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**TO : ALL MARINA REGIONAL OFFICES, MOTORBANCA OWNERS,
OPERATORS AND ALL CONCERNED**

**SUBJECT : INSTALLATION OF CANVASS AWNINGS / TARPAULINS
SUBJECT TO TECHNICAL AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS**

Pending the complete phase-out of wooden-hulled motorbancas carrying passengers, the installation of canvass awnings/tarpaulins on currently operating wooden-hulled motorbancas will be allowed but subject to the following specifications/conditions, in the interest of safety:

1. The MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE LENGTH of tarpaulin/canvass to be installed shall be fifty percent (50%) of the Length Overall (LOA) of the motorbanca.
2. The MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE WIDTH of tarpaulin/canvass to be installed shall be eighty percent (80%) of the Breadth of the motorbanca.
3. The tarpaulin/canvass shall be elevated to a maximum height of 1.80 meters from the uppermost part of the side shell and spread as much as possible straight horizontally.
4. The angle of inclination should not be more than fifteen degrees 15 degrees from the horizontal line.
5. No passengers are allowed to occupy portion above the machinery space up to the aft most part.
6. Both sides (port and starboard) of the motorbanca should have a minimum spacing in between post of 1.50 meter and minimum size of opening which is 1.00 meter x 1.00 meter.
7. For motorbancas with fixed shed, it shall be elevated to a height of 1.80 meters from the uppermost part of the side shell and spread up to the moulded breadth.

All other conditions on the safety limitations of said wooden-hulled motorbancas shall continue to be observed as follows:

1. Passengers shall be required to wear life jackets at all times throughout the voyage.
2. Motorbancas shall carry passengers only up to 75% of their authorized capacity.
3. All operations must only be from sunrise to sunset during fair weather condition.
4. Motorbancas shall be equipped with distress signal equipment.

This issuance shall be without prejudice to the implementation of the Transition Plan on the Phase-in / Phase out Program of wooden-hulled motorbancas as proposed by boat cooperatives/owners of respective MARINA Regional offices.

For dissemination and strict compliance.


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