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Guidance on ocean-going voyages undertaken by vessels not subjected to maritime legislation

I – Purpose

This Circular is a safety guidance for ocean-going voyages undertaken by vessels not regulated otherwise in maritime legislation with a view to reducing the risk of loss of lives at sea or serious physical injury in both the crew and rescue parties as well as to reducing the need for search and rescue operations. Furthermore, these vessels may, during their voyages through densely trafficked sea areas – present a risk to traffic in such areas.

II – Safety guidance

1 Type of vessel

- 1.1 The vessel should be constructed in a way that is suitable for the intended voyage, have sufficient buoyancy and stability and be provided with the required distinctive number or letters, name and port of registry.

2 Supplies and safety equipment of the vessel

- 2.1 Liferafts that have been type-approved;
- 2.2 Type-approved life-jackets for all those on board;
- 2.3 An electronic positioning system;
- 2.4 Pyrotechnics, signal flares and other means of signalling;
- 2.5 A radar reflector that has been type-approved;
- 2.6 Sufficient food, water and – if necessary – fuel for the voyage. A freshwater system may be an advantage;
- 2.7 Suitable medical equipment.

3 Radiocommunications

- 3.1 The vessel should be equipped with suitable systems for communication and emergency alarm calls within the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS), such as:
 - .1.1 two types of systems for emergency alarm calls, for example long-range communication equipment (radio or satellite) and a satellite EPIRB which has been correctly recorded; and
 - .1.2 portable radio systems that can be used on maritime and aeronautical VHF frequencies (VHF).

4 Route planning

- 4.1 The master shall, in accordance with the Order on Watchkeeping, draw up a plan for the intended voyage. This plan should be given to a responsible person ashore together with a detailed description of the vessel. “The responsible person ashore” will normally be the person who is in contact with the vessel during the voyage. If the responsible person becomes concerned as regards the vessel’s safety, the responsible person should contact the relevant maritime rescue co-ordination centre (MRCC). In countries where it is required of the above-

mentioned maritime administration, the master should submit a plan of the route to the maritime administration in the port of departure. This is not required in Danish ports.

5 Equipment for the crew

- 5.1 Suitable clothing with clear distinctive number or letters, name and/or port of registry and survival equipment suitable for the voyage should be handed out.

6 Training of the crew

- 6.1 The crew should have completed the following in a satisfactory way:
- .1.1 Education and training with a view to the intended voyage, such as navigation and communication as well as training to acquire the necessary certificates or certificates of competency;
 - .1.2 sea rescue course; and
 - .1.3 first-aid course.

III – Guidance for administrations

- 7.1 A maritime administration establishing that an intended voyage is to be undertaken by a vessel that is not subjected to maritime legislation which does not comply with this safety guidance should do what it can to prevent the vessel from departing.
- 7.2 If the vessel departs, the maritime administration shall ensure that the MRCC responsible for the SAR area(s) through which the vessel is expected to sail is made aware of this.

IV – Detailed guidelines

- 8.1 More detailed guidelines are available from:
- .1.1 ISAF Offshore Special Regulations – www.sailing.org
 - .1.2 International Ocean Rowing Society – www.oceanrowing.com/index.htm
 - .1.3 Dansk Sejlunion (Union of Danish Yachtsmen) – www.sejlsport.dk
 - .1.4 Foreningen til Langturssejladens Fremme (Danish Ocean Cruising Association) – www.ftlf.dk
 - .1.5 Søsportens Sikkerhedsråd (Security Council of Water Sports) – www.soesport.dk
 - .1.6 Danish Maritime Authority – www.dma.dk