: Others:
Designed Plying Limits	HK waters / Coastal / Ocean-going
Gross Tonnage	
Vessel Length	
Length Overall (m)	
Length Loaded Waterline (m)	
Length Between Perpendicular (m)	
Moulded Breadth (m)	
Moulded Depth (m)	
Designed Draft (m)	
Designed Speed (knots)	
Means of Propulsion	Propeller / Waterjet (numbers)

(2) Machinery Installation

(2-1) Main Engine

No.	Manufacturer and Model	Serial Number	Date of Manufact.	Location Frames No. (from) - (to)		Rated Speed (RPM)	Power Output (kW)
1							
2							
3							
4							
Total Power Output (kW)							

(2-2) Gear Box

	Manufacturer and Model	Serial Number	Remarks
1			
2			
3			
4			

(2-3) Electric Motor (for diesel electric propulsion system)

No.	Manufacturer and Model	Serial Number	Location Frames No. (from) - (to)		Rated Speed (RPM)	Power Output (kW)
1						
2						
3						
4						
Total Power Output (kW)						

(2-4) Generator Engine

No.	Manufacturer and Model	Serial Number	Date of Manufact.	Location Frames No. (from) - (to)		Rated Speed (RPM)	Power Output (kW)
1							
2							
3							
4							
Total Power Output (kW)							

(2-5) Propeller Shafting

No.	Propeller Shaft			Bearing (Lubrication Mode)	Remark
	Diameter (mm)	Material	Material Test Cert. Body		
1				Water / Oil	
2				Water / Oil	

(2-6) Compressed Air Installation

No.	Serial Number of Air Receiver	Relief Valve / Safety Valve set pressure	Remark
1			
2			

(2-7) Fuel Oil Tank

No.	Tank	Location Frames No. (from) - (to)		Capacity (m3)	Remark
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
Total Capacity (m3)					

(2-8) Prevention of Oil Pollution Installation

No.	Oily Water Separator			Sludge Tank	Bilge Water Holding Tank
	Manufacturer and Model	Serial Number	Oil Content (PPM)	Capacity (m3)	Capacity (m3)
1					
2					

(2-9) Additional particulars of key installations

GRP VESSEL YARDS INSPECTION REPORT
(Sample)

Name of Shipyard	ABC Shipyard
Address	Tung Chung XXX...
Contact Person	
Date	

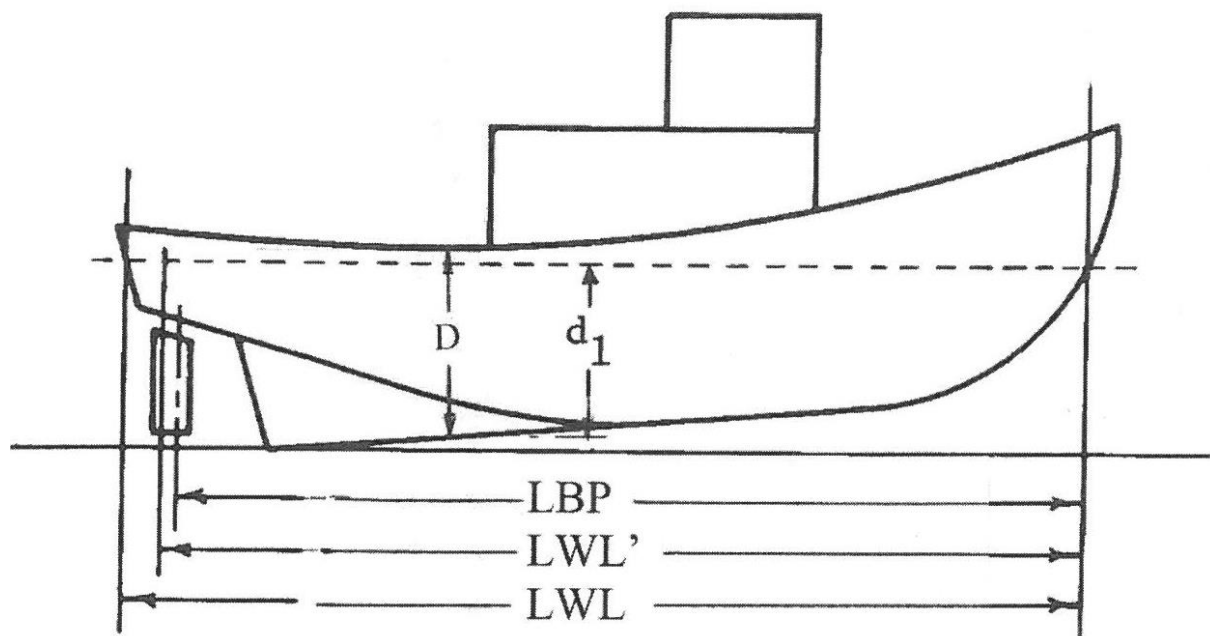
Inspection Report

General Description	ABC shipyard has over 30 years' experience in open cruiser building. The GRP workshop is around 2000 feet ² . It produces more than 20 GRP small vessels annually, including fishing sampans. There are various moulds ranging from 9 feet to 32 feet.
Personnel	Since the shipyard is in a smaller scale, there are usually only 2 to 3 workers working there, depending on the actual workload. From the conversation with the workers, they demonstrated satisfactory standards in GRP construction knowledge, procedures of ship building process, understanding of materials, maintenance and repair skills, etc.
Workshop Condition	The shipyard is located at the Ma Wan Chung Village near the east coast of Tung Chung, with open area and natural ventilation. In addition, mechanical fans and dust extracting system are installed for ventilation. The capacity of dust control is sufficient.
Material Handling	The TGI Fiberglass is produced in Taiwan and stowed in space with proper ventilation. A bit messy though.
Fire Safety	There are sufficient Fire-fighting apparatuses, such as fire hoses and fire extinguishers.
Mould Condition	There are over 10 moulds. All of them are stored and covered properly.
Conclusion	The working environment of the shipyard is acceptable. Despite having sufficient shipbuilding knowledge, the shipyard is a bit small in terms of its working space, so resulting that the vessels under construction are packed, with potential hazards posed. Tools were placed messily, material cutting was not systematic. Nevertheless, the shipyard is acceptable overall.

Attachments 1. Photos
2. Material Certificates

Authorized Surveyor

船隻註冊長度(L)確定方法
Method for Determining Vessel's Registered Length (L)



“長度”為下述LBP和LWL'兩項距離中的較大者 —

“(L)” is the greater of LBP and LWL' below—

(a) LBP = 船首前端至舵桿軸的距離

The distance between the foreside of the stem and the axis of the rudder stock

(b) LWL = 在最小型深(D)的85%(d₁)的水線處，由船首前端至船尾後端的距離

The distance between the foreside of the stem and the aft side of the stern on a waterline (d₁) at 85% of the least moulded depth (D)

(c) LWL' = 96% LWL

(d) 在無舵桿船隻，長度按(c)釐定

If the vessel is not fitted with a rudder stock, the length shall be determined in accordance with (c)