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To: All local Agents and Operators

SURVEY AND CERTIFICATION OF LOCALLY OPERATED CRAFT

Definition of a Harbour Craft

“Harbour Craft” means a floating craft, with or without its own propulsion, including a structure that may be anchored or permanently moored, that operates on a commercial basis within Gibraltar territorial waters.

Operational Categories for Harbour Craft

The ‘Safety Survey Certificate’ shall categorise the type of operation each harbour craft is allowed to undertake. These categories will be as follows;

Dive Boat
Angling Boat
Daytrip boat (excluding dolphin watching)
Dolphin watching boat
Agency boat for transfer of passengers and cargo up to a combined weight of 1000 kg
Agency boat for transfer of passengers and cargo with a combined weight above 1000 kg
Supply boat (covering stores, lubricants, fuel, water etc.)
Tugs
Other

The above categories will be further sub-divided, taking into account the number of passengers licensed to be carried, i.e. up to and including 12 passengers, or above.

Sea Areas

The operational sea areas of Gibraltar, for harbour craft, are as follows;

- A – within the Gibraltar Port breakwater and to the east of a line between the North Mole and the western end airport runway
- B – north of a line between Punta Carnero and Europa Point and to the east of the median line dividing the territorial waters of Gibraltar and Spain
- C – areas A and B and up to 3 nautical miles south and east of Gibraltar.
- D – waters beyond those stated above

Boat Categories and their Areas of Operation

All harbour craft will be categorised as either under 24 metres in length as defined by the UK-MCA 'The Small Commercial Vessel and Pilot Boat Code of Practice' (SCV Code), or 24 metres in length or over as defined by the International Convention on Load Lines 1966 as modified by the protocol of 1988 and subsequently amended.

Annex I details the minimum length requirement and type of construction for each category of harbour craft, in relation to the allowable area of operation.

Less than 24 meters in length

All craft 24 meters, or less than 24 meters in length coming into operation for the first time and requesting an operating licence from the Gibraltar Port Authority must fully comply with the requirements of the UK MCA '*Code of Practice for the Safety of Small Workboats and Pilot Boats*'. Safety regulations for UK Class VI type vessels will apply in the case of passenger vessels. Craft will be subject to an annual inspection for the issuance of a 'Safety Survey Certificate'.

Existing craft already holding an operating licence issued by the Gibraltar Port Authority will be monitored by the Gibraltar Maritime Administration for suitability to continue operating and will comply with the '*Code of Practice for the Safety of Small Workboats and Pilot Boats*' as deemed practical by the Maritime Administrator. Any exemptions will be noted in the Compliance Document that will be issued to each craft. Safety regulations for UK Class VI type vessels will apply in the case of passenger vessels. Craft will be subject to an annual inspection for the issuance of a 'Safety Survey Certificate'.

Alternative and / or additional requirements may be necessary as deemed appropriate by the Maritime Administrator.

Over 24 meters in length (as defined in the Load Line and SOLAS Conventions)

All craft, over 24 meters in length, coming into operation for the first time and requesting an operating licence from the Gibraltar Port Authority will have to be registered with an EU member state, be classed with one of the Classification Societies recognised by the Gibraltar Maritime Administration and be fully compliant with all the relevant conventions applicable to the vessel's type and size. Craft will be subject to an annual inspection for the issuance of a 'Safety Survey Certificate'.

Existing craft already holding an operating licence issued by the Gibraltar Port Authority will be monitored by the Gibraltar Maritime Administration for suitability to continue operating. They must fully comply with the relevant conventions applicable to the vessels type and size. Craft will be subject to an annual inspection for the issuance of a 'Safety Survey Certificate'.

With regard to applicable vessels carrying more than 12 passengers the *Gibraltar Merchant Shipping (Safety Rules and Standards for Passenger Ships on Domestic Voyages) Regulations 2003* will apply.

In order to obtain a 'Safety Survey Certificate' the owner or operator of a vessel shall apply in writing to the Maritime Administrator with an initial deposit equivalent to 3 hours survey fees, and indicate the time and place where the vessel may be inspected. The Maritime Administrator, or in his absence the Chief Surveyor, will detail a surveyor to undertake the job. It shall be the responsibility of the owner or operator to provide the

necessary transport, including boats, for inspection at anchor. The fees will be adjusted to cover only the actual period of work once the survey has been completed.

All vessels are to be operated by a person or persons duly qualified in accordance with the Administrative Instruction relating to such training and qualifications. The qualifications required and minimum safe manning levels for harbour craft will be set by the Maritime Administration. The Gibraltar Merchant Shipping (Safety etc.) Ordinance 1993 and Regulation 37(1) of the Gibraltar Merchant Shipping (Manning, Training and Certification of Seafarers) Regulations 2006) and more specifically Administrative Instruction STCW-14 will apply for Boatmasters and Marine Engine Operators.

Granting of a Harbour Craft license

The granting of harbour craft license shall be within the direction of the Captain of the Port, he will consider the recommendations, if any, of the Maritime Administrator.

Captain C W Brand
Maritime Administrator

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ANNEX I

Area of Operation (Sea Area)	Operation Category	Minimum Length (m)	Minimum Type of Construction
‘A’	Dive Boat Angling Boat Daytrip boat (excluding dolphin watching) Dolphin watching boat Agency boat for transfer of pax and cargo up to 1000 kg Agency boat for transfer of pax and cargo over 1000 kg Supply boat (covering stores, lubricants, fuel, water etc.) Tugs Other	Unrestricted	Open
‘B’	Dive Boat Angling Boat Daytrip boat (excluding dolphin watching) Dolphin watching boat Agency boat for transfer of pax and cargo up to 1000 kg Agency boat for transfer of pax and cargo over 1000 kg Supply boat (covering stores, lubricants, fuel, water etc.) Tugs Other	9 9 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 **	Open Open W/T W/T W/T W/T W/T W/T W/T **
‘C’	Dive Boat Angling Boat Daytrip boat (excluding dolphin watching) Dolphin watching boat Agency boat for transfer of pax and cargo up to 1000 kg Agency boat for transfer of pax and cargo over 1000 kg Supply boat (covering stores, lubricants, fuel, water etc.) Tugs Other	9 9 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 **	W/T W/T W/T W/T W/T W/T W/T W/T W/T **
‘D’	Dive Boat Angling Boat Daytrip boat (excluding dolphin watching) Dolphin watching boat Agency boat for transfer of pax and cargo up to 1000 kg Agency boat for transfer of pax and cargo over 1000 kg Supply boat (covering stores, lubricants, fuel, water etc.) Tugs Other	12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 **	W/T (s/d) W/T (s/d) W/T (s/d) W/T (s/d) W/T (s/d) W/T (s/d) W/T (s/d) W/T (s/d) W/T (s/d) W/T (s/d)

** - as appropriate for the type of vessel and its operation

W/T - watertight weather deck

s/d - sub- divided (compartmentally)