



## Marine Notice No. 39 of 2019

*Notice to all Fishing Vessel Owners, Skippers, Fishers and Code of Practice Surveyors*

### **Fatal incident involving small fishing vessel engaged in potting operations**

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 the 'FV Beal Sruthan' off Craugh Island Galway Bay on 23 May 2018. The full report may be obtained from the website of the Marine Casualty Investigation Board [here](#).

In response to the Marine Casualty Investigation Board's recommendations contained in the above referenced report, the purpose of this Marine Notice is to remind vessel owners of the following:

- It is their responsibility to ensure that at all times a vessel is maintained and operated in accordance with the requirements of the [Code of Practice for the Design, Construction, Equipment and Operation of Small Fishing Vessels of less than 15 m Length overall](#) (CoP), the arrangements as documented in the vessel's Declaration of Compliance and any conditions stated on the 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 as defined in the CoP who issued the Declaration of Compliance.
- Proposals to change any of the vessels arrangements, fittings and equipment (including engine changes) must be agreed in writing with the Authorised Person before a change is implemented. Copies of the written agreement detailing the change(s) must be appended to the Declaration of Compliance, which is retained on board the vessel (CoP 1.5.5.2).
- The [Panel of Surveyors for Fishing Vessels less than 15 m](#) which is valid until 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2020 can be found in [Marine Notice No.59 of 2017](#).
- Please also consult [Marine Notice 17 of 2019](#) 'Safety of small vessels engaged in potting operations' which was issued in response to a similar casualty with a similar recommendation involving a small fishing vessel engaged in potting operations. The Marine Notice reminds those engaged in commercial potting operations to comply with Code of Practice for the Design, Construction, Equipment and Operation of Small Fishing Vessels of less than 15m length overall. It also reminds those engaged in non-commercial operations to familiarise themselves with [Code of Practice for the Safe Operation of Recreational Craft](#).

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