



# ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

## MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

### CIRCULAR N° SOL 050

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SOLAS 74 – Chapter III – New Reg. 1.5**

### **LIFEBOAT RELEASE AND RETRIEVAL SYSTEMS (RRSs) AND FALL PREVENTER DEVICES ON LIFEBOATS (FPDs)**

**TO: SHIPOWNERS, SHIPS' OPERATORS AND  
MANAGERS, FLAG STATE SURVEYORS,  
RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS**

**APPLICABLE TO:** All ships

**EFFECTIVE AS FROM:** Date of this Circular

Monaco, 6<sup>th</sup> July 2011

SOLAS new Regulation III/1.5, which is expected to come into force on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2013, requires that for all ships, on-load release mechanisms (from now on replaced by "*lifeboat release and retrieval system*") not complying with paragraphs 4.4.7.6.4 to 4.4.7.6.6 of the LSA Code, as amended by resolution MSC.320 (89), be replaced or modified not later than the next scheduled dry-docking after 1<sup>st</sup> July 2014, but not later than 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019.

As per MSC.1/Circ.1392 dated 27<sup>th</sup> May 2011, all ships fitted with on-load release system should be equipped with FPD pending the evaluation of the systems for compliance with the requirements of the revised LSA Code.

FPDs should be fitted in accordance with MSC.1/Circ.1327 "Guidelines for the fitting and use of fall preventer devices (FPDs)" at the earliest available opportunity.