
GUIDANCE NOTICE

Port and Terminal Refusal of Requests to conduct Boat Drills

1. Explanatory Notes

- (1) A number of REG Flagged vessels have been requesting acknowledgement statements as protection in the event of PSC or Vetting deficiencies for not having completed SOLAS required boat drills within the required 3 monthly period. The reason given in all cases has been port/terminal refusal to allow them to conduct the drills.
- (2) Even with such letters from Flag the vessels are still liable to receive deficiencies due to factors outwith their control.
- (3) This was discussed at the October 2019 REG Technical Forum (REG –TF) and at this time there was support for a data gathering exercise to allow more informed discussion at subsequent REG-TF's.
- (4) Bermuda agreed to administer this data gathering exercise as follows:

2. Reporting Requirements

- (1) In order to gain both an understanding of the factors that may lead to drills being refused by ports and terminals, and also to find out if this is a widespread problem, Bermuda has generated a PDF Form (DRF1). This is to be sent out to all participating REG Flag's ships, to be completed whenever a request for drills has been declined by the port or terminal.
- (2) Jersey ships are requested to return these forms to the the Jersey Shipping Registry. shipsregistry@ports.je;
- (3) Upon receipt the respective REG Flag is requested to complete the lower part of the DRF1 contacting the port or terminal authority to verify the account or receive further information if deemed necessary.
- (4) Completed forms are then to be submitted to survey@bermudashipping.bm
- (5) Bermuda will then review the data and present at the next REG-TF.