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## Marine Notices, Information Notices & Yacht Notices

Notice to ship owners, managers, Masters, Approved Nautical Inspectors, Recognised Organisations and surveyors

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### 1. Purpose

- 1.1. This Marine Notice describes Marine Notices, Information Notices and Yacht Notices issued by the Bahamas Maritime Authority (BMA).

### 2. Introduction

- 2.1. All former BMA Information Bulletins have been replaced with Marine Notices and Information Notices, as described in this Notice.
- 2.2. Information relating to yachts is provided separately in Yacht Notices (YN).
- 2.3. MNs, INs and YNs are numbered sequentially. MNs, INs or YNs on specific topics will retain the same MN, IN or YN number, with subsequent revisions being identified by their version number.
- 2.4. It should be noted that specific MN, IN and YN numbers may be reserved for future use (e.g. where they are referenced in legislation), so they may not be published in numerical order.
- 2.5. Any printed copies of MNs, INs and YNs, or copies downloaded from the BMA website, are uncontrolled – the BMA website should be checked for the effective version of any MN, IN or YN.
- 2.6. The purpose of each document type is outlined below.

### **3. Marine Notices (MNs)**

- 3.1. The purpose of Marine Notices is to provide instructions and requirements in support of Bahamas legislation.
- 3.2. MNs are mandatory and must be followed by all parties to which the MN applies.

### **4. Information Notices (INs)**

- 4.1. The purpose of Information Notices is to provide information and guidance in support of Bahamas legislation and Marine Notices.
- 4.2. INs are non-mandatory, but it is recommended that they are followed by all parties to which the IN applies.

### **5. Yacht Notices (YNs)**

- 5.1. The purpose of Yacht Notices is to provide information and guidance in support of the Bahamas Yacht Code and Bahamas Passenger Yacht Code.
- 5.2. YNs are to be followed by all parties to which the YN applies.

### **6. Use and Retention of Marine Notices, Information Notices and Yacht Notices**

- 6.1. Companies<sup>1</sup> shall ensure that the contents of Marine Notices, Information Notices and/or Yacht Notices that are relevant to their operations are incorporated into their safety management system.
- 6.2. Copies of relevant documents, in their latest revision, shall be retained on board all Bahamian registered ships and offshore units in a "Flag State file", either in hard copy or electronically. Companies shall also maintain copies of the relevant documents in their office(s).
- 6.3. Recognised Organisations must ensure that the contents of relevant Notices are incorporated in their procedures relating to their Bahamas delegation.
- 6.4. BMA Approved Nautical Inspectors must ensure that they are familiar with the contents of relevant Notices during their period of appointment.

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<sup>1</sup> The 'Company' is the entity responsible for the operation and management of the ship in accordance with the ISM Code (SOLAS Chapter IX), as applied under the Merchant Shipping Act, 2021. Where the ISM Code is not applicable, the Company is the entity recorded as responsible for the operation of the ship in accordance with regulation 5(3)(d) of the Merchant Shipping (Registration) Regulations, 2026.

- 6.5. All Marine Notices, Information Notices and Yacht Notices include an “effective date”, from which the Notice is effective. All Company Safety Management Systems, Recognised Organisation instructions to surveyors and Bahamas Nautical Inspectors procedures shall incorporate and implement applicable Notices from the effective date stated in the Notice.

## **7. Distribution of Marine Notices and Information Notices**

- 7.1. Marine Notices, Information Notices and Yacht Notices are not provided in hard copy but are available on the BMA website <https://www.bahamasmaritime.com>.
- 7.2. Notification of the addition, or revision, of Marine Notices, Information Notices and Yacht Notices is sent by email to:
- i. the current Designated Person Ashore (for ships to which the ISM Code applies) or the Manager (as listed on BMA Form R104);
  - ii. Recognised Organisation’s central contact point;
  - iii. Bahamas Approved Nautical Inspectors; and
  - iv. users on the mailing list.
- 7.3. It should be noted that, as the emails are distributed via a mailing list, the BMA cannot guarantee that notifications will be able to pass through all company firewalls.
- 7.4. Email addresses can be added to the mailing list using the sign-up form on the BMA website <https://www.bahamasmaritime.com/news-events/subscribe-to-the-flag-newsletter/>. If the email address is invalid or an email sent to the address is rejected, the email address will automatically be removed from the list.
- 7.5. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 7.2, it is the responsibility of all companies and Bahamas Nautical Inspectors to regularly review the BMA website for the latest revisions of Marine Notices, Information Notices and Yacht Notices and ensure that these are implemented accordingly.

## **8. Bahamas National Requirements**

- 8.1. The Bahamas National Requirements (BNR) was first published in 2007 as a reference source for BMA requirements and interpretations.
- 8.2. Where a topic that is currently included in the BNR is also addressed in a new MN, the content from the BNR will be transferred to the MN. The relevant section of the BNR will then be simplified to provide a link to the relevant MN.

8.3. MNs will contain a reference in the header to any section of the BNR that has been incorporated.

**9. Queries**

9.1. Any queries on this Notice may be addressed to [tech@bahamasmaritime.com](mailto:tech@bahamasmaritime.com) or any BMA office.



**Annex – List of Marine Notices, Information Notices and Yacht Notices**

<b>Marine Notices</b>	
MN001	Marine Notices, Information Notices & Yacht Notices
MN002	Authorised Classification Societies
MN003	Safe Return to Port
MN004	Incident reporting requirements
MN005	Permanent exemptions and equivalents
MN006	Servicing of inflatable lifesaving appliances
MN007	Ship recycling requirements
MN008	Temporary exemptions, extensions and postponements
MN009	Electronic record keeping systems
MN010	MARPOL Electronic Record Books
MN011	Lay-up requirements
MN012	Approval of STCW training
MN013	Countries recognised by The Bahamas in accordance with STCW regulations
MN014	Assessment and issue of Bahamas Certificates of Competency as a Deck or Engineering Officer
MN015	Manning, Training and Certification for the Offshore Industry
MN016	Tanker training Certificates and Endorsements
MN017	Bahamian Flag State Endorsements
MN018	Safe manning requirements
MN019	STCW 2010 amendments
MN020	Training and Certification Requirements

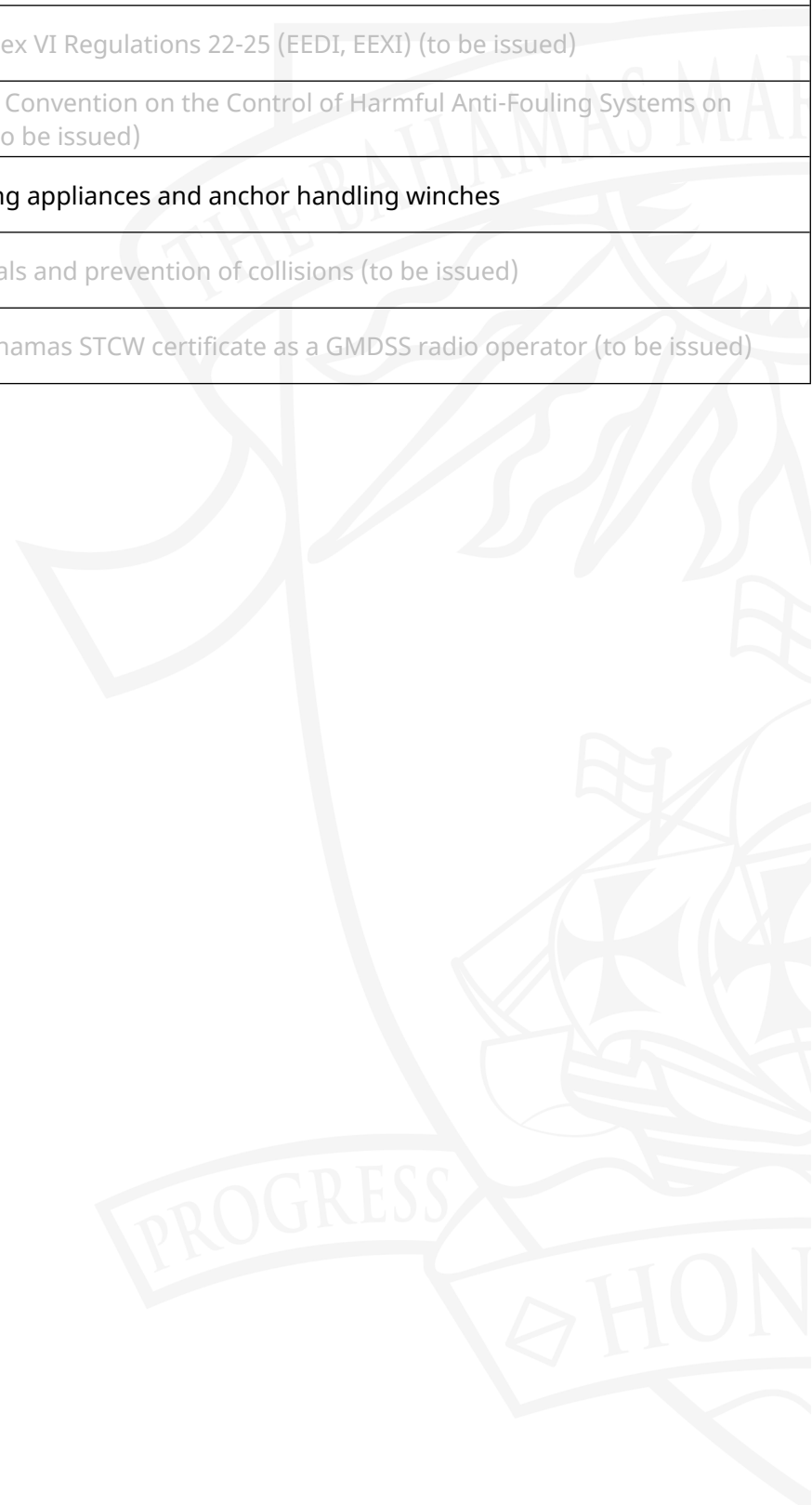
MN021	Passenger ship training and certification
MN022	Issue of a Bahamas STCW Certificate as a GMDSS Radio Operator, Able Seafarer or Rating
MN023	Training and Certification Requirements for Seafarer Sailing on Ships Subject to the IGF Code
MN024	Training and Certification Requirements for Persons sailing on board Bahamian ships subject to the Polar Code
MN025	Carriage, Training and Certification of Electro-Technical Officer and or Electro-Technical Rating
MN026	Safety familiarisation and basic training, instruction and certification
MN027	Security training, instruction and certification
MN028	Seafarer medical examinations and certificates
MN029	Record of employment, Bahamas seaman's record book and certificate of discharge
MN030	MLC guidelines for flag State inspection and certification
MN031	Maritime Labour Convention 2006
MN032	Minimum age requirements for seafarers
MN033	MLC on board complaints procedure
MN034	Seafarer employment agreement
MN035	Hours of rest
MN036	Management of occupational health & safety
MN037	Ship's cook
MN038	MLC recruitment and placement services
MN039	Crew Accommodation Standards
MN040	Medical care onboard
MN041	Medical Stores

MN042	Shipowner liability and social security
MN043	MLC 2006 financial security
MN044	ECDIS training requirements
MN045	Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacons (EPIRBs)
MN046	ISM Code
MN047	ISPS Code
MN048	Continuous synopsis records
MN049	Long Range Identification & Tracking (LRIT)
MN050	Fee schedule
MN051	Publications
MN052	Data protection
MN053	Electronic statutory certificates
MN054	Conventions to which The Bahamas is a Party
MN055	Sanctions against certain States
MN056	MARPOL Oil record books
MN057	Application of MARPOL Annex I to FPSOs, FSOs, FSRUs, FLNGs and similar units
MN058	MARPOL Annex II – carriage of vegetable oils
MN059	MARPOL Annex IV – Sewage Pollution Prevention
MN060	MARPOL Annex V
MN061	MARPOL Annex VI
MN062	MARPOL Annex VI – fuel oil sulphur limit

MN063	Fuel consumption data and recording
MN064	HCFC refrigerants
MN065	Ballast Water Management Convention
MN066	International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage 1992 (CLC Convention)
MN067	International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage (Bunkers Convention)
MN068	Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks, 2007
MN069	IUU fishing and authorisation to conduct transshipment operations
MN070	Requirements for refrigerated cargo ships carrying frozen fishery products to the European Union
MN071	Piracy and armed robbery against ships
MN072	Carriage of armed personnel for vessel protection
MN073	Diving systems
MN074	Manned submersible craft
MN075	Passenger ship bottom inspections
MN076	Cargo ship Extended Drydocking Scheme
MN077	Survey requirements for cargo ships of less than 500 gross tonnage
MN078	Passenger ship watertight doors
MN079	Firefighting equipment
MN080	Inspection and testing of automatic sprinkler systems
MN081	Emergency escape breathing devices (EEBDs)
MN082	Lifeboat safety
MN083	Lifeboat, rescue boat, launching appliances and release gear maintenance etc.

MN084	Marine evacuation systems
MN085	Carriage of immersion suits
MN086	Alternative design and arrangements
MN087	ECDIS, nautical charts and publications
MN088	Polar Code
MN089	Competent persons
MN090	Approval of marine equipment
MN091	Bahamas flag State inspections
MN092	Enhanced monitoring programme
MN093	Port State control inspections
MN094	Port State Control detentions
MN095	Cyber Security
MN096	Remote Statutory Surveys, Audits and Inspections
MN097	Excursion boats
MN098	Bahamas Yacht Codes
MN099	Survey Requirements for Small Passenger Ships (to be issued)
MN100	Merchant Shipping (Load Line) Regulations 2026
MN101	Merchant Shipping (Tonnage) Regulations 2026
MN102	International Code of Safety for Ships Carrying Industrial Personnel (IP Code)
MN103	Code of Safety for Special Purpose Ships (SPS Code)
MN104	MARPOL Annex VI Regulation 13 and NOx Code (to be issued)

MN105	MARPOL Annex VI – Emission Abatement Technology (to be issued)
MN106	MARPOL Annex VI Regulations 22-25 (EEDI, EEXI) (to be issued)
MN107	International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-Fouling Systems on Ships, 2001 (to be issued)
<b>MN108</b>	<b>Hatches, lifting appliances and anchor handling winches</b>
MN109	Distress signals and prevention of collisions (to be issued)
MN110	Issue of a Bahamas STCW certificate as a GMDSS radio operator (to be issued)



**Information Notices**

IN001	Dates for Bahamas Assessments of Officer Candidates
IN002	Bahamas Archipelagic Baselines
IN003	References to STCW 95 in certificates, endorsements and other documents
IN004	Bahamas seafarer application form
IN005	Guidance on the assessment for a Bahamas STCW Officer Certificate of Competency
IN006	Emergency response officer
IN007	Commissioning of INMARSAT terminals and issue of MMSI numbers
IN008	Control and management of ships' biofouling
IN009	Passenger ship windows
IN010	LRIT testing ASPs
IN011	MARPOL Annex VI record book
IN012	BMA technical and safety alerts
IN013	Guidance on large scale rescue operations at sea
IN014	Port State Control - Recurring Deficiencies
IN015	BORIS seafarer applications
IN016	Passenger operations (COVID19)
IN017	Calculation of minimum wages
IN018	Pilot boarding arrangements
IN019	Minimum Requirements for Seafarer Photographs and Signatures
IN020	Marriage on Bahamian ships

IN021	EyeSea Application
IN022	Guidance on completion of DMLC Part II
IN023	BMA Reporting Portal
IN024	BORIS guidance on seafarer applications (to be issued)
IN025	CIC on pilot transfer arrangements - results analysis report
IN026	Flagging of seafarers (to be issued)
IN027	Crew Accommodation Guidance
IN028	Shipboard preparedness for emergency steering in Port Hedland
IN029	Approved Aviation Inspection Bodies
IN030	Digital version of the Seafarer Identification and Record Book
IN031	(to be issued)
IN032	Validation of Discharge Certificates

<b>Yacht Notices</b>	
YN01	Yachting in The Bahamas
YN02	Registration of Yachts in The Bahamas
YN03	Small Private Yachts (SPY)
YN04	Large Private Yachts (LPY)
YN05	Small Charter Yachts (SCY)
YN06	Large Charter Yachts (LCY)
YN07	Private Yacht Restricted Charter (PYRC)
YN08	Passenger Yachts (PCY)
YN09	Authorised Yacht Surveyors
YN10	Small Yacht Standards and Additional Information
YN11	Change of "Non-commercial yacht" to "Private yacht"
YN12	Aviation Inspection Bodies