

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

TO: ALL SHIPOWNERS, OPERATORS, MASTERS AND OFFICERS OF MERCHANT SHIPS, AND RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS

SUBJECT: Ship Radio Station Watchkeeping Hours

REFERENCE: ITU Radio Regulations - Article 58 and Appendix 12

PURPOSE: This Circular provides guidelines on mandated ship radio station watch keeping hours.

APPLICABILITY: This Circular applies to all vessels in the Dominica International registry equipped with ship radio stations.

REQUIREMENTS:

Effective immediately Ship Stations shall maintain the following hours of service in Ship's time:

- 1.0** First category Ship Stations are to maintain continuous service around the clock.
- 2.0** Second category Ships Stations: 0000-0400; 0800-1200; 1600-1800; 2000-2200; and additionally, four (4) hours of service at times to be decided by the Master, to meet the essential communication needs of the ship, having regard to propagation conditions and traffic requirements.
- 3.0** Third category Ship Stations: 0800-1200; two (2) continuous hours of service between 1800-2200; and additionally, two (2) hours of service at times to be decided by the Master, to meet the essential communication needs of the ship, having regard to propagation conditions and traffic requirements.
- 4.0** Fourth category Ship Stations are urged to provide service from 0830-0930.

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