



**DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS, MARINE AND NATURAL
RESOURCES**

MARINE NOTICE No. 27 of 2005

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To all Passenger Boat Owners, Operators, Masters and Crew Members.

- (1) Merchant Shipping (Passenger Boat Manning) Regulations 2005**
(2) Nomination of Irish Sailing Association as appointed body under regulations

For the purpose of Merchant Shipping (Passenger Boat Manning) Regulations 2005 (S.I. No. 649 of 2005) please note the following as applicable:

1. Implementation Date

These regulations will come into effect on 1 April 2006.

2 Appointed Body

In compliance with Regulation 3 of the Regulations the Minister has appointed the Irish Sailing Association (ISA) as an appointed body for the purpose of issuing certificates and commercial endorsements. The Minister may appoint other organisations for this purpose in the future, details of which will be set out in a Marine Notice.

3 Qualifications Required.

3.1 Certificate.

All masters of the classes of passenger boats of less than 80 gross tons or less than 24 metres registered length and engaged exclusively in passenger boat operations which are listed at Annex II are required to hold a certificate as specified in Annex 1 of this Marine Notice. The requirement date to comply is 1 April 2006.

3.1.1 Existing Masters

Direct assessment of existing experienced passenger boat masters is available, in certain circumstances, in relation to certificates issued by the ISA. Details are available from the **Irish Sailing Association, 3 Park Road, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. Tel: 01 2800239.**
e-mail: training@sailing.ie website: www.sailing.ie

Existing masters who are successful in the direct assessment for a certificate will also need to comply with the requirements set out in the regulations and Marine Notice for a commercial endorsement.

3.2 Commercial Endorsements

All masters of passenger boats are required to hold a commercial endorsement as specified in Annex 1 of this Marine Notice, incorporating the following: Personal Survival Techniques Course or equivalent, First Aid Training and a Medical Fitness Certificate. The requirement date to comply is 1 April 2006.

3.2.1 Personal Survival Techniques Course or equivalent.

Masters of passenger boats should hold either:

- an approved STCW Personal Survival Techniques Course Certificate or
- an approved STCW Basic Sea Survival Course Certificate.

3.2.2 First Aid Training

The master of a passenger boat of classes P1, P2, P3, P4 and classes P5 and P6 within 40 miles of a safe haven should hold an STCW approved Elementary First Aid Certificate. Masters of passenger boats of class P5 and P6 operating further than 40 miles from a safe haven should hold an STCW approved Proficiency in Medical Care Certificate. The master should undertake refresher training at least every five years. **See also: Marine Notice No. 65 of 2022.**

3.2.3 Medical Fitness Certificates

The master and anyone else who is employed on board and who has safety responsibilities should hold a medical fitness certificate. For those employed on passenger boats that operate no further than 40 miles from a safe haven, a satisfactory report from any registered medical practitioner is acceptable including evidence of satisfactory colour vision. A satisfactory medical practitioner's report is valid for 5 years for those up to age 65 and for two years thereafter.

In the case of passenger boats operating beyond 40 miles from a safe haven the master must have the standard medical fitness certificate for anyone employed at sea, the ENG 11 certificate. This medical certificate is acceptable for any area of operation (unless it includes a specific restriction) and is valid for a maximum of two years, in line with international requirements.

3.3 Radio Qualifications

Every passenger boat, which carries a radio should have at least one person holding a Radio Operator's Certificate suitable for the radio equipment on board and suitable for the area of operation of the vessel.

Operational Safety Measures

(Please note sections 4 to 6 are for guidance purposes only and are not part of the Merchant Shipping (Passenger Boat Manning) Regulations (S.I. No. 649 of 2005))

4. Navigational Watch

It is the responsibility of the master to ensure that there is, at all times, a person with adequate experience in charge of the navigational watch. In taking this decision the Master should take into account all the factors affecting the safety of the vessel, including:-

1. the present and forecast state of the weather, visibility and sea;
2. the proximity of navigational hazards;
3. the density of traffic in the area.

5. Radar Training

In any vessel that carries radar, the Master and any member of the crew who is liable to use the radar should have appropriate training in its use.

6. Stability

The master of a passenger boat which is required to be provided with an approved stability booklet should have knowledge of stability appropriate to the vessel.

Your attention is also drawn to the statutory requirements set out in Sections 7 and 8 below. They are not part of the Merchant Shipping (Passenger Boat Manning) Regulations (S.I. No. 649 of 2005)

7. Organisation of Working Time Regulations

(1) Operators should ensure that all vessels are sufficiently manned to avoid the need to work excessive hours. The master is responsible for ensuring, so far as is reasonably practicable, that he/she and all crew members are properly rested when they begin work and obtain adequate rest when not on duty.

(2) The minimum hours of rest for anyone employed on board should be not less than:-

- (i) 10 hours in any 24-hour period; and
- (ii) 72 hours in any seven day period.

(3) Exceptions to paragraph 2 are allowed so long as they are agreed between the master and crew members, and provided that their health and safety, and the safety of the vessel, are not compromised. Such exceptions may take account of more frequent or longer

leave periods or the granting of compensatory leave for watchkeeping seafarers or seafarers working on board boats on short voyages.

(4) For boats operating on the basis of watchkeeping arrangements, a schedule of duties shall be drawn up setting out the hours of work and rest periods. In drawing up a schedule, factors to be taken into account may include:

1. type of operation;
2. details of the watchkeeping arrangements;
3. the total workload;
4. the seriousness of irregular working hours and their contribution to causing fatigue and the importance of scheduling reasonably stable working hours.

8. Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Provisions

- (1) All employers have a duty to ensure the safety, health and welfare of workers and others, so far as is reasonably practicable.
- (2) All employers should familiarise themselves with the provisions in relation to the general duties of employers under the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005.
- (3) Employers are required to carry out a suitable and sufficient assessment of the risks of the health and safety of workers arising in the normal course of their activities or duties.

9. Arrangements for obtaining Certificates and Commercial Endorsements

In order to obtain the necessary certificate or commercial endorsement detailed above, contact should be made directly with the **Irish Sailing Association, 3 Park Road, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. Tel: 01 2800239, e-mail: training@sailing.ie website: www.sailing.ie**

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For any technical assistance in relation to this Marine Notice, please contact:
The Marine Survey Office, email: MSO@transport.gov.ie
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Written enquiries concerning Marine Notices should be addressed to:
Dept. of Transport, Maritime Safety Policy Division, Leeson Lane, Dublin 2, D02 TR60, Ireland.
email: MarineNotices@transport.gov.ie or visit us at: www.gov.ie/transport

Annex 1 Certificates

Class of passenger boat licence		P1		P2		P3		P4		P5			P6			P6 (sail)			
Type of water →		Sea	Lakes & Rivers	Sea	Lakes & Rivers	Sea	Lakes & Rivers	Sea	Lakes & Rivers	All waters			All waters			All waters			
Distance from “safe haven” →		-	-	-	-	<15’	<15’	<0.5’	<0.5’	< 40’	<150’	>150’	<40’	<150’	>150’	< 40’	<150’	>150’	
Certificate required by Master	YM Ocean (Motor)	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	C	C	A	C	C	-	-	-	
	YM Ocean (Sail)	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	C	C	A	C	C	A	C	C	
	YM Offshore (Motor)	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	C	C	A	C	-	-	-	-	
	YM Offshore (Sail)	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	C	C	A	C	C	A	C	C	
	YM Coastal (Motor)	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	-	-	A	-	-	-	-	-	
	YM Coastal (Sail)	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	-	-	A	-	-	A	-	-	
	Day Skipper (Motor)	B ¹	B ¹	B ¹	B ¹	B ¹	B ¹	B ¹	B ¹	B ¹	B ¹	-	-	B ¹	-	-	-	-	-
	Day Skipper (Sail)	B ¹	B ¹	B ¹	B ¹	B ¹	B ¹	B ¹	B ¹	B ¹	B ¹	-	-	B ¹	-	-	B ¹	-	-
	Advanced Powerboat Certificate	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	-	-	B	-	-	-	-	-
	National Powerboat Certificate	-	B ¹	-	B ¹	-	-	-	B ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	National Powerboat Certificate (Coastal)	B ¹	B ¹	B ¹	B ¹	-	-	-	B ¹	B ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Inland Waterways Motorboat Skippers Certificate	-	B ¹	-	B ¹	-	B ¹	-	B ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Certificates issued by Maritime Safety Directorate ²	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	C	C	A	C	C	A	C	C	
Certificate required by Crew	YM Ocean (Motor)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	A	-	A	A	-	-	-	
	YM Ocean (Sail)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	A	-	A	A	-	A	A	
	YM Offshore (Motor)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	B	B	-	B	B	-	-	-	
	YM Offshore (Sail)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	B	B	-	B	B	-	A	A	
	YM Coastal (Motor)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	B	B	-	B	B	-	-	-	
	YM Coastal (Sail)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	B	B	-	B	B	-	B	B	

1 – For operation, during daylight hours only, from one or more designated departure points.

2 – These certificates typically include fishing and merchant shipping qualifications issued by Dept. of Communications, Marine & Natural Resource

Please note that A, B and C above refer to the category of commercial endorsement required for the relevant certificates.

Categories for Commercial endorsement issued for ISA Certificates.

Category	Age	Sea Survival	Medical Fitness	First Aid	Service Requirements
A	> 18 Years	PST Certificate	Medical incl. eye test	Elementary First Aid	None
B	> 18 Years	PST Certificate	Medical incl. eye test	Elementary First Aid	12 months or 50 logged hours
C	> 18 Years	PST Certificate	ENG 11	Proficiency in Medical Care	None

Note 1 Qualifications differing from those tabled, but which could be considered of equal standing, may be considered.

Note 2 In addition to the commercial endorsement, every vessel should carry at least one person holding a Radio Operator's Certificate suitable for the radio equipment on board and suitable for the area of operation of the vessel.

Note 3 Details on ISA Certificates and Commercial Endorsements may be obtained from; Irish Sailing Association, 3 Park Road, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. Tel - 01 2800 239, e-mail:- training@sailing.ie, website:- www.sailing.ie

Annex II

CLASSES OF PASSENGER BOAT.

Class P1 Passenger boats with no more than three passengers on board used for domestic voyages in smooth waters in the course of which the passengers are engaged in activities other than those specified in Class P4.

Class P2 Passenger boats with no more than twelve passengers on board used for domestic voyages in smooth waters or in partially smooth waters in the course of which the passengers are engaged in activities other than those specified in Class P4.

Class P3 Passenger boats with no more than twelve passengers on board used for domestic voyages in smooth waters, in partially smooth waters or to sea in the course of which the passenger boats are within fifteen miles (exclusive of any smooth waters or partially smooth waters) from their designated points of departure and within three miles from land.

Class P4 Passenger boats with no more than three passengers on board used for domestic voyages in smooth waters, in partially smooth waters, within harbour limits, or to sea in the course of which the passenger boats are within half a mile (exclusive of any smooth waters or partially smooth waters) from their designated points of departure; provided that the passengers are engaged exclusively in the course of their employment in connection with marine civil engineering, survey of harbour limits, dredging or similar commercial activities.

Class P5 Passenger boats with no more than twelve passengers on board used for domestic voyages in smooth waters, in partially smooth waters or to sea.

Class P6 Passenger boats with no more than twelve passengers on board used for domestic voyages in smooth waters, in partially smooth waters or to sea, in the course of which the passengers are engaged actively and solely in waterborne activities in which the passenger boats form an integral and necessary part of those activities.