



Marine Circular Nr. 06/ 2023, 22/11/2023

Subject: “Training Requirements and Certification Procedure on High-Speed Craft (HSC) and Dynamically Supported Craft (DSC)”

- Ref.:** (a) SOLAS International Convention for the Safety Life at Sea, 1974, as amended (Chapter X – Safety Measures for High-Speed Crafts).
(b) 2000 HSC Code International Code of Safety for High-Speed Craft, 2000, as amended (2000 – HSC Code).
(c) DSC Code of Safety for Dynamically Supported Craft – Res. A.373(X) (MSC. 186(79)).

To: Shipowners, ship operators, Managers, Masters, Deputy Registrars, Recognized Organizations (ROs), Port State Control Authorities - MoUs, and Seafarers on board G-B I.S.R. vessels.

Summary: The purpose of this Marine Circular (MAR.CIR.) is to depict the training requirements and the respective certification procedures for High-Speed Craft (HSC) and Dynamically Supported Craft (DSC) flying the Guinea-Bissau flag.

Applicability: This Marine Circular applies to all Seafarers on board High-Speed Craft (HSC) and Dynamically Supported Craft (DSC) flying the Guinea-Bissau Flag.

1. Background

1.1. The SOLAS “International Code of Safety for High-Speed Craft, 2000”, which was made mandatory under Chapter X (Safety Measures for High-Speed Craft) of the 1974 SOLAS Convention, applies to all high-speed crafts registered with the G-B I.S.R. and engaged on international voyages, as appropriate. The current MAR. CIR prescribes applicable requirements for training and certifying officers and the respective training arrangements for other HSC crew members. The above-indicated requirements and procedures apply also to crew members serving on a Dynamically Supported Craft (DSC) registered with the G-B I.S.R.

1.2. According to the amended “2000 HSC Code” and the “DSC Code”, all crew members on board vessels falling within the scope of the above-indicated Codes, must have proper training, and their officers, including the Master, shall hold a valid “Type Rating Certificates” (TRCs) in addition to their valid Certificates of Competency (CoCs) required by the Minimum Safe Manning Certificate (MSMC) of the vessel.

2. Type Rating Certificate Training.

2.2. The Master and all officers with operational responsibilities on board a specific type and model of a vessel have to undergo appropriate operational or simulator training and pass a respective exam, including a practical test. The training based on the craft type, route, and operational tasks must cover at least the following items:



- a. Understanding and familiarity with all onboard systems, including propulsion, communication, navigation, steering, electrical, hydraulic, pneumatic systems, bilge, and fire pumping.
- b. Proper response to failures in the control, steering, and propulsion systems.
- c. Craft's handling characteristics and conditions that limit its operations.
- d. Concrete knowledge of bridge communication and navigation procedures.
- e. Intact and damage stability and survivability of the craft in damaged condition.
- f. Location and appropriate use of the life-saving equipment on the craft, such as survival gear and other devices.
- g. Location and proper use of escapes in the craft and the evacuation of passengers.
- h. Location and proper use of fire protection and extinguishing systems in case of fire onboard.
- i. Location and proper operation of the damage control systems, including watertight doors and bilge pumps.
- j. Systems for stowing and securing cargo and vehicles.
- k. Techniques to manage crises and communicate with passengers during an emergency.
- l. Location and correct use of all other items listed in the training manual.

3. Training Course Approval.

3.1. Adequate records of training carried out and assessments made shall be kept and dealt with by HSC and DSC operating companies for the Officers, as follows:

.1 High-Speed Craft and Dynamically Supported Craft owners-managers shall submit a "Confirmation Letter" after satisfactory completion of the required training by an organization qualified to provide the relative training. Subsequently, upon the receipt of an official request from the owner-managers and the confirmation letter, the G-B I.S.R./STCW Department will proceed with the issuance of the "Type Rating Certificate" for the Master and officers of the vessel under consideration.

.2 The concrete training certificate remains valid for 2 years and can be used for all vessels that are similar in type and perform the same voyage. Every 2 years, the certificate may be renewed following an appropriate "Refresher Course", covering the same extent of training as the initial course.

4. Ratings and other Personnel.

4.1. Deck and engine ratings and other personnel employed on HSC have to attend a training program, corresponding to their duties on board and may be trained solely for HSC service, without seagoing experience on other types of vessels. The concrete training program should include the necessary familiarization requirements and additionally appropriate STCW '78, as amended training program requirements.

4.2. The Maritime Administration of the host country, in which the craft is to operate, if other than the flag state should be satisfied with the training, experience, and qualifications of the master and each crew member. A valid certificate of competency or a valid license appropriately endorsed, under the provisions of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW), 1978, as amended, held by the master or crew member, shall be acceptable as evidence of satisfactory training and qualification to the Administration of the country in which the craft is to operate.



5. Certification Procedures.

5.1. Upon the conclusion of the “Type Rating Certificate” training and the required standard has been met, the organization providing the training should issue a respective “Confirmation Letter”. The confirmation letter, along with the Application for Type Rating Certification and the necessary documentation outlined in Part 4 of the Application, should be sent to the G-B I.S.R. STCW Dpt (E-Mail: stcw1@gbi-lb.org).

5.2. After the evaluation of the submitted documents, the International Ships Registry of Guinea-Bissau shall proceed with the issuance of the Type Rating Certificate, exclusively for Masters and Officers with operational duties following the requirements of the HSC and DSC Codes as outlined in Annex I and Annex II of the current MAR.CIR.

6. Revalidation of Type Rating Certificates

6.1. The issued “Type Rating Certificate” is to be revalidated every 2 years. For this purpose, candidates must provide evidence of at least 3 months of sea service on an HSC within the past 2 years, or a statement from the HSC operator or other TRC training organization indicating completion of the training program. Once the issuing organization confirms that the revalidation requirements are met, the TRC will be reissued by the International Ships Registry of Guinea-Bissau.

7. Application Form Submission.

7.1. The respective Application Form to the G-B I.S.R. is attached in electronic form and it is also available online at the following link: <https://gbisr.com/application-forms/>. The Application Form has to be submitted via E-message as described above, along with the required documents to the G-B I.S.R./ STCW Department (E-mail: stcw1@gbi-lb.org) including a detailed reference to the contact details of the person in charge. The competent services of the G-B I.S.R. will revert upon the conclusion of the case evaluation a.s.a.p.

8. Effective Date.

8.1. The current Marine Circular has immediate effect as per the day of issuance.

9. Queries.

9.1. Any queries related to this Marine Circular may be submitted to G-B I.S.R / Operation Department (E-mail: ops@gbi-lb.org, Tel: +30 210 4537950, +30 210 4537194).

For the Guinea-Bissau International Ships Registry

Authorized Signatory:

Office of the General Ships Registrar



Attached

Application for Type Rating Certificate for High-Speed Craft/ Dynamically Supported Craft (p.2).

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ANNEX I

TYPE RATING CERTIFICATE FOR HIGH-SPEED CRAFT

Issued under the provisions of the
INTERNATIONAL CODE OF SAFETY FOR HIGH-SPEED CRAFT (HSC CODE)

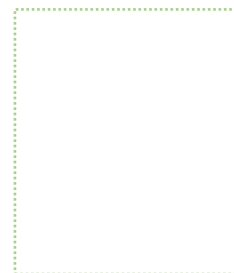
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Name & Type of the Vessel	IMO Number	Official Number	Route(s) of the vessel, as detailed below: (a)..... (b)
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With the present Certificate, it is hereby confirmed that the seafarer mentioned below, has completed a course of training as required by Chapter 18.3.3 of the International Code of Safety for High-Speed Craft, as amended and has passed an examination, including practical tests, commensurate with operational tasks onboard the above craft and routes.

Name of Seafarer	
Date of Birth	Nationality
Seaman's Book No	Certificate of Competency



Rank	Limitations (if any)

Issue Date	Place of issue	Valid until
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ANNEX II

TYPE RATING CERTIFICATE FOR DYNAMICALLY SUPPORTED CRAFT

Issued under the provisions of the
CODE OF SAFETY FOR DYNAMICALLY SUPPORTED CRAFT (DSC CODE)

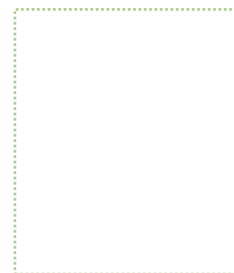
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With the present Certificate, it is hereby confirmed that the seafarer mentioned below, has completed a course of training as required by Chapter 17.2 of the Code of Safety for Dynamically Supported Craft, as amended and has passed an examination, including practical tests, commensurate with operational tasks onboard the above craft and routes.

Name of Seafarer	
Date of Birth	Nationality
Seaman's Book No	Certificate of Competency



Rank	Limitations (if any)

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