



# ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

## MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

### CIRCULAR N° GEN 011

#### GUIDELINES FOR THE CERTIFICATION OF CREW BOATS

**TO:** **SHIPOWNERS, SHIPS' OPERATORS AND MANAGERS, MASTERS**

**APPLICABLE TO:** **CREW BOATS**

**EFFECTIVE AS FROM:** Newly registered crew boats: date of registration  
Already registered crew boats: 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011

Monaco, 7<sup>th</sup> June 2010

The present guidelines are issued to identify the technical requirements and certification procedure applicable to St Vincent and the Grenadines Crew Boats of less than 500 Gross Tonnage (except vessels of less than 300 Gross Tonnage where radio-communication is concerned) engaged in international service.

Crew Boats: all vessels mainly devoted to the transport of industrial personnel between offshore installations and ports.

Industrial workers: any person on board a vessel who is normally employed in offshore industrial operations and who is not a passenger, a crew member, a person employed or engaged in any capacity on board a vessel on the business of that vessel or specific personnel.

At present there are no resolutions of the International Maritime Organization specifically intended to crew boats.

**Crew Boats, which, in the course of their voyages, do not proceed more than 60 nautical miles from the nearest land, are requested to be classed as "CREW BOAT" by a Classification Society recognized by this Administration and are required to be in compliance with IACS No 99 Recommendation for the Safety of Cargo Vessels of less than Convention Size (Dec.2007).**

This Administration may exempt individual ships from these requirements if it considers that the nature and condition of the voyage can make the application of specific requirements of these guidelines unreasonable or unnecessary.

Certificates will be issued by recognized Classification Societies under the authority of St Vincent and the Grenadines. Recognized Classification Societies will be authorized to issue Cargo Ship Safety Certificate using as type of ship "Cargo ship other than any of the above (Crew Boat)".

A Limitation Clause should be inserted in the Cargo Ship Safety Certificate for the crew boats transporting more than twelve (12) industrial workers:

"Transport of authorized personnel and crew/workers only for Marine Offshore Units on a limited distance from shore of less than 60NM."

A Minimum Safe Manning Document will be required for crew boats indicating the required manning, particular service area and distance from shore.

A Safety Management System based on the ISM Code should be implemented in the Company following recommendations specified in IMO Res. A. 863(20) – Code of Safe Practice for the Carriage of Cargoes and persons by Offshore Supply Vessels (OSV Code).

**The Crew Boats, which, in the course of their voyages, proceed more than 60 nautical miles from the nearest land, are requested to be classed by a Classification Society recognized by this Administration as "CREW BOAT" and are required to be in compliance with the Code of Safety for Special Purpose Ships – Resolution A.534 (as amended by MSC/Circ.446, 478 and 739).**

Certificates will be issued by recognized Classification Societies under the authority of St Vincent and the Grenadines. Recognized Classification Societies will be authorized to issue Special Purpose Ship Safety Certificate.

A Limitation Clause should be inserted in the Special Purpose Ship Safety Certificate for crew boats transporting more than twelve (12) industrial workers:

"Transport of authorized personnel and crew/workers only for Marine Offshore Units".

A Minimum Safe Manning Document will be required for these crew boats indicating the required manning, particular service area and distance from shore.

A Safety Management System based on the ISM Code should be implemented in the Company following the recommendations specified in IMO Res. A. 863(20) – Code of Safe Practice for the Carriage of Cargoes and persons by Offshore Supply Vessels (OSV Code).

The implementation of the ISPS Code is recommended

Eligibility to register un-classed Crew Boats is evaluated on a case by case basis.

These guidelines apply to crew boats newly registered. Crew Boats already registered under St Vincent and the Grenadines Flag may continue to operate on the present basis until expiration of their Certificates, but no later than 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010.