

## Commonwealth of Dominica



### Office of the Maritime Administrator

**To:** All Vessel Owners, Operators, Crew Managers, Mariners and Regional Offices

**Subject:** Requirement for Basic Training Course for Non-Professional Mariners Requesting Seafarer Identification Documents (SIDs)

**Purpose:** This Safety Circular is to inform all concerned parties about the new requirements for non-professional mariners or supernumeraries requesting Seafarer Identification Documents (SIDs) under the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth of Dominica. This initiative aims to enhance maritime safety and security by ensuring a foundational understanding of vessel operations among all individuals aboard.

**Applicability:** This requirement applies to all non-professional mariners or supernumeraries, who are individuals not functioning in any legitimate safety, security, or operational roles aboard Dominica flagged vessels but who require access to such vessels.

#### Requirement for Basic Training Course:

All non-professional mariners requesting SIDs are required to complete a Dominica approved non-STCW (Standards of Training, Certification, and Watchkeeping) digital Basic Training Course. (See <https://northeastmaritimeonline.com/>)

The Basic Training Course will cover fundamental aspects of maritime safety, basic vessel operations, emergency procedures, and environmental protection measures.

The course is designed to be accessible and comprehensible for individuals without professional maritime backgrounds.

#### Course Completion:

Upon successful completion of the Basic Training Course, applicants will receive a certificate of completion.

This certificate must be presented as part of the SID application process.

**Implementation & Compliance:**

This requirement will come into effect from 1 January 2024.

Vessel operators are responsible for ensuring that all non-professional mariners or supernumeraries aboard their vessels comply with this requirement.

**Application for SIDs:**

Applications for SIDs should be submitted to the Dominica Maritime Administration, along with the required documentation, including the Basic Training Course completion certificate.

Detailed instructions for the application process are available on the Administration's website.

**Questions and Further Information:**

For any queries or additional information regarding this circular, please contact the Dominica Maritime Administration at [mariner@dominica-registry.com](mailto:mariner@dominica-registry.com)

The Commonwealth of Dominica is committed to maintaining the highest standards of maritime safety and security. This initiative is a step towards ensuring that all individuals aboard Dominica flagged vessels possess essential knowledge that contributes to the safety and efficiency of maritime operations.