



Marine Notice No. 18 of 2011

Notice to all passenger ship owners, masters, agents and all seafarers

Passenger Ship requirements for Search and Rescue Co-operative Plans under SOLAS

Passenger ships on international voyages are obliged to have on board a Plan for co-operation with appropriate search and rescue services in the event of an emergency. The Plan should be developed in co-operation between the ship, the Company (as defined in SOLAS Chapter IX/Regulation 1.2) and the search and rescue services, which in Ireland is the Irish Coast Guard. The Plan shall include provisions for periodic exercises to be undertaken to test its effectiveness. The Plan should be developed based on the guidelines developed by the IMO (SOLAS 2009 Chapter V Regulation 7.3).

Notification of existence of co-operative plans.

This Marine Notice alerts Owners/Masters/Agents of Passenger ships of their obligations to provide an indication of the existence of this Plan.

SafeSeasIreland (SSI) notification facilitates the indication that this Plan exists on board by ticking a box marked 'SAR Cooperative Plan on board (SOLAS Chapter V Reg. 7.3)'

Passenger Ships which cannot make use of SafeSeasIreland for this purpose, due to its unavailability for technical reasons, should notify problems directly to the Marine Survey Office, at the contact details below, for a possible resolution, before any alternative arrangements are made.

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