

Commonwealth of Dominica



Office of the Maritime Administrator

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

SUBJECT: Availability of Search and Rescue (SAR) Services

REFERENCE: (a) Dominica Maritime Act of 2000, as amended

(b) IMO SAR.8/Circ.4

APPLICABILITY: Owners and Operators of Dominica vessels are strongly encouraged to make use of available SAR resources

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Circular is to bring to the attention of all concerned parties the availability of Search and Rescue (SAR) services.

BACKGROUND:

The International Maritime Organization (IMO) has implemented a Global SAR system which makes available information pertaining to national SAR services in an easy to use on-line module provided by the Global Intergraded Shipping Information System (GISIS).

The information available in this module is free to the public and includes maps of search and rescue regions, national contact points for responsible Maritime Authorities, contact information for Rescue Coordination Centers, and Telemedical Marine Advice Services. Member States are responsible for updating and maintaining the information found in this module.

REQUIREMENTS:

Accessing the COMSAR module of GISIS

1. The COMSAR module is accessible via the GISIS website at <http://gisis.imo.org>.
2. To access GISIS, a valid IMO Web Account is required. The general public can register for a free account online, for read-only access to GISIS modules (including the COMSAR module), while nominated IMO Web Accounts administrators of IMO Members can create accounts for their authorized users for updating information pertaining to their Administration.

Required Action by Owners/Operators

1. Vessel Owners/Operators seeking information on national SAR services should utilize the COMSAR module.

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