



Port and Terminal Refusal of Requests to Conduct Boat Drills

Notice to all Ship Owners, Managers, Masters and Operators.

*This notice should be read in conjunction with:
Chapter III, Regulations 19.3.4.3 and 19.3.4.6 of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 (SOLAS).*

Summary

This Marine Information Note (MIN) is issued to provide information on the actions to be taken if a vessel has had their request to conduct three-monthly lifeboat and rescue boat drills, as required by SOLAS, refused.

Introduction

- 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 manoeuvred 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 made a request 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 is issued to provide information on the actions to be taken if a vessel has had their request to conduct these drills refused.

2. Reporting Requirements

- 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 the extent of this problem, we request the following:



- (a) All UK Flagged vessels which have their requests to conduct boat drills refused are to complete report form DRF1 which can be found in annex 1 of this MIN and submit it to the Bermuda Shipping and Maritime Authority (BSMA) at the following email address: survey@bermudashipping.bm

2.2 Upon receipt of the completed DRF1 report form the BSMA will, if necessary, contact the port authority to follow up on any details.

2.3 The other Red Ensign Group (REG) Registries have also instructed their ships to complete report form DRF1. All responses will be analysed to determine if there are any trends or patterns upon which further action may be based.

More Information

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DRILLS DECLINED BY PORT AUTHORITY - REPORTING FORM
3 Monthly Drills as Required by SOLAS/III.19.3.4.3 and 19.3.4.6

Ship Details

Ship Name		Ship Type		IMO No.	
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Drill Details

Type of Drill Declined					
Date Drill Requested		Port Name			
Date Drill Declined					
Have port allowed drills previously?		Country			
Applicable Port Arrival Information regarding drills complied with?					
Reason for Refusal		If Other Reason:			
Company Procedure for Boat Drills		If Other Procedure:			

Contact Details

Port Contact Details	
Contact:	
Email:	
Telephone:	

Agent Contact Details	
Contact:	
Email:	
Telephone:	

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Reason for Refusal Verified with Port Authority?		Justification of Reason for Refusal (If Different from Above):
Reason Given by Port Authority:		

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