

Commonwealth of Dominica**Office of the Maritime Administrator**

TO ALL SHIPOWNERS, OPERATORS, MASTERS AND OFFICERS OF MERCHANT SHIPS, AND RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS

SUBJECT: Minimum Safe Manning Guidelines

**REFERENCE: (a) Maritime Regulation Chapter 7, Merchant Seamen
(b) This Circular replaces MSC 03-03.**

PURPOSE: This Circular advises all shipowners, operators, seafarers, agents and recognized organizations of the Commonwealth of Dominica's guidelines for determining Minimum Safe Manning requirements for vessels. This revision has been implemented to be more competitive and to ensure safe operations of Dominica vessels.

APPLICATION: This Notice applies to all Dominica flagged vessels. This revised safe manning scheme applies to all incoming vessels from June 1, 2007. All existing vessels registered under the Dominica Flag shall apply this new revised scheme not later than their first renewal after January 1, 2008. Owners/operators who decide to apply the new scheme prior to the date defined above, need to request for such change.

REQUIREMENTS:

The addendum to this notice includes the guidelines employed by the Commonwealth of Dominica Maritime Administration for determining Minimum Safe Manning requirements for Dominica-flagged vessels.

We have provided this guideline for reference only. Final decisions for manning requirements are made by the Deputy Maritime Administrator for Maritime Affairs, and may differ from the details listed in the Addendum.

Addendum 1

COMMONWEALTH OF DOMINICA SHIP REGISTRY
MINIMUM SAFE MANNING REQUIREMENT FOR CERTIFICATION AS PRESCRIBED UNDER THE STCW 95 CONVENTION

DECK DEPARTMENT: Vessels Greater Than 500 Gross Tonnage

	500 - 999 GT		1000 – 2999 GT		3000 - 9999 GT		Over 10000 GT	
	Restricted Voyages	Unrestricted Voyages	Restricted Voyages	Unrestricted Voyages	Restricted Voyages	Unrestricted Voyages	Restricted Voyages	Unrestricted Voyages
Master	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Chief Mate	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
OICNW	0	0*	0	1	0*	1	1*	2
RFPNW	2	2	2	3	3	3	2	3
Ordinary Seaman	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	2
TOTAL	4	5	4	6	5	7	7	9

- Flag Administration may review vessel's trade and traffic area and vessel type and may request one (1) OICNW be added.

1. Vessels 300 GT and more are required to have two (2) GMDSS Radio Officers on board

Restricted Voyages: These areas may be considered as Restricted Areas:

1. All voyages which do not exceed 48 hours between ports of call;
2. Coastal voyages within 100 nm from the nearest shore;
3. Enclosed areas, which may include, but are not limited to:

- Mediterranean Sea
- Red Sea
- Black Sea
- North Sea
- Baltic Sea
- Caribbean (Restricted Areas I, II and/or III)
- Coast of Africa
- Arabian Gulf
- Azov Sea
- Gulf of Aden
- Persian Gulf

4. The Administration will take into consideration additional restricted trade areas submitted by the owner/operator.

Unrestricted Voyages: Unrestricted International Voyages

DECK DEPARTMENT: Vessels Less Than 500 Gross Tonnage

	1-149 GT		150 – 499 GT	
	Up to 100 nm From nearest shore	More than 100 nm From nearest shore	Up to 100 nm From nearest shore	More than 100 nm From nearest shore
Master	1*	1	1*	1
Chief Mate	0	0	0	0
OICNW	0	1	1	1
RFPNW	1	0	1	2
Ordinary Seaman	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	2	2	3	4

* This Master may be an OICNW certified under A-II/3

Up to 100 nm from nearest shore: International Coastal Voyages
 More than 100 nm from nearest shore: Unrestricted International Voyages

Vessels 300 GT and more are required to have two (2) GMDSS Radio Officers on board
 Vessels less than 300 GT must have at minimum 1 VHF Radio Operator

ENGINE DEPARTMENT

	Less than 750 kW		Between 750 kW - 2999 kW		3000 kW or more	
	Restricted Voyages	Unrestricted Voyages	Restricted Voyages	Unrestricted Voyages	Restricted Voyages	Unrestricted Voyages
Chief Engineer	1**	1**	1	1	1	1
Second Engineer	0	0	0***	1*	1	1
OICEW	1*	1*	1*	0***	0***	1*
RFPEW	0^	0^	1^	2*^	2*^	2*^
TOTAL	2	2	3	4	4	5

* Manning may be reduced by one (1) RFPEW and one (1) OICEW if vessel is classed with UMS.

** The Chief Engineer position required for vessels < 750 kW may be covered as a minimum by an OICEW certified under STCW III/1.

*** Flag Administration may review vessel's trade and traffic area and vessel type and may request one (1) additional Second Engineer or OICEW.

^ Tankers of 1000 GT or more shall add one additional RFPEW

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 - Mediterranean Sea
 - Baltic Sea
 - Azov Sea
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 - Caribbean (Restricted Areas I, II and/or III)
 - Gulf of Aden
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