

Familiarization with National Maritime Legislation Publication



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Dominica shipowners, operators, and seafarers are advised of the requirement for familiarization with Dominica maritime legislation, regulations and marine safety circulars and directives and the need for compliance to assure safe and effective ship operations and protection of the marine environment.

The requirements apply to shipowners, operators, masters and chief mates sailing on ships of 500 gross tonnage or more and chief engineers and first assistant engineers.

On September 5th, 2000, the Commonwealth of Dominica's International Maritime Act 2000 was passed in Parliament, receiving the unanimous vote of all members of the Country's Parliament. The passage of the Act marks the formalization of the Country's commitment to developing its maritime administration. Dominica will maintain a fleet, which adheres to standards, which demonstrate a reputation for the Commonwealth of Dominica's flag as one of responsibility and quality.

To date Dominica has, in addition, to the IMO treaty, ratified the ten major international conventions and protocols related to Maritime Affairs:

- (a) The International Convention for the Safety of Life At Sea, 1974 as amended and the Protocols of 1978 and 1988 related thereto;
- (b) The International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification, and Watch Keeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended;
- (c) The International Convention on Load Lines, 1966 as amended and the Protocol of 1998 related thereto;
- (d) The International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 and the Protocol of 1978 related thereto and Annex V of the said Convention;
- (e) The Convention of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 as amended, and
- (f) The International Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships, 1969.

A body of national implementing regulations has been developed to give effect to the International Maritime Act and the IMO treaties.

A person holding a valid certificate issued by a State fully applying the provisions of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping, 1978, as amended in 1995, must be familiar with the Dominica Maritime Legislation and requirements relevant to the functions they perform.

Publications, "CDP 103, Familiarization with National Maritime Legislation", "CDP-101, International Maritime Act 2000" and "CDP-102, Maritime Regulations" are required reading for management level ship's officers. At the time of application for a Dominica certificate, applicants certify that they understand this requirement and will comply. A copy of CDP 103, CDP 101 and CDP 102 are provided by the Administration at the time a certificate is issued.

Shipowners, operators, masters, chief mates, chief engineers and first assistant engineers shall take those steps necessary to assure that this requirement is met and that the requirements and policies set out in these publications are complied with.

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