SOUTH AFRICAN MARITIME SAFETY AUTHORITY

SAFETY SURVEY CHECKLIST: CATEGORY C COMMERCIAL AND PLEASURE

The various Acts and Merchant Shipping (National Small Vessel Safety) Regulations place the onus on the owner and in some cases the master as well, to ENSURE that the vessel and the crew comply with the requirements of the regulations at all times.

PURPOSE: To *Assist and Guide* the Vessel Owner/Owner Representative to prepare the vessel for a Safety survey.

SAMSA SURVEYORS: To *ensure* that the Owner, Master and Crew comply with relevant Legislation as well as Industry Safety Standards, they do not act as vessel superintendent and therefore do not release the Owner, Master and Crew from their accountability and responsibility to ensure that the vessel complies with Legislation and Best Industry Practises.

OWNER/OWNERS REPRESENTATIVE DECLARATION:			
Vessel Name		Inspection Date	
Official Number		Length (m)	
Gross Tons		kW or HP	
I, being the responsible person for the abovementioned vessel, have read and completed the checklist, in preparation for the vessel's Safety Survey. I further understand that should the vessel not be ready for survey, the SAMSA SURVEYOR may terminate the survey/audit and that I will be invoiced as per SAMSA Policy.			
Responsible Person (Full Name)		Signature	

MSA Section 229. Surveyor may direct that defects be made good. —(1) If upon the inspection of a vessel a surveyor finds that the provisions of section 73 or 221 or of the maritime occupational safety regulations *are not being complied with*, or that the vessel is *not equipped* as required by the construction regulations, the lifesaving equipment regulations, the radio regulations, the collision regulations or any other applicable regulations which may have been made or not marked as required by the load line regulations, or that the equipment is not in good condition, or that the deck lines or load lines are *not being properly maintained*, or that the master and crew *cannot demonstrate* the related competency at their place or places of duty, he shall give notice in writing to that effect to the owner or master, pointing out the deficiencies or defects and requiring that they be made good. (2) A copy or every notice so given shall be transmitted by the surveyor to the proper officer at any port at which a clearance for that vessel may be requested, and a clearance shall not be granted, and the vessel shall be detained, until a certificate under the hand of a surveyor is produced stating that the deficiencies or defects have been supplied or made good.

APPLICATION:

Category C: **Vessels operating less than 15nm from shore**
Pleasure: **Vessels used solely for sport and recreation**
Commercial: **Vessels that are not pleasure vessels**

SAFE ACCESS	
SAMSA surveyors have instructions to issue a "prohibition order" requiring that all work on board be halted and access to the vessel be denied until safe access is provided to the satisfaction of the surveyor, this includes enclose space.	
ACCOMMODATION LADDERS AND GANGWAYS	Access equipment must be of good construction, sound material and adequate strength, free from patent defect and properly maintained. Gangways should not be used at an angle of more than 30° from the horizontal, unless designed and constructed for use at greater angles. Gangways should not be fixed to the ship's railings unless designed for such use. If rigged in an open section in the ship's bulwark or railings, any remaining gaps should be adequately fenced.

ABBREVIATIONS			
MSA	*Merchant Shipping Act, No57 of 1951*	NSVSR	Merchant Shipping (National Small Vessel Safety) Regulations, 2007

Please note that this document only covers the main issues, copies of the regulations and the amendments are published in both English and Afrikaans and may be purchased in Gazette form from the Government Printer, however, electronic copies (i.e. English text and already corrected with the latest amendments) of the regulations may be accessed from the SAMSA website: http://www.samsa.org.za/content/boating

WHO SHOULD SURVEY YOUR VESSEL?

The survey of small vessels is carried out by three (3) categories of persons:

1. SAMSA Employed Surveyors – Surveyors permanently employed by SAMSA for the execution of SAMSA's responsibility's
2. SAMSA Appointed Surveyors – Surveyors appointed by SAMSA to carry out surveys of small vessels on behalf of SAMSA.
3. Authorised Agency Safety Officers – Safety officers appointed by Authorised Agency's to carry out surveys of vessels operating at clubs affiliated to that authorised agency. As part of the Authorised Agency appointment, the Safety Officer authorisation is extended to the conduct of surveys of certain classes of small boats used for purposes of sport and recreation.

The scope of surveys carried out by the three categories of surveyors is summarised in the table below:

Description	Commercial Vessels[1] (Local General Safety Certificate)			Pleasure Vessels ≥ 9m (Certificate of Fitness)			Pleasure Vessels < 9m (Certificate of Fitness)		
	New Construction	Initial Survey	Periodic Survey	New Construction	Initial Survey	Periodic Survey	New Construction	Initial Survey	Periodic Survey
SAMSA Employed Surveyor	X	X	X	NR[5]	X	X[2]	NR[5]	X[2]	X[2]
SAMSA Appointed surveyor[3]			X[4]	NR[5]	X	X	NR[5]	X	X
Authorised Agency Appointed Safety Officer							NR[5]	X	X

Notes:

.1 A commercial vessel is any vessel which is required to be licenced and includes passenger vessels (Vessels carrying more than 12 persons).
.2 SAMSA surveyors would normally not carry out these surveys which should be carried out by "Appointed Surveyors" or "Safety Officers"
.3 The scope of responsibility of SAMSA appointed surveyors is clearly defined in their individual letter of appointment.
.4 "Appointed Surveyor" to obtain permission from a Principal Officer of the region prior to the conduct of these surveys (Report of Survey to be submitted to SAMSA office for issue of Local General Safety Certificate).
.5 Attendance during construction is not regulated (NR). It must however be noted that SAMSA **does not accept "Fait Accompli's"** ie. If a pleasure vessel is presented for licencing at a later stage, it would be required that compliance with the construction requirements of the small vessel regulations be proved.

HAVE YOU MODIFIED YOUR VESSEL?

Summary of modifications to vessel's construction, fittings or arrangements (if any).
Owner or Owner's Representative Name and Signature: