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### MARINA ENFORCEMENT SERVICE CONDUCTS CONSULTATIVE DIALOGUE WITH STAKEHOLDERS ON LIGTAS BIYAHENG DAGAT 2015

In line with the directive of Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) Administrator Maximo Q. Mejia, Jr., PhD to strictly enforce and intensify “**LIGTAS BIYAHENG DAGAT**” program and therefore ensure “safety and security measures” and “efficiency” in the country’s water transportation service, the Enforcement Service (ES) of MARINA conducts Consultative Dialogue with the different Maritime Stakeholders.

The consultative dialogue is the project of ES intended to promote proper safety culture onboard ships/passenger motor bancas operating in the domestic tradethroughout the country. The Consultative Dialogue aims to provide basic guidance in the conduct of compliance monitoring of ships with applicable MARINA rules and regulations.

The ES with the issuance of Special Order No. 018-15, conducted on 07 January 2015 a consultative dialogue with the officers and members of the Talim Island Motorboat and Patrons Association (TIPMOPA) in coordination with the Municipal Government of Binangonan Rizal, under Hon.Cecilio “Boyet” Ynares.

The meeting was headed by Atty. Herschel F. Magracia, Officer-In-Charge, ES and was attended by Vice Mayor Rey Dela Cuesta, Mr. Lorenzo Macalino, President of TIPMOPA and Ms. Belinda M. Collado, Municipal Administrator, Binangonan, Rizal and representatives from the Philippine Coast Guard.

During the dialogue several concerns were discuss, among them were the adoption of the passenger bill of rights, safety information campaign for passengers prior to boarding of motorboats.

TIPMOPA likewise requested to be allowed to sail even during storm signal no 1. TIPMOPA reason out that Laguna Lake was considered asprotected body of water, hence, they claim that their situation is different from those located in open sea.

It was stressed during the consultative dialogue that the primary concern of MARINA is to avoid unnecessary accident and the safety of life and property which are especially vulnerable during storm. MARINA further emphasized the need to comply with the safety and security measures during these times.

The ES assured that it would providethe LGU of Binangonan copies of relevant MARINA Circulars/Advisories for its drafting of Municipal Ordinances concerning safety of passenger motorbancas. In response the LGU and TIPMOPA guarantees that it would comply and adopt safety regulations being implemented by MARINA.

The conduct of the consultative dialogue on “**LigtasBiyahengDagat**” was successful through the efforts of, and coordination with, MARINA stakeholders and concerned government agencies.



Enforcement Service personnel with the members of Talim-Island Motorboat and Patrons Association (TIPMOPA)

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