

Commonwealth of Dominica**Office of the Maritime Administrator**

TO: ALL SHIPOWNERS, OPERATORS, MASTERS AND OFFICERS OF MERCHANT SHIPS, MOBILE OFFSHORE DRILLING UNITS AND RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS

SUBJECT: Code of Safety for Diving Systems

**REFERENCE: (a) IMO Resolution A.831(19)
(b) IMO Resolution A.692(17)**

PURPOSE: The purpose of this Safety Circular is to implement the minimum standards for design, construction and survey of fixed and temporary diving systems fitted onboard Dominica flag vessels, as introduced by IMO Resolution A.831(19), based upon Resolution A.536(13), referred to in SOLAS Annex 2 (Documents and Certificates to be carried on board), as amended by Resolution A.583(14). Additional guidelines and specifications for hyperbaric evacuation systems, referred to in chapter 3 of the Code of Safety for Diving Systems, is provided in IMO Resolution A.692(17).

APPLICABILITY: all Dominica flag vessels

REQUIREMENTS:**1 Compliance**

- 1.1 Vessels with fixed or temporary diving systems fitted on or after 1 July 2005, which are not included for survey under Classification Society rules, shall comply with the Code of Safety for Diving Systems, 1995, as amended, including the Guidelines and Specifications for Hyperbaric Evacuation Systems, as applicable.
- 1.2 Vessels with fixed or temporary diving systems fitted before 1 July 2005, which are not included for survey under Classification Society rules, shall comply with the Code of Safety for Diving Systems, 1995, as amended, including the Guidelines and Specifications for Hyperbaric Evacuation Systems, as applicable, not later than the completion date of the current contract or by due date of the next Safety Construction Renewal Survey, whichever is sooner.

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2 Certification

Certificates may be issued upon satisfactory verification of compliance, following the model given in the appendix to the Code.

3 Exceptions

Vessels not complying with the requirements and applying for exemption, extension or equivalent arrangement must be dealt with in accordance with standard procedures applied thereto, when issuing an exemption, extension or equivalent arrangement in accordance with SOLAS Convention.

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