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Requirements for Updating Training in Accordance with the 2010 Manila Amendments to the STCW Convention 1978

Notice to all ship Yacht Masters, Ship Masters, Yacht owners, Ship owners, seafarers and those providing marine training.

Summary

The STCW Convention 1978 has been amended by the 2010 Manila Amendments and contains new requirements for all seafarers. Seafarers are required, every five years, to provide evidence of having maintained the required standards of competence to undertake the tasks, duties and responsibilities regarding emergency, occupational safety and survival functions. This notice only covers the requirements for re-validation for those holding Basic STCW qualifications. For all other qualifications please consult UK MCA MIN 469.

1. Introduction

1.1 This Marine Circular is aimed at providing information regarding updating training requirements in accordance with the 2010 Manila Amendments to the STCW Convention 1978 for those holding Basic STCW training certificates. For those holding other qualifications are to consult UK MCA MIN 469. Seafarers are required, every five years, to provide evidence of having maintained the required standards of competence to undertake the tasks, duties and responsibilities regarding emergency, occupational safety and survival functions.

1.2 If you are serving on board ship or yacht and are qualified in the following you must **as of the 1 January 2017 have documentary evidence of either completing the training course or updating training within the last 5 years;**

- a) Proficiency in Personal Survival Techniques (PST) (STCW A-VI/1-1);
- b) Proficiency in Fire Prevention and Fire Fighting (FP&FF) (STCW A-VI/1-2)

1.3 STCW permits some elements of the updating training to be carried out on board ship and with the exception FP&FF, this is evidenced through self-declaration. (See Annex)

2.0 The table below shows the various combinations of updating training available.

STCW Proficiency Program	Self-declaration form	Completed all permitted on board training	MCA approved shore based training course
Personal Survival Techniques	Annex A	Yes	4 hours course
		No	Full PST Course
Fire Prevention and Fire Fighting	N/A	N/A	7 hours course

Changes in the 2010 Manila Amendments for STCW Basic Training

Course	Changes since STCW 78 as amended 1995	Updating training required under STCW	MCA updating program permits some training to be carried out on board
Personal Survival Techniques	No	Yes	Yes
Personal Safety and Social Responsibility	Yes	No	N/A*
Fire Prevention and Fire Fighting	No	Yes	No
Elementary First Aid	No	No	N/A

For those holding a US Coastguard approved Basic Training certificate, the relevant college should be approached for re-validation training.

For those holding STCW Basic Training Certificate obtained in the BVI, the HLSCC – Centre for Applied Marine Studies should be approached for re-validation training.

For those holding any other Basic Training Certificate under the STCW Convention, the HLSCC – Centre for Applied Marine Studies may be approached for re-validation training.

**Director of Shipping,
Virgin Islands Shipping Registry
Road Town, Tortola
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**Personal Survival Techniques Updating Training Self Declaration Form
(Signed by seafarer at an MCA approved training centre)**

I declare that in the last 5 years I have completed onboard training and gained experience for maintaining the required standard of competence in the following:

	Tick if completed
1. Don a life jacket	
2. Board a survival craft from the ship, while wearing a life jacket	
3. Take initial actions on boarding a lifeboat to enhance chance of survival	
4. Stream a lifeboat drogue or sea-anchor	
5. Operate survival craft equipment	
6. Operate location devices, including radio equipment	

I have completed the above onboard the following vessels:

Name of the vessel	Distinctive numbers or Call sign	Dates on board

Signed.....

Print Name:.....

Date:.....