

Marine Notice No. 39 of 2012

Notice to all Masters, Fishing Vessel Skippers, Fishing Vessel Owners and Fishermen

Safety on Small Fishing Vessels

The Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport wishes to bring to the attention of all fishermen a recent Marine Casualty Investigation Board (MCIB) report into the tragedy involving the fishing vessel “MFV Lady Linda”. The full report may be obtained from the website of the Marine Casualty Investigation board, at www.mcib.ie.

The report made a number of recommendations and the Department wishes to remind fishermen of the recommendations made to them as follows:

- Before any voyage fishermen should check and heed the foreseeable weather conditions and that their vessel can cope with them safely.
- The Department also wishes to remind all fishermen that it is a legal obligation that they must wear a suitable personal flotation device whilst on deck and that it is an offence not to do so.
- The carriage of a float free automatic EPIRB is mandatory on all fishing vessels of 12m in length overall and greater, and for vessels under this length an EPIRB must be carried. The Department recommends that all fishing vessels should carry an automatic float free EPIRB.

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