

Marine Notice No. 04 of 2013

Notice to all Masters, Skippers, Vessel Operators and Crews of Fishing Vessels

Maintenance of 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 (MCIB) into the marine casualty involving the fishing vessel “MFV Jeanette Roberta”. The full report may be obtained from the website of the Marine Casualty Investigation Board at www.mcib.ie.

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

- To ensure that deficiencies with their vessels are rectified without delay and in accordance with the [Code of Practice for Design, Construction and Equipment of Small Fishing Vessels of less than 15 m Length overall](#).
- It is the responsibility of the owner to ensure that at all times a vessel is maintained and operated in accordance with the requirements of the Code, the arrangements as documented in the *Declaration of Compliance* and any conditions stated on the vessel's *Declaration of Compliance*. If for any reason the vessel does not continue to comply with any of these requirements, the owner must immediately notify the Authorised Person who issued the *Declaration of Compliance*.
- 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.

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