

GUIDANCE NOTE 01/2020 (Rev 1.0)

LIFEBOAT / RESCUE BOAT DRILLS DECLINED BY PORT AUTHORITIES

To: Owners, Managers and Masters of Cayman Islands Ships.

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 SOLAS Chapter III, Regulation 19.3.4.3 and Regulation 19.3.4.6 requires that every lifeboat and rescue boat on a vessel is launched and maneuvered in the water by its assigned operating crew, at least once every 3 months.
- 1.2 This Administration is aware of instances in which a ship has requested to conduct these drills during a port or terminal call and has had this request declined by the relevant authority.
- 1.3 As these drills are an explicit requirement of SOLAS, ships risk being given Port State Control or vetting inspection deficiencies if they are not carried out within the required timeframe.
- 1.4 This Guidance Note is issued to provide information on the actions to be taken if a vessel has had their request to conduct these drills refused.

2. VOLUNTARY REPORTING

- 2.1 In order to gain both an understanding of the factors that may lead to drills being refused by ports and terminals, and also to find out if this is a widespread problem, we request the following:
 - All Cayman Islands ships which have their requests to conduct boat drills refused are requested to complete the attached report form and submit it to reporting@cishipping.com.
- 2.2 Upon receipt of a report, this Administration will (if necessary) contact the port authority using the details provided to follow up on any details.
- 2.3 The other Red Ensign Group (REG) Registries have also requested their ships to report instances where permission to conduct lifeboat / rescue boat drills have been refused and these reports will be analysed to determine if there are any trends or patterns.

3. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 3.1 For further information concerning this Guidance Note or the voluntary reporting of refusals to permit boat drills in ports, please contact reporting@cishipping.com.