

## Marine Notice No. 35 of 2013

*For the attention of all Masters, Skippers, Vessel Operators and Crews of Fishing Vessels*

### Man Overboard Recovery Systems on Fishing Vessels

The Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport wishes to bring to the attention of all fishing vessel operators a recent report published by the Marine Casualty Investigation Board into the marine casualty involving the fishing vessel “MFV Mark Amay II”. The full report may be obtained from the website of the Marine Casualty Investigation Board at [www.mcib.ie](http://www.mcib.ie).

The report made recommendations, and the Department wishes to remind operators of the recommendations made as follows:

- That a man overboard recovery system be available on board. It is a requirement for all fishing vessels to have a means of recovering a person from the water. There are several different manufacturers which provide various types of apparatus for recovering a person from the water.
- That all crew members are familiar with the operation of equipment that is carried on board for recovering a person from the water. For vessels greater than 15m in length, training in emergency procedures shall be carried out at intervals of not more than one month. This training shall be recorded in the logbook.
- Owners of all vessels have a legal obligation to operate their vessels in accordance with the law, and must make themselves aware of the regulations applicable. Owners and skippers should obtain and read the relevant Marine Notices available on the Department’s website, [www.dttas.ie](http://www.dttas.ie). In addition, the International Maritime Organization produces a booklet for purchase, which provides useful information, entitled “[Pocket Guide to Recovery Techniques](#)”.

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