

NT/LSA/ CIRCULAR 02 OF 2011

No. 11-NT (21)/2009

Date: 16/09/2011

Subject: Andaman & Nicobar Sailing Vessels (SVs) Owner Association Meeting-reg. plying during notified foul weather season - regarding.

This Directorate has been in receipt of several representations from Andaman & Nicobar Sailing Vessels (SVs) Owner Association, A&N Islands, & Secretary (Ports) A&N Administration on the subject matter, stating that such crafts are virtually life line amongst islanders connecting essential items. It was also observed that lay up of existing subject crafts has caused unemployment amongst concern seafarers and hardship to their families. The matter has been examined in the Directorate and it is realized that Eastern side of predominantly North-South lying Northern Andaman Islands upto a great extent offer lee in Southwest Monsoon and therefore, this region is more or less sheltered in nature. It was also realized that the strength of Southwest Monsoon in A&N Seas is much weaker than Arabian Sea. Therefore, the provisions stated in M.S. Notice No. 28 of 2009 applicable to Arakan coastal area need not apply in totality, and accordingly, the Directorate issued certain relaxations to applicability of M.S. Notice No. 28 of 2009, vide it's NT Branch Circular No. 02 of 2010 (dated 8/09/2010), which had provision for annual review.

In view of further submission from the Andaman & Nicobar Sailing Vessels (SVs) Owner Association, recommendations of the Port Management Board, A&N Administration and a meeting held in the Directorate to review compliance of guidelines prescribed vide this Directorate's NT Branch Circular No. 02 of 2010, the Directorate hereby, issues revised guidelines as follows –

1. This consideration shall be limited to existing 15 sailing vessels (as per attached list) registered under the jurisdiction of MMD, Kolkata District and plying in A & N region only.
2. In the context of A&N Islands, the definition of coast may be considered to be 12 miles from Lowest Low Line of tide from such Islands.
3. Port Management Board, A&N Administration shall have to accept responsibility of dissemination of weather forecast and regulate plying of such SVs during fair and settled weather conditions, by way of limiting the port clearance during bad weather.

4. This vessels shall operate in close proximity of land, within 3 miles (as far as possible) from the eastern coast of A&N Islands, from the Peacock Island in the North to Hutbay Island in the South, during daylight conditions upto 1700 hrs (IST) only, after obtaining the Port Clearance.
5. For coastal voyages south of 11 Deg North and any other cross voyage, provision of MS Notice No. 28/2009 and DGS order No. 6 & 7 of 2009 shall apply in totality.
6. All such vessels shall be subjected to a general examinations by a MMD Surveyor prior to granting permission for operation during foul season with special emphasis on the general condition of the hull, bilge pumping arrangement and closing appliances including their effectiveness. However, if an Annual Inspection under MS (Sailing Vessels) Rules, 1997 has been carried out within the last 45 days, a fresh general examination prescribed herein, may not be made necessary.
7. If vessel intends to ply during both foul weather seasons, then the gap between the two inspections shall not be more than 6 months.
8. Standard patterns and type of cargoes to be loaded (approved cargo plan) shall be approved by the local MMD and the vessel Owner and Tindal shall ensure that standard pre-approved cargo carriage pattern (approved cargo plan) is strictly complied with, in order to maintain vessel's stability at all times. A self declaration from the Tindal/Owner stating compliance with stated standard pattern of cargo loading (approved cargo plan) will suffice.
9. Filing of Radio Station Licence (RSL) to concerned authorities may be acceptable for this season, i.e. upto 31st March 2012. The vessel owners shall in the mean time obtain RSL from the Ministry of Communication.
10. Government of India issued photo ID cards, which are acceptable/approved by A&N Administration while entering or leaving restricted areas of the ports may be acceptable in the interim period. However, sailing vessel crew members are strongly advised to obtain a passport, preferably within 6 months from issue of this guideline.
11. Considering the size of vessels and area of operation, with respect to safety equipment, radio communication and fire fighting appliances, following clarification/relaxation in checklist prescribed vide NT Branch Circular No. NT/LSA/03/2010, dated 03/11/2010 are hereby issued –

- i) Sr. No. 1. Fire pump - As per Rule 44 (1) (a) & 45 (1) of MS (FFA) Rules 1990, only one pump (portable diesel driven or a hand pump) capable of directing a jet of water in any part of the ship alongwith spray or combination nozzle are acceptable.
- ii) Sr. No. 12. 45 ltr Foam Extinguisher fitted with a hose length to effectively fight fire in all parts of machinery space – applicable if engine power is more than 375 kw. For engine power of below 375 kw, 2 Portable Foam extinguishers of 9 ltr capacity each per 150 kW engine power are to be carried in engine room.
- iii) Sr. No. 13. Fireman’s outfit with bellows/airhose type - only fireman’s outfit need to be carried (requirement of bellows/airhose air apparatus is exempt).
- iv) List A, Sr. No. 5. Lifeboat of Class C/wooden boat/ buoyant apparatus, of approved type, to accommodate all persons on board.
- v) Portable walkie-talkie: may be robust and reliable type having channel 16 and atleast 1 more marine channel to be able to communicate with vessels and shore VHF sets. Compliance with full IMO radio specification are not necessary.
- vi) ALRS vol. : only relevant page copies, duly updated need to be carried.
- vii) NAVTEX: the requirement does not apply (since vessels are less than 300GT).

This permission is subject to annual review and this circular supersedes earlier NT Branch Circular No. 02 of 2010 of even no. dated 08/09/2010.

This issues with the approval of the Director General of Shipping.

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Encl: List of 15 Sailing Vessels (dated 08/09/2010) of A&N region.

LIST OF SAILING VESSELS OF A&N ISLANDS REFERRED IN

NT BRANCH CIRCULAR NO. 02 OF 2010 DATED 08TH SEPTEMBER 2010

Sr. No.	Vessel Name	Owner	Company
1	MSV PALANI	Mr. P.L. Kumaraswamy	M/s. Kumar Trading Co.
2	MSV SAFINA AL GHELANI	Mr. P. Jayaraman	M/s. JAYTEE Shipping
3	MSV NOBLE SAPPHIRE	Mr. Nelson Prasad	M/s. Prasad Seaways
4	MSV OM SHAKTI	Mrs. Sumitra Devi	M/s. Jadwet Shipping Service
5	MSV SHIKHA	Mr. Nelson Prasad	M/s. Prasanta Shipping
6	MSV JESUS	Mr. Ishrat Jahan	M/s. Kaoling Industries
7	MSV FOLLOW JESUS	Mr. Mary Amali Jacklin	M/s. Junn Shipping
8	MSV DHUROPATHAL AMMAN	Mr. M.S. Thiruppathi	M/s. Junn Shipping
9	MSV AYASHA	Mr. Abdul Shamim	M/s. Junn Shipping
10	MSV MARIA JOTHI	Mr. Fiyaz Khan	M/s. HF Shipping
11	MSV KING JESUS	Mr. Abdul Khalil & Mr. Abdul Sattar	M/s. Exotic Seaways
12	MSV SAFINA	Mr. Ellon Hinengo Limited	M/s. Ellon Hinengo Ltd.
13	MSV ALQUSIA	Mr. Abdul Sameem	M/s. Island Trade Limited
14	MSV ALBUSMILA	Mr. Abdul Sameem	M/s. Island Trade Limited
15	MSV SAGAR	M/s. G.L. Shipping	M/s. G.L. Shipping