



TECHNICAL ALERT No. 17-03

Revision of Bahamas Seaman Record Book

1. Introduction

- 1.1. This Technical Alert is to inform all parties of the new format of the Bahamas Seaman Record Book (SRB).
- 1.2. This Technical Alert should be read in conjunction with BMA Information Bulletin No. 107 and Technical Alert 15-06.

2. General

- 2.1. The Bahamas Maritime Authority (BMA) would like to inform all parties of the SRB have been revised with the following changes being incorporated:
 - a. Re-design of the data page;
 - b. Inclusion of the BMA seafarer ID number which is unique for every seafarer applying for a Bahamas document;
 - c. Additional pages for the recording of the seafarer's sea service;
 - d. Inclusion of a field for the seafarer's signature. The seafarer should read the *Important Notice* before signing the SRB;
 - e. Inclusion of a renewal date which aligns with the recommended period for the change of the seafarer's photograph;
 - f. Removal of reference to *Official ID number* recognising that this may change over the duration of the SRB;
 - g. Additional security features.
- 2.2. All parties should note that all existing SRB remain valid and can continue to be verified through BORIS.
- 2.3. All parties are reminded that a Bahamas SRB is not a national identity document and accordingly, the seafarer should ensure that appropriate documentation is available for travel purposes.

3. Validity

3.1. This Technical Alert is valid until further notice.

4. Revision History

Rev.0 (24 May 2017) – First issue