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MARINE CIRCULAR 171.1

To: ALL SHIPOWNERS, MANAGERS, MASTERS, AND REGISTRATION OFFICERS OF MERCHANT SHIPS AND RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS.

Subject: LICENSE FOR OFFICER IN CHARGE OF NAVIGATIONAL WATCH ON SHIPS OF LESS THAN 500 GROSS TONNAGE INCLUDING TUG BOATS.

1. Purpose

1.1 This guideline provides guidance for vessel owners, managers, seafarers, Deputy Registrars (DR), and Recognized Organizations (RO) on the Administration requirements for eligibility for seafarers to take examinations for certification as required by the STCW Convention as amended and Code for officers employed or having a commitment for employment on vessels that are registered under the Palau's International Ship Registry.

2. Requirements

2.1 Officer in Charge of Navigational Watch (OOW-DECK) on ships of less than 500 gross tonnage, including TUG BOATS:

2.1.1 Eligibility for OOW – DECK on ships of less than 500 gross tonnage is defined in STCW Regulation II/3. This certification will be issued by the Administration as OOW-Deck, following successful examination process.

2.1.2 To become approved for an examination, the candidate:

2.1.2.1 Must be not less than 18 years old.

2.1.2.2 Must have attained qualifying sea service of not less than 36 months in the deck department of trading vessels, including at least 12 months on tug boats, in the capacity of Trainee Seafarer, Cadet, Rating, or any similar deck related capacity, two (2) years of which must have been served as an Able Seafarer and one (1) year of which must be recorded on an onboard , training record book. Services performed in peripheral duties such as Radio Officer, Purser, Ship's Clerk, Cook, Steward, Mess man, Cabin Boy, etc., are not acceptable as part of qualifying service, the decision of the Administration as to qualifying sea time will be final.



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2.1.2.3 Can, in lieu of .2.1.2.2 above, substitute education for sea time on a day for a day basis up to 24 months as follows:

- ✓ Attendance to a maritime academy that prepares seafarer's to become deck officers.
- ✓ The possession of a Bachelor of Science degree in Navigation, Marine Transportation or any other equivalent.
- ✓ Attendance at an approved Competency Course for deck officers.

2.1.2.4 Must provide evidence that he/she has met the requirements of STCW Regulation II/3 and the competencies listed in Table A-II/3

2.1.2.5 Must provide evidence of successful completion of all necessary approved mandatory modular courses, which include:

- ✓ Basic Safety Training
- ✓ Proficiency in Survival Craft and Rescue Boats other than Fast Rescue Boats (PSCRB)
- ✓ Medical First Aid (MFA)
- ✓ Advanced Fire Fighting (AFF)
- ✓ Radar Observer
- ✓ Electronic Chart Display and Information System (ECDIS), for those who serve on ships fitted with ECDIS.
- ✓ Bridge Resource Management (BRM)
- ✓ Leadership and Teamwork training
- ✓ Appropriate certificate for performing VHF radiocommunications in accordance with the requirements of the Radio Regulations
- ✓ Security Training
- ✓ Marine Environmental Awareness

2.1.2.6 Must demonstrate a good command of spoken and written English.

2.1.2.7 Must present a Medical Examination report from an approved medical examiner where the examination was performed within the two (2) years prior to the date of the application.

2.1.2.8 Must present a Seafarer Identification Record Book (SIRB) that has been validated by the national maritime administration that issued the book as proof of sea service.



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2.1.2.9 Must present a valid passport as proof of identity and nationality.

3. Every candidate for examination for certification as master on ships of less than 500 gross tonnage or a tug boat, while holding a PISR- issued Certificate as OOW-Deck or a CoC issued by another administration with whom the Administration has an undertaking in equivalent grade, must provide evidence of:

- ✓ At least one (1) year of service as OOW-Deck on Tug Boats; and
- ✓ All the required training for OOW-Deck in paragraph 2.1.1.5 above, except for the Leadership and Teamwork training. In lieu of Leadership and Teamwork training, Advanced Meteorology and Leadership and Managerial Training are required.

4. Contact:

Any further information requests and inquiries concerning the subject for this notice Marine Circular should be directed to the Head Office of the Maritime Administrator, Republic of Palau. In order to obtain further information, contact information is provided below:

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