

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 176

**To : DOMESTIC SHIP OWNERS/OPERATORS AND
MASTERS AND ALL OTHERS CONCERNED**

**Subject WEARING OR HOLDING OF LIFEJACKETS BY
PASSENGERS OF MOTORIZED BANCAS AND
SIMILAR WATER TRANSPORT CARRYING
PASSENGERS**

All Shipowners/ Operators/ Masters/ officials, agents or persons responsible for the boarding of passengers, on motorized boats and similar water transport carrier duly documented and authorized as passenger ships for domestic trade, *shall require all passengers to wear or hold their lifejackets as a compulsory/ mandatory procedure at all times* from boarding and/or prior to departure until disembarkation at the designated port, or when transferring to/ boarding another ship to enable them to reach the shore or port or other ships and during the voyage to the designated port of disembarkation.

Violations of the foregoing shall be subject to the penalties prescribed under the Public Service Act, as amended, and relevant MARINA Memorandum Circulars, specifically M.C. No. 123, and without prejudice to the suspension or cancellation of the ship's CPC/ PA/ SP.

All other provisions of MARINA M.C. No. 123 not inconsistent herewith shall remain in full force and effect.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect fifteen (15) days upon publication once in a newspaper of general circulation.

BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD:

ATTY. OSCAR M. SEVILLA
Administrator

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that this Memorandum Circular was approved during the **161st Regular Meeting** of the Maritime Industry Board held on **07 October 2002**.

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