



## Marine Notice No. 38 of 2019

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

### **MCIB Recommendation as a Result of a Fatal incident involving small fishing vessel**

The Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport wishes to highlight a recent report published by the Marine Casualty Investigation Board on the fatal incident involving 'FV Aisling Patrick' on 10 April 2018. The full report may be obtained from the website of the Marine Casualty Investigation Board [here](#).

In response to Marine Casualty Investigation Board recommendations, the purpose of this Marine Notice is:

- To remind skippers and crew of the requirements set out in the [Code of Practice for the Design, Construction, Equipment and Operation of Small Fishing Vessels of less than 15m Length overall \(CoP\)](#), with particular reference to the following:
  - All persons on board must comply with the Fishing Vessel (Basic Safety Training) Regulations 2001 (S.I. No. 587 of 2001) ( CoP - Section 8.6.1);
  - All persons on board shall be provided with a suitable Personal Floatation Device (PFD) and wear it on deck at all times (CoP - Section 7.6);
  - An approved Personal Locator Beacon (PLB) capable of transmitting a distress alert on the 406 MHz band shall be provided for each person on-board and shall be carried by each person on deck at all times. Each PLB should be ready to be manually activated (CoP - Section 9.5.3);
  - The number of openings in the weather tight structure of the vessel must be as few as practicable and provided with the closing and securing arrangements described in the CoP - Section 2.1.3.
- To remind owners that the nature and extent of any major repairs or major structural modifications to their vessel must comply with the CoP (Section 1.5.4.4).
- To remind owners it is their responsibility to ensure that at all times a vessel is maintained and operated in accordance with the requirements of the CoP, 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.

- To remind skippers and crew of Fishing Vessels less than 15m that bilge spaces are monitored prior to, during and on completion of voyages. It is essential that bilge alarms are tested regularly. The test should prove that both the audible and visible alarms are working. It is also good practice to regularly inspect bilge suction strainers to ensure that they are clean and ready for use.

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