

MARINE SAFETY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

TIER I – POLICY

SMALL VESSEL COMPLIANCE PROGRAM – RECREATIONAL BOATING SCHOOLS

1 Policy Objective

- 1.1 This policy clarifies the requirements for vessels not more than 15 metres in length used by recreational boating schools (RBS) to deliver on-the-water training of recreational boaters.

2 Policy Statement

- 2.1 A vessel not more than 15 metres in length that meets the requirements of TP 15136, *Standard for Recreational Boating Schools*, may be used by an RBS to deliver on-the-water training of recreational boaters if the RBS has enrolled in the Small Vessel Compliance Program (SVCP) using Annex 2 of TP 15136.
- 2.2 It is the responsibility of the RBS owner or authorized representative to provide evidence that the vessel(s) and the school comply with TP 15136.
- 2.3 If the RBS owner or authorized representative cannot clearly demonstrate compliance with TP 15136, the vessel(s) shall be treated as non-pleasure vessel(s) and shall comply with the applicable non-pleasure vessel requirements under the *Canada Shipping Act, 2001* and regulations pursuant to the Act.
- 2.4 A vessel meeting the requirements of TP 15136 cannot be used for non-pleasure activities other than on-the-water training of recreational boaters. Activities such as passenger tours, fund-raising, etc. can only be carried out if the vessels are fully compliant with the applicable non-pleasure vessel requirements under the *Canada Shipping Act, 2001* and regulations pursuant to the Act.

3 Scope

- 3.1 This policy applies in respect of powered and/or sailing vessels operated by an RBS for the purposes of on-the-water training that
 - Are not more than 15 metres in length;
 - Carry no more than 12 students; and

- Are engaged on a Sheltered Waters Voyage, a Near Coastal Voyage, Class 2 or a Limited, Contiguous Waters Voyage.
- 3.2 Vessels used for sail training are outside the scope of this Policy, and should refer to TP 13313, *Standard Relating to Design, Construction and Operational Safety of Sail Training Vessels*.

4 Authority

- 4.1 This policy falls under the overall administrative authority of the Director General, Marine Safety and Security, and the Marine Safety and Security Executive (MSSE) committee has approved this policy for general application.

5 Responsibility/ further information

- 5.1 The Executive Director, Domestic Vessel Regulatory Oversight and Boating Safety, is accountable for the development, approval and maintenance of this policy.
- 5.2 The Manager, Small Vessels and Fishing Vessels (AMSDS), is the OPI for this policy.
- 5.3 The Regional Directors, Marine Safety and Security, are responsible for the implementation of this policy.
- 5.4 Comments or queries related to this policy and its application should be addressed to:

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6 Related Documents

- 6.1 TP 15136E, *Standard for Recreational Boating Schools* - RDIMS 1280525
- 6.2 PUBLICATION - TP13585 - PROCEDURE - SMALL VESSEL COMPLIANCE PROGRAM - RECREATIONAL BOATING SCHOOLS ENROLMENT (RDIMS 1873517)

7 Background

- 7.1 RBS provide on-the-water training of recreational boaters. The instruction, experience and testing offered by these RBS results in more knowledgeable and skilled recreational boaters. Courses may range from introductory to advanced levels.

- 7.2 The vessels used by RBS for on-the-water training purposes are not “pleasure craft” as defined in section 2 of the *Canada Shipping Act, 2001*.
- 7.3 Certain aspects of the construction and equipment requirements for passenger-carrying vessels or passenger vessels may not be relevant to all RBS vessels. This policy has been adopted to establish requirements that reflect the unique operational aspects of these vessels. This policy is meant to aid the RBS in providing a safe platform on which a structured training program may take place.
- 7.4 This policy was developed in close consultation with stakeholders with due consideration for safety.

8 Definition

- 8.1 “Recreational boating school” (RBS) means an organization that delivers on-the-water training in the safe use of recreational vessels propelled by power and/or sail.

9 Date of Application

- 9.1 This policy is effective from the date of approval by the Marine Safety and Security Executive.

10 Date for Review or Expiry

- 10.1 This policy will be reviewed twelve (12) months from the effective date and not less than every five (5) years thereafter.

11 RDIMS Reference

- 11.1 The English version of this document is saved in RDIMS under reference number 1280476. The applied naming convention is PUBLICATION - TP 13585 - POLICY - SMALL VESSEL COMPLIANCE PROGRAM - RECREATIONAL BOATING SCHOOLS.
- 11.2 La version française du présent document est dans le SGDDI et porte le numéro de référence 6796900. La règle d'affectation des noms est PUBLICATION - TP 13585 - POLITIQUE - PROGRAMME DE CONFORMITÉ DES PETITS BÂTIMENTS - ÉCOLES DE NAVIGATION DE PLAISANCE.
- 11.3 This is the first approved and finalized revision of the English version of this document.

12 Keywords

- Recreational boating schools (RBS)
- Small Vessel Compliance Program (SVCP)
- Pleasure craft

- Non-pleasure vessel
- Training
- TP 15136, *Standard for Recreational Boating Schools*