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**Subject: Minimum safe manning in nautical discipline on Category 'A' High Speed Craft (HSC) operating at Port Blair region -reg.**

The minimum safe manning requirements of nautical discipline for category 'A', High Speed Craft (HSC) has not been specified in the various circular/MSN issued by the Directorate. In view of the same, these vessels are issued Safe Manning Document (SMD) as per requirement of special trade passenger ships on voyages in coasting trade of India (within NCV areas and not more than 20 NM from nearest land).

2. Considering the design of HSC vessel is different from special trade passenger vessels and to facilitate operation of such vessels, it has been decided that the manning in the nautical discipline on category 'A', HSC vessel operating in the Port Blair region on voyages less than 02 hours shall be manned as follows:

1.	Master (FG) or Master (NCV) (with type rating certificate)	01
2.	Second Mate (FG) or NWKO (NCV) (with type rating certificate)	01
3.	GMDSS Operator	01*
4.	Rating forming part of Navigational Watch	03
5.	Rating	01

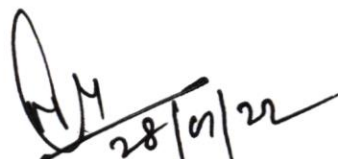
\* One officer to have Indian GMDSS CoC or a Dedicated Radio officer holding Indian CoC.

**3. Condition while operating at revised manning scale:**

- The vessel should operate only during day light hours.
- The voyages should be of short duration (not more than 2 hours).
- That Craft will be exclusively operating between ports in the Port Blair region as specified in the 'Permit to Operate - High Speed Craft' Certificate [i.e. Port Blair – Swaraj Dweep (Havelock) – Shaheed Dweep (Neil) and Baratang].

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- d) Being a 'High Speed Craft', during the passage the bridge should always be manned and manoevered by the Master of the vessel. All engine parameters & alarms are to be continuously monitored during sailing.
  - e) All navigating officers are to be in possession of type rating certificate for the vessel and the specified route.
  - f) The owner/operator and the master of the vessel shall ensure that at all times, the navigational safety, operational safety, rest period requirements for watch keepers as prescribed under Chapter-VIII of Standards of Training, Certification and Watch keeping of seafarers, 1978 as amended (STCW 2010 Convention) and chapter VIII of M.S. (STCW) Rule 2014 are complied with at all times.
4. This is issued with the approval of the Competent Authority.



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