

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

TO: ALL SHIPOWNERS, OPERATORS, MASTERS AND OFFICERS OF MERCHANT SHIPS, MOBILE OFFSHORE DRILLING UNITS AND RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS

SUBJECT: REGISTRY OF VESSELS OF TWENTY (20) YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER UNDER DOMINICA FLAG

REFERENCE: (a) **Dominica International Maritime Act 2000, section 30**
(b) **IMO Assembly Resolution A.948(23) Revised survey guidelines under the harmonized system of survey and certification**

PURPOSE: The purpose of this Safety Circular is to provide guidance to Ship-owners and Operators of vessels wishing to enter Dominica Maritime Registry on the conditions for documentation or re-documentation of vessels of twenty (20) years of age or older.

APPLICABILITY: Vessels of twenty (20) years of age or above wishing to enter Dominica Maritime Registry,

REQUIREMENTS:

1 A vessel, to which this Circular applies, is not eligible for initial or consecutive registration under Dominica flag if, on January 1 of the year in which initial or consecutive registration is sought, that vessel is over twenty (20) years of age, computed from completion of first construction, save in circumstances specified below.

2 The 20-year maximum age limitation in section 1 may be waived at the discretion of the Maritime Administrator and a vessel of over twenty (20) years of age may be registered or re-registered if:

- .1 the vessel meets all other applicable requirements;
- .2 the vessel complies with standards set in SOLAS, MARPOL and other international instruments Commonwealth of Dominica is party to; and
- .3 it has been satisfactorily demonstrated that there is a genuine need for such waiver.

- 3 No waiver referred to in section 2 above shall be granted for a vessel:
- .1 of twenty (20) years of age or over, unless it satisfactorily completes a General Condition Survey, conducted at least within 3 months from the initial registration and properly documented (with a survey report presented to the Administration) by an organization duly authorized by the Maritime Administrator;
 - .2 of twenty-five (25) years of age or over, unless it satisfactorily completes a pre-acceptance General Condition Survey, conducted and properly documented (with a survey report presented to the Administration) by an organization duly authorized by the Maritime Administrator and it is classed with a member of International Association of Classification Societies or class recognized by EU; and
 - .3 of thirty (30) years of age or over, at any time.
- 4 General Condition Survey, referred to in section 3 above, shall meet the following requirements:
- .1 for vessels of twenty (20) years of age or over – it falls at least under the scope of renewal survey, in accordance with IMO resolution A.948(23);
 - .2 for vessels of twenty-five (25) years of age or over – it falls at least under the scope of initial survey, in accordance with IMO resolution A.948(23).

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