



Marine Notice No. 11 of 2024

Notice to all Shipowners, Fishing Vessel Owners, Agents, Shipmasters, Skippers and Seafarers

Reminder of Safety Requirements to Shipowners, Operators and Masters and those involved in Marine Aquaculture Activities.

The Department of Transport wishes to draw attention to a recent report, published by the Marine Casualty Investigation Board (MCIB), concerning an investigation into an incident involving the vessel SIMMERDIM off Ardmore Pier, Co. Galway on 8 November 2022. The full report may be obtained from the MCIB's website or at the link [here](#).

The MCIB highlighted that the prevailing conditions, including the direction and height of the swell, were contributing factors to this incident.

The purpose of this Marine Notice is to remind shipowners, operators and masters and those involved in marine aquaculture activities of the dangers associated with boarding and transiting vessels at sea and that operators should have a safe system of work, including suitable and sufficient risk assessments, for operations carried out at sea and for the transfer of personnel onto fish cages and feed barges.

The Department of Transport also reminds shipowners, operators and masters to ensure compliance with the [Merchant Shipping \(Health and Safety General Duties and Reporting of Marine Incidents\) Regulations 2023 \(S.I. No. 441/2023\)](#) (and have regard to the content of [Marine Notice No. 60 of 2023](#)), which impose a duty on every shipowner and master (skipper) to take all reasonable precautions to prevent marine incidents and occupational hazards, injuries and diseases onboard the ship.

All vessels engaged in tendering operations must comply with the relevant provisions of the Merchant Shipping Acts. For further information, please refer to [Marine Notice No. 08 of 2024](#) which provides further information on requirements for passenger ships engaged in the tendering of passengers between the ship and the shore and for the transfer of Crew/Technicians embarking or disembarking a seagoing vessel at anchor.

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