



# The Bahamas Maritime Authority

## **BMA INFORMATION BULLETIN No. 07**

### **EMERGENCY RESPONSE OFFICER**

**Guidance and Instructions for Ship-owners, Managers, Masters,  
Bahamas Recognised Organisations and Bahamas Approved Nautical  
Inspectors**

*Note: This bulletin is to be read in conjunction with BMA Bulletin No. 02*

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#### **1. Introduction**

This bulletin gives guidance on access to The Bahamas Maritime Authority in the case of a genuine emergency.

#### **2. Normal Office Hours**

The BMA's normal office hours are, with the exception of public holiday dates that are referenced in BMA Bulletin No. 02, Monday to Friday:

**London:** 09:30 ~ 17: 30

**Nassau:** 09:00 ~ 17: 00

**New York:** 09:00 ~ 17: 00

#### **3. Emergency Contact when Offices are closed**

3.1 At the times when Offices are closed and in the case of a genuine emergency, the Emergency Response Officer's mobile telephone number is:

**+44 (0)7977 471 220**

- 3.2 Owners, Managers and Masters of Bahamian registered vessels are requested to note that the BMA Emergency Response Officer's contact number is only to be used in the case of a genuine emergency. Examples of an emergency are as follows:
- Fire, flooding, serious grounding or pollution casualty,
  - Accident, including a collision, resulting in structural damage to the ship or serious personal injury,
  - Attempted piracy, or incident under the ISPS Code, requiring Administration intervention,
  - Incidents of similar gravity, requiring immediate Administration response.
- 3.3 This number is intended for use in emergencies and must not be used for routine matters which can be handled within normal office hours.
- 3.4 It is to be noted that any aspect of statutory survey and certification (or associated deficiency), including non-compliance identified during a port State inspection, does not constitute an emergency. In such non-emergency cases, Managers should liaise directly with the party that issued the affected certificate. Recognised Organisation shall be guided by the BMA procedures for applications for exemptions, extensions and/or acceptance of equivalent arrangements.
- 3.5 The Emergency Response Officer is unable to issue a Certificate of Receipt of Application (CRA) in connection with applications received for Bahamas STCW endorsement.