



2020 STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION





ABOUT THE REPORT

This report shall provide the readers with adequate information on the actual accomplishments of the Agency, which include the following:

- **Policy Accomplishments**, which cover publications such as Memorandum Circulars and Advisories;
- **Statistical Report**, which covers all issuances of the Agency for the Calendar Year;
- **Performance Indicators based on the General Appropriations Act (GAA) 2020**; and
- **Other significant accomplishments of the agency** which significantly impacts the Industry.

BACKGROUND

By virtue of Presidential Decree No. 474, otherwise known as the Maritime Industry Decree of 1974, the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) was established on 01 June 1974 to integrate the development, promotion and regulation of the maritime industry in the country.

Throughout the years, and currently spearheaded by the Administrator, VADM Robert A Empedrad AFP (Ret), the MARINA remains faithful in maintaining its thrust of providing service to the stakeholders, particularly the seafarers, shipowners & other maritime-related entities by providing quality service and implementing practicable and coordinated policies, projects and programs which aims to improve the overall contributions of the maritime industry throughout the country.

MARINA, guided by the 10-Year Maritime Industry Development Plan (MIDP) which was pursuant to Section 5 of PD 474, which serves as a blueprint for the accelerated development of the Philippine maritime sector in order to realize its vital role in national development and global competitiveness.

I. KEY POLICY ISSUANCES

In 2020, the agency has issued and published a total of 14 policies in the form of Memorandum Circulars. Seven (7) of which relate to ships and seven (7) on seafarers. In relation to the publications as above-mentioned, the Board approved nine (9) more MCs formulated by the Agency for publication.

On top of these accomplishments, MARINA has also issued a total of 98 MARINA Advisories, this number has significantly ballooned as compared to the past year as most of these Advisories are published in line with the agency's efforts to address the



pressing issues brought about by the implementation of community quarantines due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The tally of the policies accomplished is 121, comprised of Memorandum Circulars and Advisories, significantly higher than the targeted commitment of 16 policies under the Program Expenditure Classification (PREX-C).

Memorandum Circulars

Memorandum Circulars are issuances prescribing policies, rules and regulations and procedures promulgated pursuant to law, applicable to individuals and organizations outside the Government and designed to supplement provisions of the law or to provide means for carrying them out, including information relating thereto.

As earlier mentioned, the Agency secured the approval of 14 policies. These policies are also classified into three (3) major components: ***Ships, Seafarers and Systems***.

For CY 2020, the MARINA secured the approval of the Board on the following policies:

Domestic Shipping

To provide aid for the government in providing food security for the people in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, MARINA has issued **Memorandum Circular No. DS-2020-01 on the Implementing Guidelines of the Department Order No. 2020-07 Directing All Domestic Shipping Lines to Provide Cargo Space Allocation for Agricultural and Food Products and Providing for Preferential Cargo Rates.**

Another published policy was **MC No. MS 2020-01 “Revised Rules on the Accreditation of Classification Societies and Entities for the Purpose of Classification of Ships in the Domestic Trade”** which intends to monitor the performance of local classification societies (LCS) on classification services to ensure the safe operation of all Philippine-registered ships.

The MARINA also published **MC No. MS 2020-02, “Rules on the Conduct of Oversight Function of MARINA in the Delegation of Authority to Recognized Organization as Flag State Administration”** which aims to establish an oversight programme and monitoring measures of MARINA over Recognized Organizations (ROs) acting on its behalf in the performance of statutory and certification services.

The **Revised Rules on the Accreditation of Maritime Enterprises**, formulated to regulate and supervise maritime enterprises in terms of formulating policies to encourage the development of all industries relating to maritime industry. This Memorandum Circular was approved by the Board last 27 October 2020.



The **Revised Rules on the Grant of Missionary Route Status**, approved by the Board on its meeting dated 26 November 2020. This policy provides the rules in the availment of incentives granted to vessels, either RORO or other types of vessels, operating in missionary routes;

The **Philippine Ship Safety Rules and Regulations (PSSRR) for Passenger Ships 500GT and Above and Below 500GT**, approved last 26 November 2020 shall ensure that all Philippine-registered passenger ships, RORO ships, fast craft are designed, constructed, maintained, operated and inspected in accordance with the standards on maritime security, safety of life and property at sea and protection of marine environment; and

The **Revised Rules and Regulations on Safe Manning for Ships Operating in the Philippine Waters** was also approved by the Board on 26 November 2020. This Memorandum Circular mandates that all Philippine-registered ships operating in Philippine waters are appropriately manned to ensure the safety and security of ships, safe navigation and operations at sea and even in ports, prevention of human injury or loss of life, avoidance of damage to marine environment and property and ensure the welfare and health of seafarers through avoidance of fatigue.

Overseas Shipping

An amendatory policy on MARINA Circular No. 2013-04 or otherwise known as the **“Omnibus Rules on the Issuance of Special Permit for the Temporary Utilization of Philippine-registered Domestic Ships to Operate in International Voyages”** was published as **Memorandum Circular No. OS 2020-01** to ensure the consistency of the former MC with recent regulations.

Shipbuilding and Ship Repair

To prescribe standards and requirements for the registration and licensing of all entities engaged in shipbreaking and ship repair and guidelines in the preparation of ship for dismantling, scrapping and recycling to prevent environmental, occupational, health and safety risks, **Memorandum Circular No. SR 2020-01** was issued last 28 May 2020, otherwise known as **“Rules and Regulations Relating to Registration and Licensing of Shipbreaking/Ship Recycling Facilities and for Other Purposes”**.

Further, in compliance with Annex IV of MARPOL 73/78, as amended, the **Rules and Regulations on the Construction of Tank and Installation of Equipment to Collect, Store and Treat Sewage from Ships** was published and issued as **SR-2020-02**. This policy seeks to promote effective control of all sources of marine pollution by ensuring that all Philippine-registered Ships have an adequate design facility for Sewage Treatment Plants.



In line with the efforts of the Agency to modernize the Philippine domestic merchant fleet and to prescribe rules on the construction and certification of vessels using composite materials, **Memorandum Circular No. SR 2020-03** entitled “**Rules on the Construction and Certification of Vessels Using Composite Materials**” was issued which ensures that all vessels constructed using composite materials are in accordance with the safety and environmental standards implemented by the Administration.

To promote Philippine flag registry and strengthen the maritime administration through ratification and implementation of international maritime instruments and restructuring of MARINA, intended to be published as **Memorandum Circular No. SR 2020-04** otherwise known as the “**Rules and Regulations on the Application of Anti-Fouling Paints and Systems in All Philippine-registered Ships in Compliance with the International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-Fouling Systems in Ships otherwise known as AFS Convention**” was approved last October 2020 by the Board. This policy aims to protect the marine environment by resolving issues pertaining to “organotin compounds” in anti-fouling systems.

A policy prescribed to fully implement IMO instruments, particularly the BWM Convention and to address issues and concerns relating to the increasing rate of bio-invasions due to uncontrolled spread of non-indigenous species coming from ships’ ballast water and sediments which causes harm in marine ecosystems, a Memorandum Circular on the “**Rules and Regulations on the Control and Management of Ships’ Ballast Water and Sediments in Compliance to the Ballast Water Management Convention**”. This policy was approved by the Board last 27 October 2020 and is targeted to be published as **Memorandum Circular No. 2020-05**.

Lastly, intended to be published as **Memorandum Circular No. SR-2020-06**, the “**Rules and Regulations on the Mandatory Use of 0.50% m/m Sulphur Limit on Fuel Oil for All Philippine Ships in Compliance with Annex VI of MARPOL 73/78, as amended**” was approved by the Board last 26 November 2020. This memorandum Circular aims to resolve issues regarding the emission of Sulphur Oxides (SO_x) from ships due to its fuel.

Seafarers

To promote safety and security at sea, two (2) policies relating to the conduct of assessment of competence of seafarers onboard ships, namely the “**Rules and Regulations on the Assessment of Competence of Seafarers Onboard Fishing Vessels in Philippine Waters**” and “**Rules and Regulations on the Assessment of Competence of Seafarers Onboard Merchant Ships below 500GT or with Engine Propulsion Power (EPP) below 750kW in Philippine Waters**” were published as **Memorandum Circular Nos. MD 2020-01 and MD 2020-03**, respectively. These policies were segregated based on the ships involved (fishing and merchant ships) and were implemented to ensure that all seafarers are able to meet the required competence in the performance of their duties while onboard vessels.



Pursuant to the Philippine Fishing Vessel Safety Rules and Regulations (PFVSRR) of 2018, **Memorandum Circular Nos. MD 2020-02 and MD 2020-04** were issued to prescribe rules and regulations for the **issuance of Domestic Certificate of Competency and Domestic Certificate of Proficiency for ratings onboard fishing vessels and merchant ships**. MC No. MD 2020-02 was particularly issued for ratings onboard fishing vessels (DCOC-F and DCOP-F) while MC No. 2020-01 cover ratings onboard merchant ships (DCOC and DCOP). These policies are issued to enhance the system of issuance of the following certificates and ensure that all seafarers onboard merchant ships and fishing vessels are certificated and medically fit to perform their functions while onboard.

Amendatory policies on Memorandum Circular No. SC 2019-01 relating to the rules and mandatory minimum requirements in the assessment of competence of seafarers were issued as **Memorandum Circular Nos. SC 2020-02 and SC 2020-03**. These MCs specifically amends the transitory provisions of MC Nos. 2018-08 and 2018-09 as provided in MC No. SC 2019-01. Further, a policy entitled “**Amendment to MC No. SC 2020-02 on the Revised Rules and Mandatory Minimum Requirements in the Assessment of Competence of Seafarers under the Relevant Provisions of Chapters II, III and IV of the STCW Convention, 1978 as amended**” is yet to be issued but was approved by the Board last 14 December 2020 is still for publication. In connection to the above-mentioned MCs, this approved policy again aims to amend the transitory provision of Memorandum Circular No. SC 2020-02.

Under Section 5 of RA No. 10635 and Section 6.10 of its Implementing rules and Regulations which established MARINA as the Philippines’ Single Maritime Administration responsible for the implementation and enforcement of the 1978 International Convention on STCW for Seafarers, the MARINA established the STCW Advisory Council by virtue of **Memorandum Circular No. SC-2020-01** which provides for the specific duties, responsibilities and organization of the STCW Advisory Council.

There are two (2) more policies relating to seafarers that are yet to be published, particularly the following:

The **Revised Rules and Regulations in the Accreditation of Maritime Training Institutions (MTIs) to Offer Approved Maritime Training Courses (MTCs) for Seafarers Onboard Domestic Ships** which prescribe the rules and regulations and minimum mandatory requirements for the accreditation of MTIs and inspection and approval of MTCs offered to domestic seafarers. This Memorandum Circular was approved by the Board last 27 October 2020.

With the same date of approval, **the Revised Rules and Regulations in the Conduct of Monitoring of Maritime Training Institutions (MTIs) Offering Maritime Training Courses (MTCs) for Seafarers Onboard Domestic Ships** was formally approved by the Board and is currently under the process of publication. This MC provides guidelines,



procedures, rules and regulations in the conduct of monitoring of training and assessment systems of Maritime Training Institutions (MTIs) offering courses to seafarers.

Advisories

The Advisories issued by MARINA is composed of (1) MARINA Advisories, (2) Flag State Advisories and (3) STCW Advisories. As compared to the past year it is noteworthy that the number of issuances had significantly increased as there are various issuances published mostly in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the implementation of various community quarantine guidelines.

In total, the Agency published and implemented 99 Advisories throughout CY 2020.

Advisories in Response to Covid-19

76 Advisories were in response to address the pressing issues brought about the COVID-19 pandemic, these Advisories are:

1. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-04 – Adoption of Necessary Measures to Prevent, Monitor and Report the Spread of Novel Corona Virus (NCoV)

Reminds all ship owners and ship operators to include specific guidelines pertaining to the coordination with the Department of Health on the employment of standard operating procedures to monitor and report suspected cases of NCoV and capacitate officers and crew with knowledge and skills necessary for the reporting, monitoring and prevention of NCoV (Published on 23 January 2020)

2. Flag State Advisory No. 2020-06 – Additional Precautionary Measures to Ensure the Safety of Filipino Seafarers Onboard Ships Engaged in International Voyages

Provides additional guidelines for all shipping companies operating Philippine-flagged ships engaged in international voyages regarding precautionary measures to prevent further spread in light of the outbreak of the 2019 Novel Corona Virus (NCoV) (Published on 03 February 2020)

3. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-08 – Guidance Concerning Filipino Seafarers Onboard Vessels Affected by Restrictions in Connection with the 2019-nCoV Outbreak

In consideration to the recent outbreak of the 2019-nCoV, this advisory provides information on the MARINA's authority to issue the necessary dispensation permits upon the application of their respective manning / crewing agencies and shipping companies pursuant to MARINA Circular No. 2011-02 for the disembarkation of



seafarers on Philippine-flagged vessels whose STCW certificates shall expire while they are onboard or during their voyage.

This advisory likewise informs all local ship management and manning companies to immediately report their affected vessels to MARINA in order for the Agency to extend necessary assistance to Filipino Seafarers with expiring certificates. The Masters of concerned vessels are also enjoined to provide written statements from the Port or Immigration Authorities in case disembarkation are not permitted due to the virus outbreak. (Published on 11 February 2020)

4. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-09 – International Maritime Organization (IMO) Circular Letter Nos. 4203 and 4204 on Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)

Aims to increase awareness and inform all concerned to observe precautionary measures included in the above-mentioned Circulars from published by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) (Published on 11 February 2020)

5. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-12 – International Maritime Organization (IMO) Circular Letter No. 4204/Add.1 on COVID-19 – Implementation and Enforcement of Relevant IMO Instruments

Furnishes all Flag State Authorities, Port State Authorities, Shipowners, Bareboat Charterers, Ship Operators/Manages/Masters of Philippine-registered Overseas Ships, Manning Agencies, and Filipino Seafarers Onboard with a circular of the IMO requiring cooperation in preventing unnecessary restrictions or delay caused to ships, persons, and property onboard to any ports of entry amidst the rapid outbreak of COVID-19 (Published on 06 March 2020)

6. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-13 – Extension of Validity of STCW Certificates of Filipino Seafarer Onboard Vessel who are Affected of the Rising Tension in the Middle East and Outbreak of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus

Provides notice to all seafarers, shipowners, shipping companies, port state control and flag state authorities, manning/crewing agencies and others concerned on the extension of validity of STCW certificates of Filipino seafarers affected by the rising tension in the Middle East and outbreak of 2019 Novel Coronavirus for a period not exceeding two (2) months from their date of expiration (Published on 11 March 2020)

7. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-14 – Implementing Guidelines in view of the Declaration of Code Red Sublevel Two (2) for the COVID-19

Provides notice on the omnibus guidelines to be observed as regards the operations and work arrangements of the Agency; conduct of training courses, assessments and examinations affecting seafarers; validity of STCW certificates



and Seafarer's Record Book (SRB); and processing of ship and seafarer-related applications in view of the declaration of Code Red Sub-level Two (2) for COVID-19 (Published on 13 March 2020)

8. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-15 – Joint Statement of the World Health Organization and the International Maritime Organization on the Response to the COVID-19 Outbreak and Guidance on Operational Considerations for Managing the Disease Onboard Ships

Provides information to all concerned government agencies, Flag State Authorities, Port State Authorities, Shipowners, Bareboat Charterers, Ship Operators/Manages/Masters of Philippine-registered Overseas Ships, Manning Agencies, and Filipino Seafarers Onboard on compliance with the requirements of "free pratique" for ships and "Operational Considerations for Managing COVID-19 Cases/Outbreak Onboard Ships" (Published on 10 March 2020)

9. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-16 – Seafarer-related Guidelines in view of the Declaration of the Enhanced Community Quarantine in the Entire Luzon and Other Areas

Provides notice to all manning/shipping companies, owners and operators, stakeholders, seafarers, and others concerned on the guidelines relating to the issuance of certificates, identification cards, and record books; conduct of training, examinations, and assessments; accreditation; and public assistance in view of the declaration of enhanced community quarantine in entire Luzon (Published on 10 March 2020)

10. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-17 – Implementing Guidelines in view of the Declaration of the Enhanced Community Quarantine in Luzon

Provides notice to all shipping companies/owners/operators, stakeholders and others concerned on the guidelines to be implemented by the Agency after the declaration of enhanced community quarantine in Luzon from 17 March to 13 April 2020 related to passenger and cargo sea transport and filing and processing of applications (Published on 17 March 2020)

11. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-18 – Extension of Reglementary Period for Filing of Motions for Reconsideration, Appeals, Petitions and Other Relevant Pleadings in All Pending Cases

Provides notice to all manning/shipping companies, owners, operators, stakeholders, seafarers and others concerned that, in view of the declaration of enhanced community quarantine in entire Luzon and other areas, scheduled hearing and resolution of cases is suspended until further notice and deadlines for filing motions for reconsideration, appeals or petitions with MARINA shall be



extended for thirty (30) calendar days reckoned from 15 April 2020 (Published on 20 March 2020)

12. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-19 – Guidelines in the Implementation and Control of Domestic Shipping Rates during Public Health Emergency

Provides guidelines for all domestic shipping companies, ship owners/operators/charterers, and others concerned to maintain the authorized cargo and freight rates prior to the enforcement of enhanced community quarantine and declaration of public health emergency due to COVID-19 and provide necessary shipping services to meet emergency sealift requirements or for the promotion of public interest (Published on 25 March 2020)

13. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-20 – Guidance on the Processes at the Domestic Shipping Service (DSS) in view of the Enhanced Community Quarantine

Provides notice to all shipping companies, ship operators, ship importers, ship charterers and other concerned stakeholders of MARINA Domestic Shipping Service on the filing and processing of applications, payment of processing fees, and releasing of documents in view of the observance of work-from-home scheme from 16 March to 14 April due to the enhanced community quarantine throughout Luzon (Published on 25 March 2020)

14. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-21 – Extension of Payment of Discounted Annual Tonnage Fee for C.Y. 2019

Provides notice to all shipping companies, ship operators, ship charterers and others concerned on the extended period of payment of discounted annual tonnage fee from 31 March to 25 June 2020 and the continuing effectivity of the provisions relating to schedule of payments under MARINA Circular No. 07 (Published on 26 March 2020)

15. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-22 – Assistance to Seafarers Affected by Enhanced Community Quarantine

Enjoins all manning and shipping agencies and ship owners and operators to coordinate with concerned government agencies for the provision of all possible assistance to stranded seafarers during the enhanced community quarantine and directs the same to provide information to the Agency for provision of appropriate intervention on any concern affecting Filipino seafarers (Published on 26 March 2020)



16. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-23 – Further Extension of Validity of STCW Certificates of Filipino Seafarers Currently Serving Onboard Seagoing Ships Amid Challenges Caused by COVID-19

Provides notice to all seafarers, shipowners, shipping companies, port state control and flag state authorities, manning/crewing agencies and others concerned on the further extension of validity of STCW certificates that have expired or about to expire from 13 March to 31 May 2020 of Filipino seafarers onboard seagoing ships affected by the increasing number of COVID-19 cases for six (6) months from their dates of expiration (Published on 06 April 2020)

17. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-25 – Extension of Statutory Certificates Issued by MARINA and its Recognized Organizations (ROs) as a Temporary Contingency Measure during the COVID-19 Pandemic

Informs all IMO Member States; Flag and Port State Authorities; other concerned government agencies; shipowners/operators/managers/masters, bareboat charterers, and Filipino seafarers onboard Philippine-registered overseas ships; manning agencies; and other concerned entities on the extension of validity of statutory certificates issued by MARINA and its Recognized Organizations (ROs) in light of the COVID-19 pandemic until 31 May 2020 (Published on 09 April 2020)

18. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-26 – Guidelines for Seafarers Onboard Ships operating in Philippine Waters Amid Challenges Caused by COVID-19 Pandemic

Informs all shipowners/operators, shipping companies, manning agencies, seafarers onboard ships within Philippine waters, and others concerned on further extension of validity of Seafarer's Record Book (SRB) or Seafarer's Identification and Record Book (SIRB) and domestic seafarer certificates due to expire between 13 March and 31 May 2020 for six (6) months from the dates of their expiration; online processing of related applications; and temporary suspension of examinations for the issuance of Certificate of Marine Profession (CMP) until the lifting of community quarantine (Published on 14 April 2020)

19. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-27 – Extension of SIRB/SRB Validity for the Duration of the Enhanced Community Quarantine

Clarifies to all manning agencies, shipping companies, shipowners/operators, Filipino seafarers, and others concerned (Published on 20 April 2020) the application of further extension of validity of Seafarer's Record Book (SRB) or Seafarer's Identification and Record Book (SIRB) and domestic seafarer certificates due to expire between 13 March and 31 May 2020 for six (6) months



to both domestic and overseas seafarers without the need to file an application for their renewal (Published on 20 April 2020)

20. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-29 – Guidelines on the Resumption of Operation of Passenger Ships in Areas under General Community Quarantine (GCQ) and Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ)

Provides information to all shipping companies, ship operators, ship charterers, and all others concerned on the general, onshore, and onboard guidelines to be observed for the resumption of operation of passenger ships in areas under General and Enhanced Community Quarantine. (Published on 30 April 2020)

21. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-30 – Further Extension of Statutory Certification and Services as a Temporary Contingency Measure during the COVID-19 Pandemic

Provides further information on MARINA Advisory No. 2020-25 to all IMO Member States; Flag and Port State Authorities; other concerned government agencies; shipowners/operators/managers/masters, bareboat charterers, and Filipino seafarers onboard Philippine-registered overseas ships; manning agencies; and other concerned entities on the extension of validity of statutory certificates issued by MARINA and its Recognized Organizations (ROs) until 31 May 2020 and the conduct of surveys, audits, repairs, and dry-docking of Philippine-registered ships engaged in international voyages until 30 November 2020, subject to further extension as may be deemed necessary by the MARINA (Published on 05 May 2020)

22. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-31 – Guidelines in the Hearing of Cases during Public Health Emergency

Notifies all domestic shipping companies, shipowners/operators/charterers, and others concerned on the guidelines to be observed in filing applications and petitions with and submission of pleadings to the MARINA Franchising Service as well as the conduct of hearings upon resumption of regular working operations, subject to safety protocols and other measures on the prevention of COVID-19 transmission (Published on 07 May 2020)

23. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-32 – Guidelines in the Revalidation of STCW Certificates on Account of COVID-19

Informs all seafarers, manning/shipping companies, maritime training institutions, assessment centers, and others concerned on the guidelines in the online application for revalidation of STCW certificates without required refresher training and/or practical assessment of competence until 31 July 2020 (Published on 11 May 2020)



24. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-33 – Guidelines on the Resumption of Operations of Shipbuilding, Ship Repair, Boatbuilding, Afloat Ship Repair / Service Contractors, Shipbreaking Entities in Areas Under General Community Quarantine (GCQ)

Provides guidelines on the resumption of operations of entities involved in shipbuilding, ship repair, boatbuilding, afloat ship repair and ship breaking entities in line with the transition of some areas from ECQ to GCQ. (Published 14 May 2020)

25. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-34 – Guidelines on the Compulsory Insurance Coverage for Passengers under Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) and General Community Quarantine (GCQ)

Provides guidelines on the availment of compulsory insurance coverage for passengers / cargoes in line with the resumption of operations of passenger ships in areas under General Community Quarantine (GCQ) and Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ). (Published 14 May 2020)

26. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-35 – Additional Protocols on Minimum Passenger Service Standards under MC 134, 65/65A and MS 2018-18 to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Pandemic

Provides additional guidelines on the minimum passenger service standards under MCs 164, 65/65-A & MS 2018-18, including the implementation of social distancing, constant disinfection of common areas and submission of new passenger accommodation plan in line with the adoption of the “New Normal”. (Published on 14 May 2020)

27. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-36 – Provisional Extension of Validity of Training Course Approval and Accreditation of Assessment Centers during Enhanced Community Quarantine due to Coronavirus Disease 2019 and Submission of Post-Enhanced Community Quarantine Operation Plan

Informs all concerned of the provisional extension of the expired training course approval of Maritime Training Institutions and accreditation of Assessment Centers that are expired or are expiring for the period of 01 March to 31 July for up to six (6) months from the date of expiry. (20 May 2020)



28. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-37 – Addendum to MARINA Advisory 2020-32 “Guidelines in the Revalidation of STCW Certificates on Account of COVID-19”

Provides an addendum to MARINA Advisory No. 2020-32 to enable seafarers who are currently serving onboard ships to file an application for the revalidation of their STCW certificates through the MARINA Integrated Seafarers Management Online (MISMO) System. (Published on 20 May 2020)

29. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-38 - Personal Protective Equipment under IMO Circular Letter No. 4204 / Add. 15 (06 May 2020)

Provides information and guidance on the safe and effective use of personal protective equipment (PPE) as recommended by the World Health Organization (WHO) and use of PPEs in the context of COVID-19 in the maritime sector. (Published on 22 May 2020)

30. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-39 - Amendment to STCW Advisory No. 2019-08 Extending Further Deadline to Complete and Pass the Assessment of Competence of Seafarers under STCW Circular Nos. 2014-08 to 2014-13, 2016-13 and 2016-17 (Old System)

Informs all concerned on the amendment to MARINA policies in line with the declaration of Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) due to COVID-19, which particularly extend deadlines set to complete and pass theoretical and practical assessments of seafarers. (Published on 28 May 2020)

31. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-40 - COVID-19 Related Guide in Establishing Safety Control Measures and Reducing Risk and Ensuring a Safe Shipboard Interface between Ship and Shore-Based Personnel

Advises all concerned to partake specific measures on the COVID-19 related guidelines to ensure safety on shipboard interface between ship and shore-based personnel in consideration to the “Hierarchy of Controls as a Guide to Establishing Effective Safety Control Measures and Reducing Risk”. (Published on 22 May 2020)

32. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-42 – Extension of Deadlines for Seafarers with Expiring Theoretical Examination Records

Provides notice to all eligible examinees as prescribed under STCW Nos. 2014-08 to 13 and 2016-17 who has exceeded the two (2) years prescribed period to complete and pass the theoretical examination shall be given three (3) months extension to take the same examination as a response to the disruptions due to the COVID-19 pandemic. (Published on 11 June 2020)



33. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-43 – Addendum to MARINA Advisory Nos. 2020-26 and 2020-27 on the Provisional Extension of SIRB / SRB Validity for Seafarers Currently Onboard Ships Operating in Both Domestic and Overseas Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

Notifies all seafarers and all other related entities that the validity of Seafarer's Record Book (SRB) and Seafarer's Identification and Record Book (SIRB) of all seafarers currently serving onboard ships operating in both domestic and overseas which are scheduled to expire between 01 June 2020 to 30 June 2020 shall be provisionally extended until 31 December 2020. (Published on 05 June 2020)

34. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-44 - Addendum to MARINA Advisory No. 2020-23 on the Extension of Validity of STCW Certificates

Provides information on the extension of validity for a period of six (6) months of all STCW Certificates expired or expiring between 01 June 2020 to 30 June 2020. (Published on 11 June 2020)

35. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-45 - Extension of Passport Validity

Advises all concerned on guidelines on the extension of validity of passports for Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs), including seafarers who are onboard ships trading internationally. (Published on 10 June 2020)

36. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-46- Registration of Deck, Engine and Other Logbooks of Philippine Registered Overseas Ships and Payment of Processing Fee

Notifies all shipowners, shipping companies and all other entities concerned that the MARINA shall issue letters of approval for the registration of logbook, instead of the usual stamping of logbook for Philippine Overseas Ships in order not to disrupt the regulatory functions of MARINA amidst the implementation of General Community Quarantine (GCQ). (Published on 30 June 2020)

37. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-47- Extension of Time to Submit the Annual Report of Finances and Operations (ARFO) for CY 2019

Provides information to all shipping companies, ship operators, ship charterers and all others concerned that the mandatory submission of the Annual Report of Finances and Operations to the MARINA shall be extended until 30 July 2020. (Published on 01 July 2020)



38. MARINA Advisory No.2020-48 - Further Amendment of MARINA Advisory No. 2020-43 on the Provisional Extension of SIRB/SRB Validity for Seafarers Currently Onboard Ships Operating in Both Domestic and Overseas Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

Amends MA No. 2020-43 to include Seafarer's Record Book or Seafarer's Identity Record Book expiring between 13 March (Published on 03 July 2020)

39. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-49 - Procedural Documentary Requirements for Expedite Processing of Seafarer's Record Book (SRB) and Seafarer's Identification Document (SID) amid COVID-19 Pandemic

Provides guidelines and outlines all documentary requirements for expedite processing for applications of Seafarer's Record Book (SRB) and Seafarer's Identification Document (SID) amidst the pandemic. (Published on 03 July 2020)

40. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-50 - Extension of Validity of STCW Certificates

Informs all concerned that the validity of STCW Certificates which expired and will expire during the period of 01 June to 31 July shall be extended for six (6) months from the date of expiry without having to file for an application to the office. (Published on 03 July 2020)

41. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-51 - Additional Information on Passenger Manifest Required under MC 180 for Additional Measures for Contact Tracing

As a supplemental requirement under MC 180, this Advisory requires all passengers to provide additional information to ease the process of contact tracing, which shall be recorded thru a web-based document. (Published on 26 June 2020)

42. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-52 - Guiding Principles (Step-based Approach) Developed by International Association of Classification Societies (IACS) regarding Surveys and Renewals of Certificates during the COVID-19 Pandemic

Provides the guidelines in deciding whether specific statutory certificates issued by MARINA is qualified to be extended for MARINA by three (3) months or not. The advisory also outlines the process to be adopted as the guiding principles (step-based approach) developed by IACS. (Published on 02 July 2020)



43. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-53 - Extension of the Submission Annual Audited Financial Statements of Philippine Overseas Shipping Companies and other Maritime Entities for Year 2019

Informs all shipping companies of the extension of the deadline of submission of annual audited financial statements for CY 2019 until 15 August 2020. (Published on 06 July 2020)

44. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-54 - Implementing Guidelines of the DO No. 2020-007 Directing All Shipping Lines to provide Cargo Space Allocation for Agricultural and Food Products and Providing for Preferential Cargo Rates Therefor

Provides the guidelines for all shipping lines in providing space allocation for agricultural and food products on their respective ships to ensure uninterrupted food supply for the entire Philippines during the COVID-19 pandemic. (Published on 22 July 2020)

45. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-55 - Rules on the Operation of Passenger and Cargo Ships in the Domestic Shipping during Community Quarantine

Provides guidelines on the operation of cargo and passenger ships under GCQ and ECQ prescribed by the IATF-EID. (Published on 03 August 2020)

46. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-56 - Extension of Validity of STCW Certificates

Informs all concerned that the validity of STCW Certificates which expired and will expire during the period of 01 August to 31 August shall be extended for six (6) months from the date of expiry without having to file for an application to the office. (Published on 24 July 2020)

47. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-57 - Seafarer-related Guidelines in view of the Declaration of MECQ in Metro Manila, Cavite, Laguna, Rizal and Bulacan

Issues guidelines on the following areas under MECQ with regard to the (1) Issuance of STCW Certificates, (2) Issuance of Seafarers Record Book and Other MDS-related Issuances, (3) Conduct of Training and Assessment, and (4) Approval of Course Programs and Accreditation of Assessment Centers. (Published on 03 August 2020)



48. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-58 - Amendment to MARINA Advisory No. 2020-48 Extending the Coverage of Expiring SIRB/SRB for Seafarers Currently Onboard Ships Operating Both in Domestic and Overseas during COVID-19 Pandemic

Provides notice to all concerned stakeholders on the Amendment to MARINA Advisory No. 2020-48 which pertains to the provisional extension of validity of all SIRB and SRB expiring onboard between 13 March to 31 August. (Published on 07 August 2020)

49. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-59 - Addendum to MARINA Advisory 2020-36 on Conduct of Training during General Community Quarantine (GCQ)

Notifies all MTIs and ACs that they shall be allowed to implement Blended Learning Mode of training and be given a provisional authority valid for six (6) months, provided that the same secured an approval of their Post Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) Operation and that their institutions has complied with the guidelines stipulated under "Annex A" of this Advisory. (Published on 10 August 2020)

50. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-61 - IMO Circulars Providing Guidelines on Crew Changes during COVID-19 Pandemic

Informs all concerned of 11 policies issued by the IMO specifically to recommend guidelines / protocols to ensure safe ship crew changes and travel during the COVID-19 pandemic. (Published on 16 July 2020)

51. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-62 - Guidelines for the Establishment of the Philippines Green Lane to Facilitate the Speedy and Safe Travels of Seafarers, Including their Safe and Swift Disembarkation, and Crew Change During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Provides guidelines on the establishment of the Philippines' Green Lane to give attention to the recommended framework of protocols for ensuring safe ship crew changes and travels during the COVID-19 pandemic as prescribed by the IMO. (Published on 16 July 2020)

52. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-63 - Revalidation of STCW Certificates of Filipino Seafarers Amid Challenges Caused by COVID-19

Provides notice to all seafarers who are scheduled for deployment within 10 calendar days from the date of application on the guidelines for the revalidation of their respective Certificates of Competency (COC) and Certificates of Proficiency (COP) valid for one (1) year. (Published on 14 August 2020)



53. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-64 - Extension of Validity of STCW Certificates

Informs all concerned that the validity of STCW Certificates which expired and will expire during the period of 01 September to 31 October shall be extended for six (6) months from the date of expiry without having to file for an application to the office. (Published on 14 August 2020)

54. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-65 - Heightened Safety and Security Measures

Provides notice to all shipowners, operators and all others concerned to implement heightened safety and security measures to ensure safety of the riding public, employees / personnel and facilities in view of the bombing incidents in Jolo, Sulu last 24 August 2020. (Published on 25 August 2020)

55. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-66 - Further Extension of the Validity of STCW Certificates as a Temporary Contingency Measure Amidst the COVID-19 Pandemic

Informs all concerned that expiring MARINA STCW Certificates between the period of 01 September to 31 December 2020 shall be given an extension for a period of one (1) year from the date of expiry without the need to file for an application at the MARINA. This is in response to the challenges brought about by the disruption of the conduct of trainings, revalidation of certificates and the ship to shore interactions because of the pandemic. (Published on 28 August 2020)

56. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-67 - Extending the Coverage of Expiring SIRB/SRB for Seafarers Currently Onboard Ships and Ashore Operating both in Domestic and Overseas

Informs all seafarers and all others concerned that expiring SIRBs / SRBs within the period of 13 March to 31 December 2020 of seafarers onboard ships shall be extended for a period of one (1) year from the date of expiry without the need to file for application at the MARINA. This Advisory also provides notice to all seafarers that those who are not onboard shall be required to renew their SIRBs / SRBs at the MARINA within six (6) months prior to its expiration. (Published on 28 August 2020)

57. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-68 - Amendment to MARINA Advisory No. 2020-18 [issued on 20 March 2020]

In line with the lifting of the Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) due to the pandemic, this Advisory provides information that MARINA is currently accepting complaint and pleadings through the official e-mails of the MARINA Legal Division, MARINA STCWO-Legal Division and Franchising Service. (Published on 13 July 2020)



58. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-69 - Guidelines on the Optimization of Physical Distancing and Carriage of Passengers on Board Passenger Ships

In consonance with Resolution No. 67 issued by the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID), this Advisory provides guidelines on the optimization of physical distancing and carriage of passengers while onboard ships which mandates all shipping companies to implement the prescribed physical distancing between seafarers, require all passengers to wear facemasks and face shields, while operation of ships in areas under Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) shall only be restricted to carriage of cargoes only. (Published on 11 September 2020)

59. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-71 - Guidelines on the Implementation of Remote Inspection/ Re-Inspection Relative to the Conduct of Course Approval of Maritime Training Institutions (MTIs) and Other MARINA-Authorized Training Providers (OMATPs) and Accreditation of Assessment Centers (ACs), including the conduct of Monitoring and Surveillance Activities

In line with the restrictions brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, this Advisory provides for the guidelines to be followed by the MARINA STCWO Evaluation Team (ET) for the purpose of conducting accreditation, monitoring and surveillance activities for Maritime Training Institutions (MTIs), Assessment Centers (ACs) and other MARINA-Authorized Training Providers (OMATPs). The same also outlines the responsibilities of each parties involved in the conduct of remote evaluation conducted through online platforms. (Published on 18 September 2020)

60. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-72 - Observance of Strict Vigilance for the Crew Change Amidst the COVID-19 Pandemic in Philippine Waters, Specifically in Manila Bay and Batangas Bay

In line with the restrictions brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, this Advisory provides for the guidelines to be followed by the MARINA STCWO Evaluation Team (ET) for the purpose of conducting accreditation, monitoring and surveillance activities for Maritime Training Institutions (MTIs), Assessment Centers (ACs) and other MARINA-Authorized Training Providers (OMATPs). The same also outlines the responsibilities of each parties involved in the conduct of remote evaluation conducted through online platforms. (Published on 18 September 2020)



61. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-73 - Extension and Revalidation of STCW Certificates as a Temporary Contingency Measure Amidst the COVID-19 Pandemic

Informs all seafarers and all others concerned that expiring STCW Certificates within the period of 13 March to 31 December 2020 of seafarers onboard ships or ashore shall be extended for a period of one (1) year from the date of expiry without the need to file for application at the MARINA. This Advisory also provides guidance on the revalidation and expedite processing of STCW Certificates for information. (Published on 22 September 2020)

62. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-74 - Chinese Embassy Note Verbale No. (20) PG – 224 dated 15 August 2020

Advises all seafarers operating from Philippines to China to provide negative COVID-19 nucleic acid test result undertaken within three (3) days before boarding to ensure the security of maritime transportation and fishery cooperation within both countries pursuant to the above-mentioned issuance (Published on 22 September 2020)

63. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-75 - Implementation of the Conduct of Remote Inspection / Survey / Audit / Compliance Monitoring of Company, Ship and Shipyard

Provides guidelines relative to the implementation of the conduct of remote inspection / survey / audit / compliance monitoring of companies, ships and shipyards for all shipping companies / shipowners / shipyard owners and all others concerned. (Published on 01 October 2020)

64. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-76 - Reiteration of the Obligations to Passengers in case of Cancelled, Delayed or Unfinished/Uncompleted Voyages under MARINA Circular No. 2018-07

Reminds all owners / operators of inter-island liner ships on specific provisions under MC No. 2018-07 which pertains to the imposition of conditions and restrictions in the activities and movement of people, specifically the grant of refund of ticket in cases of cancelled, delayed or unfinished voyages, etc. (Published on 04 September 2020)

65. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-77 - Optimized Capacity of Passenger Vessels in relation to the Standards under MA 2020-29 and MA 2020-35 to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Pandemic

Reiterates that the carrying capacity of passenger vessels has increased from 50% to not more than 75% provided that all necessary safety protocols are implemented



in compliance with the issuance of Certificate of Compliance. (Published on 12 October 2020)

66. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-78 - Mandatory Playing of DOTr Information Video on Safety Protocols Amid the COVID-19 Pandemic in Public Transportation

Provides information to all shipping companies, ship owners / operators and all others concerned on the mandatory playing of the educational video pertaining to the "Seven Commandments for Public Transport Passengers, Drivers and Operators produced by the DOTr. This Advisory also reiterate the mandates provided under MC Nos. 72 and 136, regarding the playing of a safety film. (Published on 28 October 2020)

67. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-80 - Chinese Embassy Note Verbale No. (20)-PG-256 dated 02 October 2020

Reminds all seafarers on the imposition of additional health measures in China such as requirement to provide negative nucleic acid test results and provide the same to only the designated institutions recognized by Chinese embassies / consulates. This advisory also reminds all concerned that vessels may be banned due to violation of the same issuance. (Published on 30 October 2020)

68. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-81 - Guidelines for Seafarers entering the Republic of Panama for the Purpose of Embarkation and Repatriation as established in Executive Decree No. 1089 of 23 September 2020

Provides information to all concerned that the Panamanian government has issued the aforementioned Executive Decree which requires all who intends to enter the national territory to (1) present certificate of PCR test or negative antigen, with a maximum of forty-eight (48) hours, and (2) all those who does not possess the PCR test shall undergo rapid testing prior to their registration at the airport. (Published on 30 October 2020)

69. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-83 – Further Extension of the Revalidation Period for STCW Certificates as a Temporary Contingency Measure Amidst the COVID-19 Pandemic

Provides information of the adoption of IMO Circular Letter No. 4204/Add.5/Rev. 1 dated 02 April 2020 which encourages the issuing Administration and Port State Control authorities to take apragmatic and practical approach with regard to the extension of the validity of seafarer's certificates and endorsements, to which, this Advisory informs all concerned of the extension for a period of one (1) year of all STCW Certificates that have expired or are expiring within the period of 13 March 2020 to 31 December 2020. (Published on 16 November 2020)



70. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-84 – Revocation of MARINA Advisory No. 2017-22 on Revised Guidelines for the Issuance of Department of Finance (DOF) Endorsement to Avail of VAT Exemption granted under Republic Act (RA) No. 9337, amending the National Internal Revenue Code of 1997

Informs all shipowners / bareboat charterers / ship operators / ship managers with Philippine-registered ships that the MARINA will no longer endorse any applications for tax incentives such as VAT exemptions, BOI endorsements and other similar tax holidays in view of the inclusion of the incentive providing for VAT exemption under the NIRC as well as the new TRAIN Law. (Published on 12 November 2020)

71. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-85 - Chinese Embassy Note Verbale No. (20) - PG - 289 dated 03 November 2020

Informs all shipping companies, shipowners / bareboat charterers / Ship Operators / Ship Managers and all others concerned that the Chinese Government is imposing additional COVID-19 measures for China-bound seafarers, which pertains to the requirement to provide negative certificates of both nucleic acid and IgM anti-body tests for COVID-19 within 48 hours prior to boarding. (Published on 24 November 2020)

72. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-86 - Inclusion of Outbreak Management Plan (OMP) in the Safety Management System

Informs all shipping companies / operators and all entities concerned of the requirement to establish an Outbreak Management Plan (OMP) for COVID-19 and other similar infectious diseases to be part of the Safety Management System in line with the guidance of the World Health Organization (WHO) regarding operational considerations for managing COVID-19 cases or outbreaks onboard ships. This mandate is also established pursuant to the International Maritime Organization (IMO) issued Circular Letter No. 4204/Add.16 on Coronavirus Disease. This Advisory also outlines the necessary requirements in the establishment of the OMP. (Published on 26 November 2020)

73. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-88 - Further Extension of the Revalidation Period for STCW Certificates as a Temporary Contingency measure Amidst the COVID-19 Pandemic

Provides information of the adoption of IMO Circular Letter No. 4204/Add.5/Rev. 1 dated 02 April 2020 which encourages the issuing Administration and Port State Control authorities to take a pragmatic and practical approach with regard to the extension of the validity of seafarer's certificates and endorsements, to which, this Advisory informs all concerned of the extension for a period of one (1) year of all



STCW Certificates that have expired or are expiring within the period of 01 January 2021 to 30 June 2021. (Published on 09 December 2020)

74. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-89 - Resumption on the Issuance / Renewal / Replacement of MARINA License ID

Advises all seafarers, manning agencies and all others concerned that the MARINA-STCW Office has resumed the issuance / renewal / replacement of MARINA License ID for Marine Deck and Marine Engine Officers and Elector-Technical Officers effective upon publication of this Advisory. Further, entities concerned is also informed that relevant provisions under STCW Circular Nos. 2016-09 and 2018-01. (Published on 09 December 2020)

75. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-91 - Further Amendment of MARINA Advisory 2020-67 on Extending the Coverage of Expiring SIRB/SRB for Seafarers currently Onboard Ships Operating both in Domestic and Overseas

Informs all seafarers and all others concerned that expiring SIRBs / SRBs within the period of 01 January to 31 June 2021 of seafarers onboard ships shall be extended for a period of one (1) year from the date of expiry without the need to file for application at the MARINA. (Published on 09 December 2020)

Other Advisories Published

In addition to the above-mentioned, we have issued a total of 16 more Advisories published in CY 2020, the following issuances are those that are not part of MARINA's response to the COVID-19 pandemic but still directed to inform and provide the MARINA stakeholders of relevant information.

1. Flag State Advisory No. 2020-01 - Contingency Measures in View of the Escalating Conflict Between the United States and Iran

Directs all shipping companies operating Philippine-flagged ships engaged in international voyages to inform their respective seafarers or crew to take precautionary measures and render assistance to OFWs as may be necessary in response to the escalating conflict between the United States of America and Iran. (Published 07 January 2020)

2. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-02 - Additional Security Measure to Ensure the Safety and Security of Filipino Seafarers Onboard Ships within the Vicinity of the Conflict Area

Provides specific measures for all manning agencies and Filipino seafarers onboard ships especially for those within the vicinity of the area of conflict in view of the rift between the United States and Iran. (Published on 07 January 2020)



3. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-03 – Taal Volcano Eruption Measures

Provides information to all shipping companies on contingency measures to ensure effective response to matters relating to the volcanic activity of the Taal Volcano (Published on 13 January 2020)

4. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-05 – Reported Cases of Piracy Incidents in Singapore Strait

Directs all shipping companies, ship owners and others concerned to exercise precautionary measures in response to the alarming spike of piracy and report all incidents to the nearest coastal area in case of occurrence, specifically in the Singapore Strait and other High-risk Areas (Published on 22 January 2020)

5. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-07 – Implementation of the MARINA Online Appointment System for Processing Seafarer’s

Provides notice to all concerned that the Seafarer’s Identification and Record Book (SIRB) will be updated and be known as the Seafarer’s Record Book under the new SID/SRB System and may be accessed through the MISMO system. Applications of SIRB under the same system shall be cancelled starting 01 February.

Likewise, seafarers are advised to set their online appointment schedules starting 03 February 2020 prior to their physical appearance at MARINA offices. The production of SRB shall be operational through all MARINA Offices starting 10 February 2020 (Published on 11 February 2020)

6. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-10 – Identification and Declaration of Sea Routes in the Domestic Trade

Declares and promotes all sea routes in the domestic trade with no regular or existing shipping activity in support of the Department of Transportation’s (DOTr) 30-Year National Transportation Strategy. (Published on 21 February 2020)

7. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-11 – Maximum Number of Cadets to be Accommodated for Onboard Training

Provides information on the criteria to be taken into consideration to determine the maximum allowable number of deck and engine cadets to be accommodated for onboard training pursuant to the guidelines set under MARINA Circular No. 2012-06. (Published on 24 February 2020)



8. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-24 – Shipping Operations Monitoring Form

Directs all shipping companies, owners, and operators the daily accomplishment of Shipping Operations Monitoring Form for consolidation, publication and submission to the Department of Transportation (DOTr) on real-time monitoring of shipping operations and unhampered carriage of cargoes and other pertinent information (Published on 13 April 2020)

9. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-28 – New MARINA Administrator

Provides notice to all shipping companies, manning agencies, shipowners/operators, maritime industry stakeholders, seafarers, and all others concerned on the assumption of Vice Admiral Robert A. Empedrad AFP (Ret) as MARINA Administrator effective 12 March 2020 and the designation of former OIC-Administrator Vice Admiral Narciso A. Vinson Jr as Assistant Secretary for Maritime of the Department of Transportation (Published on 22 April 2020)

10. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-41 – Amendment to STCW Advisory No. 2020-02 on the Guidelines on the Issuance of Unclaimed Certificates of Passing the Theoretical Examination and Practical Assessment for Merchant Marine Officers

Amends STCW Advisory No. 2020-02 and provides further guidelines on the issuance of unclaimed Certificates of Assessment of Competence, particularly on Certificates of Passing the Theoretical Examination and Certificates of Passing the Practical Assessment. (Published on 11 June 2020)

11. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-60 - Conduct of Theoretical Examination in the MARINA Regional Offices (MROs) V, VII and XI

Provides notice to all seafarers, shipping companies, crewing and manning agencies and all other entities involved that the Conduct of Theoretical Examination in MROs V, VII and XI under the MARINA Board Examination - Old System shall resume on 20 August 2020, while examinations under the New System shall be suspended until December 2020. (Published on 05 August 2020)

12. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-70 - Operationalization of MRO-NCR

Informs all concerned that the MARINA - NCR shall be operational starting 21 September 2020 and provides the e-mail addresses of each specific sections under the same office for the shipping companies, operators and all others concerned to transact with. Annex "A" of the Advisory shall then also provide for the operational guidelines of the regulatory functions of the same office in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. (Published on 18 September 2020)



13. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-79 - Reiteration of MARINA Advisories on the Observance of Precautionary Measures during Tropical Depressions, Typhoon or Storm

Reiterates MARINA Advisories Nos. 2013-04, 2018-04, 2019-27 & 2019-01 which provides guidelines on the strict observance of precautionary measures during severe weather disturbances. (Published on 30 October 2020)

14. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-87 - Revised Competency Mapping for the Practical Assessment of Marine Deck and Engineer Officers

Informs all seafarers, shipping companies, crewing and manning agencies and all others concerned of the revised competency mapping per level of responsibility which will be set as the basis of the Assessment Centers in line with their creation of practical assessment scenarios. This Advisory includes the revised competency mapping for (a) Deck Management Level (b) Deck Operational Level (c) Engine Management Level (d) Engine Operational Level (e) GMDSS Radio Operator and (f) Electro-Technical Officers. (Published on 03 December 2020)

15. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-90 - Guidelines on the Implementation of Marine Steam Turbine (MST) Training Course

In line with the implementation of the training course of Marine Steam Turbine (MST) due to the actual deployment of Filipino marine engineer officers to ships with marine steam turbine propulsion plant machinery, this Advisory shall set the guidelines on the implementation of the said training course. In addition, this Advisory also sets the guidelines for the MTIs who wish to seek approval to offer such course. (Published on 09 December 2020)

16. MARINA Advisory No. 2020-92 - Control Measures on Conducting In-Water Hull Cleaning while the Ship is at Sea in all Areas within in the Philippine Waters

Informs all shipyards, boatyards, afloat repairers and all others concerned that all in-water hull cleaning activities shall be controlled while the ship is on voyage within Philippine waters in order to protect the marine environment and human health from its adverse effects. (Published on 09 December 2020)



II. OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS (COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS)

Figures below represent the accomplishments of MARINA under the Major Final Output 2 (MFO2):

1. SHIP REGISTRATION



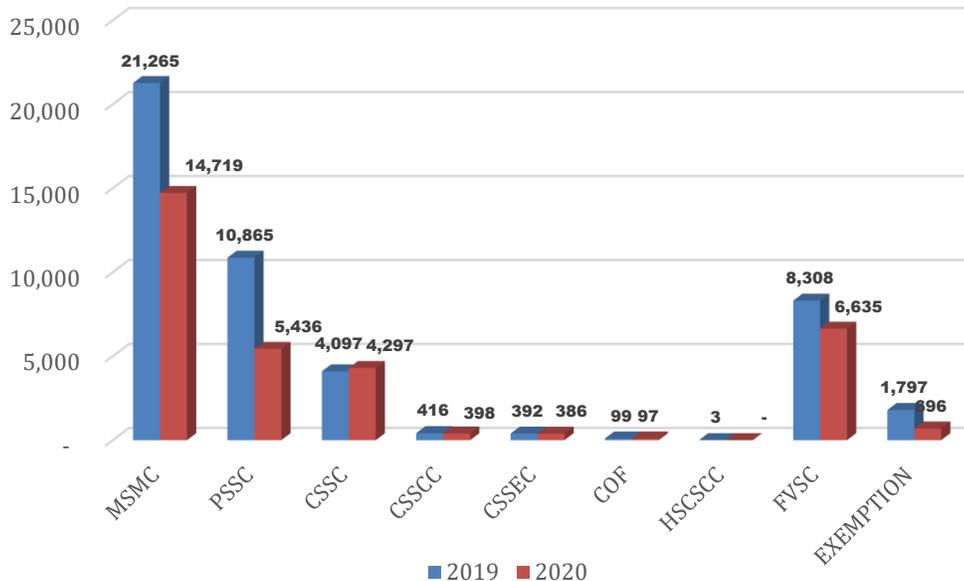
Like most certifications issued by the Agency, the issuance of Certificate of Ownership (CO) and Certificate of Philippine Registry (CPR) in 2020 significantly decreased by more than half of its original number as compared to 2019.

For Certificates of Ownership (COs) issued, including issuance, re-issuance and re-issuance due to change of vessel name / change of trading, we have recorded a decrease of 3,442 or 56.72%, while on CPRs, we have tallied a decrease of 3,608 or 52.54% in comparison to the previous year.

The decrease is mostly attributable to the implementation of various community quarantine guidelines within the country as programs such as mobile registrations that are regularly conducted by the CO and MROs to provide these Certificates to the stakeholders were halted as part of the Agency's precautionary measures in line with the prevention of the spread of the COVID-19.



2. SAFETY CERTIFICATES ISSUED TO VESSELS



The following safety certificates are the applicable certificates required by MARINA to Philippine-registered vessels prior to their operation:

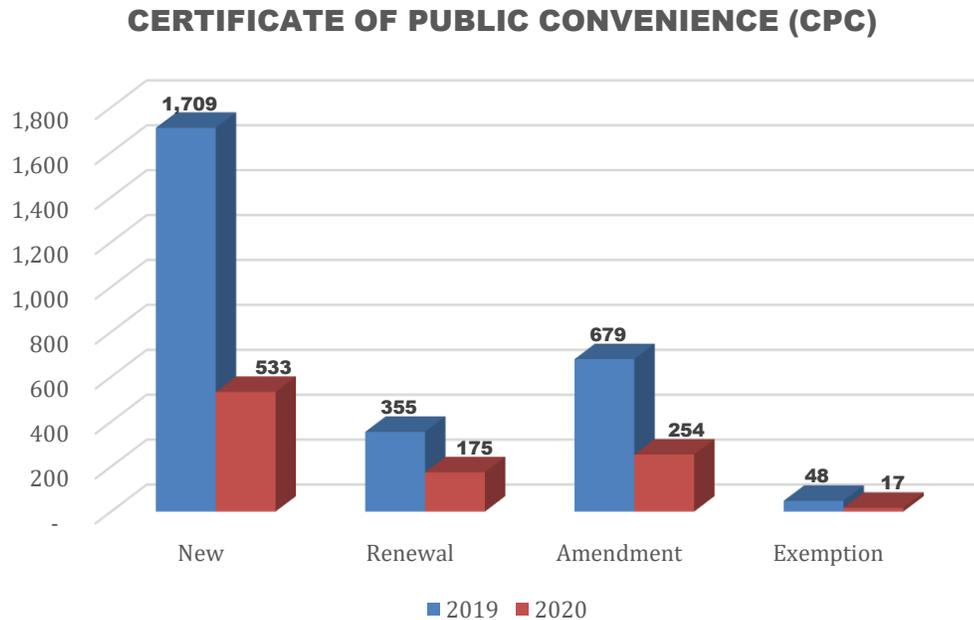
1. Minimum Safe Manning Certificates (MSMC);
2. Passenger Ship Safety Certificate (PSSC);
3. Cargo Ship Safety Certificate (CSSC);
4. Cargo Ship Safety Construction Certificate (CSSCC);
5. Cargo Ship Safety Equipment Certificate (CSSEC);
6. High-Speed Craft Safety Certificate (HSCSCC);
7. Certificate of Fitness (COF);
8. Fishing Vessel Safety Certificate (FVSC); and
9. Exemption Certificate.

For the year 2020, MARINA has issued a total of only 32,664 safety certificates which records a significant decrease of 30.58% in comparison to the previous year's 47,242 certificates issued.

The decrease can be attributed to the restrictions brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic. The safety certificates, except for the Cargo Ship Safety Certificate (CSSC), issued within the previous year tallied significant decreases.



3. FRANCHISE CERTIFICATES



The Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC) refers to the license or authority issued by MARINA to a domestic ship operator to engage in domestic shipping. Issuances relating to CPCs cover New, Renewal/Extension, Amendment and Exemption from CPC.

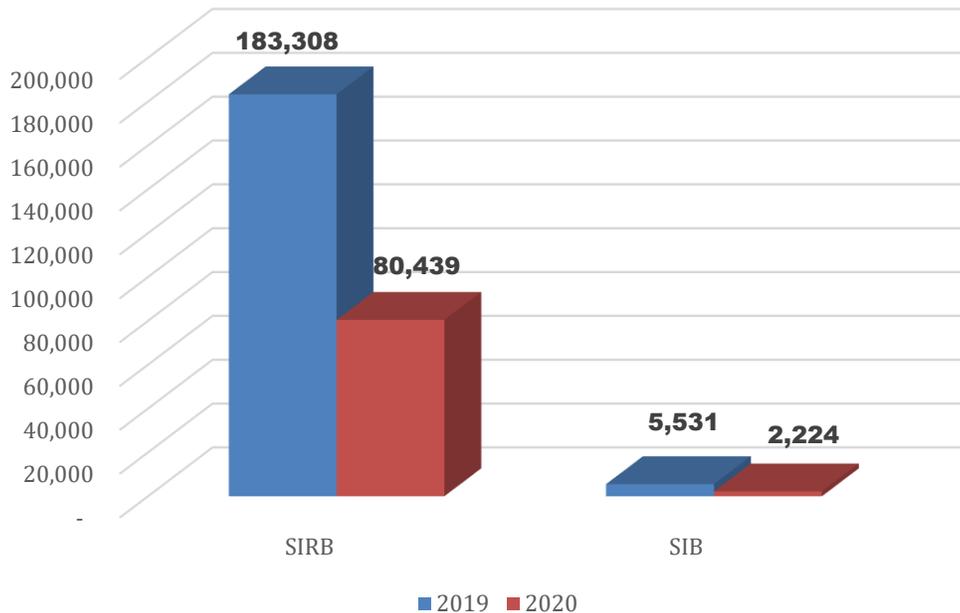
In comparison to CY 2019, the number of issuances also decreased. A total of 2,791 CPCs was issued last 2019, to which the number of issuances in 2020 tallies a total of only 979.

As indicated in the figure the decrease in the number of CPC issuances tallies a total 1,812 of 64.9%.

The significant decrease is mainly attributable in the decrease of applications received during the Calendar Year, partly due to less mobile registrations conducted by the MARINA, particularly in MARINA Regional Offices (MROs).



4. SEAFARER’S SERVICE RECORD BOOKS



The Seafarer’s Identification and Record Book (SIRB) refers to an identity document and record book issued by the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) to all Filipino seafarers and others including cadets. While the SIB, on the other hand is a document issued to all Filipino seafarers and other ship personnel complement onboard vessels to all Filipino seafarers and other ship personnel complement onboard vessels below 35GT.

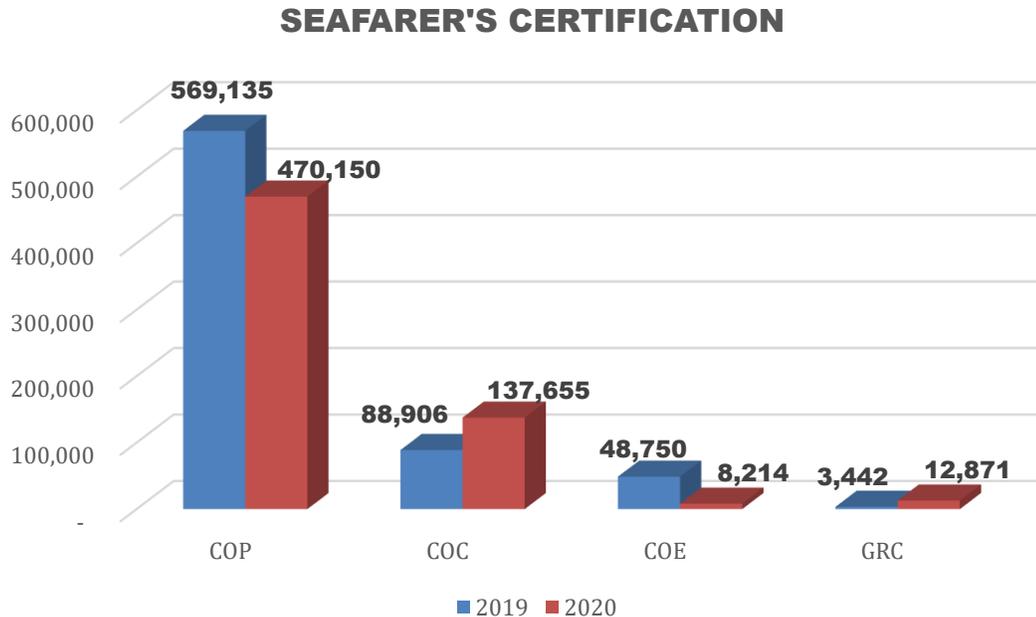
The issuance of these documents also decreased significantly as we only issued a total of 80,439 SIRBs and 2,224 SIBs, including new issuances and renewals, within the Calendar Year.

In comparison with the 2019, we have recorded a decrease by 102,869 or 56.11% SIRBs. The issuance of SIBs also decreased by 3,307 or 59.79%. This decrease can be attributed to the health quarantine measures and protocols imposed in 2020.



5. SEAFARER'S CERTIFICATION

The Certificates such as Certificate of Proficiency (COP), Certificate of Competency (COC), Certificate of Endorsements (COE), Certificate of General Radio Communications (GRC) are issued by MARINA to seafarers complying the international standards.



As a response to the disruption of operations due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which severely affected the conduct of trainings and revalidation of certificates, MARINA has adopted the IMO Circular Letter No. 4204/Add.5/Rev.1 dated 02 April 2020, which encourages issuing Administrations to take a pragmatic and practical approach with regard to the extension of validity of seafarer's certificates.

The issuance of Certificates of Proficiency (COP) decreased by 98,985 or 17.39%, while Certificates of Competency (COC) recorded an increase of 48,749 or 54.83%.

On the other hand, Certificates of Endorsement issued still recorded a significant decrease with 40,536 or 83.15% less than the number of issuances on 2019. Lastly, the issuance of General Radio Communications (GRC) almost tripled its number of issuances in comparison to the last year with a total of 9,429 or 273.93% increase in comparison to the past year.



Issuance of Certificates of Proficiency (COP) and Certificates of Endorsement (COE), however, still recorded significant decreases to which the issuance of COPs decreased by 98,985 or 17.39% while COEs recorded a 40,536 or 83.15% decrease in comparison with the previous year’s number of issuances.

In summary, a total of 628,890 certifications were issued during CY 2020. This is lowered by 81,343 or 11.45% in comparison with the certificates issued in 2019 with 710,233.

III. OTHER IMPORTANT REPORTS

MARINA Accomplishments corresponding to the Program Expenditures Classification (PREXC) Indicators and Targets for 2020¹

Organizational Outcome 1:

“Global competitiveness of maritime industry enhanced”

MARITIME INDUSTRY PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Performance Indicators	Baseline	2020 Target	2020 Actual
<i>Outcome Indicator(s)</i>			
1. Percentage increase in the number of operating ships ²	19,900	10% or 1,990	17.35% or 3,456

The MARINA has registered a total of 3,456 operating **merchant ships** which exceeded our target by 1,466 or 73.67% more ships for CY 2020.

¹ Formerly known as the Organizational Performance Indicator Framework;

² Merchant Ships were the only ones considered in the data.



Performance Indicators	Baseline	2020 Target	2020 Actual
Outcome Indicator(s)			
2. Number of policies formulated, updated, issued and disseminated	16	16	108

The MARINA has issued a total of 108 policies, in the form of Memorandum Circulars, MARINA Advisories / Flag State Administrations Advisories. It exceeded its target by 92 policies more. Majority of which are COVID-19 related issuances.

Organizational Outcome 2:

“Accessibility, safety and efficiency of maritime transport services improved”

MARITIME INDUSTRY REGULATION AND SUPERVISION PROGRAM

Performance Indicators	Baseline	2020 Target	2020 Actual
Outcome Indicator(s)			
3. Percentage of clients who rate the frontline services as satisfactory or better	70%	70%	90% or 5,090

Due to various community quarantine guidelines implemented and the alternative work arrangement adopted by the Agency, the Client Satisfaction Survey were conducted to fewer clients nationwide. Furthermore, some of the offices were not able to conduct these surveys. However, with the surveys conducted, we have achieved the target of 90% with 5,090 respondents rated MARINA services as Very Satisfactory for CY 2020.



Performance Indicators	Baseline	2020 Target	2020 Actual
Outcome Indicator(s)			
4. Percentage increase in the number of Filipino seafarers certified as meeting international standards ³	62,160	10% or 6,216	6270% or 389,723

A total of 389,723 seafarers were certified to meet the international standards through the issuance of Certificates of Competency and Proficiency under Regulations II, III and IV of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended.

Performance Indicators	Baseline	2020 Target	2020 Actual
Outcome Indicator(s)			
5. Percentage of applications received are acted upon within the standard processing time.	100%	100%	100% or 886,770

MARINA has attended to and processed a total of 886,770 applications and these were acted upon within or earlier than the Standard Processing Time (SPT).

Performance Indicators	Baseline	2020 Target	2020 Actual
Outcome Indicator(s)			
6. Percentage of complaints / reports of violations received are acted upon within the standard processing time	100%	100%	100% or 527

The MARINA has received a total of 527 complaints/reports of maritime violations and these were acted upon within the standard processing time (SPT) through the issuance of Show Cause Orders and/or Decisions/Resolutions.

³ The number of seafarers was considered instead of the number of certificates issued as a seafarer may obtain multiple certificates.



IV. OTHER AGENCY ACCOMPLISHMENTS/STATUS

1. Gender and Development

- ***The appointment and posting of Director Sonia B. Malaluan as Maritime Attaché in London.***

The Maritime Attaché (MA) has a term of three (3) years (2018-2021).

The posting of the MA resulted in active participation of the Philippines to IMO meetings. It also provides consistent Philippine representation to meetings and helps in conveying Philippine position in every meeting, together with the Permanent Representative to IMO, in case of inability of other agencies to participate in IMO meetings. The creation of the MA is in pursuit of MARINA's vision as a maritime administration to have an efficient system for the promotion and expansion of the Philippine ship registry and bolster the Flag Administration function

It is of great significance, that the appointment of Director Malaluan as MA is a manifestation of equal opportunity of women and men in terms of employment, learning and development and career advancement. This likewise manifests a meaningful and broader participation of women in decision-making, planning and implementation, monitoring and evaluation. As such, this is geared towards women empowerment.

- **Reconstitution of GAD Focal Point System (GFPS) – S.O No. 153-20**

The reconstitution of GFPS is in reference to Administrative Order No. 06-19 s. 2019 or the Policy Guidelines on the Institutionalization of Gender and Development (GAD) Mainstreaming in the MARINA. The GFPS is a mechanism established to ensure, advocate, guide, coordinate and monitor the development, implementation, review and updating of their GAD plans and GAD-related programs, projects and activities.

- **2020 DOTR National GAD Planning**

To contribute to the implementation of the DOTR's 2021 GPB and to pursue the success of the GAD Planning and Budgeting, GFPS members from MARINA attended the DOTR National GAD Planning and Budgeting conducted last 16 October 2020 as part of the DOTR Maritime Sector Group.



➤ **Campaign to End Violence Against Women (VAW)**

As support to the campaign, MARINA featured the 18-Day Campaign to End VAW on its agency website and social media account and participated in the DOTR Orientation on RA 111313 or the Safe Spaces Act. The objective of the orientation is to increase awareness and to deepen the understanding of the said law.

The 18-Day Campaign to End VAW supports the Philippine government's goal of protecting the human rights of women and girls by upholding its commitment to address all forms of gender-based violence as enshrined in the 1987 Constitution. By virtue of Republic Act 10398 or the Act declaring November 25 of every year as the National Consciousness Day for the Elimination of VAWC, government agencies are mandated to raise awareness on the problem of violence and the elimination of all forms of violence against women and girls.

This campaign aims to:

- Promote awareness on the forms of violence women and girls experience;
- Provide information on laws protecting women and girls;
- Feature VAW-related services that people can access and avail; and
- Promote the strengthening of a prevention and response system on VAW; and
- Gather public support for the campaign

➤ **MARINA Stakeholders' Gender and Development (GAD) Forum**

The MARINA, through its Gender and Development (GAD) unit, conducted a GAD forum on Wednesday, 09 December 2020. The talks and discussions delivered by the resource speakers and officials revolved around the theme: "Securing the future of the Philippine Maritime Industry through Gender and Development".

MARINA Administrator VADM Robert Empedrad AFP (Ret), through Director Arsenio F. Lingad II of the Planning and Policy Service (PPS) of the Agency, kicked off the event with the welcome remarks. Atty. Kristine E. Yuzon-Chavez, Executive Director of the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW), also delivered a formal address.

Attended by several maritime stakeholders and select MARINA officials and personnel, the forum took a blended approach. Some speakers delivered their discussions in person, while some discussed their topics online through Zoom, a video teleconferencing software. This ensured that quality discussions were being led during the event, while still taking precautions against the ongoing pandemic.



Topics that were discussed during the GAD forum include GAD and Gender Mainstreaming and the Importance of Implementing GAD in the Maritime Industry. There were also presentations on Women on Watch and Best Practices (Women in Maritime, Philippine Experience).

➤ **Gender and Development (GAD) Agenda (2021-2025)**

The GAD Agenda is the agency's strategic framework and plan on gender mainstreaming, and achieving women's empowerment and gender equality. It shall:

- a. Serve as basis in identifying programs, activities, and projects to be undertaken to achieve the GAD goals and outcomes;
- b. Provide the monitoring and evaluation (M&E) framework for assessing GAD results and outcomes that shall be the basis for strengthening the mainstreaming of a GAD perspective in the agency's operations and programs; and
- c. Formulate a strategic framework and plan in a participatory, consultative and inclusive process. It shall consider the results from consultations with women target beneficiaries as well women's groups/organizations working on the sector and other concerned stakeholders, and the identified gaps resulting from gender analysis.

The GAD agenda shall be the basis for the annual formulation of programs, activities and projects (PAPs) to be included in the GPBs of agencies. It will provide agencies with direction in setting and monitoring their GAD initiatives towards the achievement of their gender equality and women empowerment goals.

After a series of review with the GAD MSTWG, GAD consultant, and MARINA GAD Focal Point System (GFPS) members, the GAD Agenda was then finalized and submitted to the Administrator which was subsequently approved.

➤ **Submission of MARINA's 2021 Gender and Development (GAD) Plans and Budget**

Pursuant to the Magna Carta of Women (MCW) and the General Appropriations Act (GAA), all government departments, including their attached agencies, offices, bureaus, state universities and colleges (SUCs), government-owned and controlled corporations (GOCCs), local government units (LGUs) and other government instrumentalities shall formulate their annual GPBs within the context of their mandates to mainstream gender perspectives in their policies, programs and projects. GAD Planning shall be integrated in the regular activities



of the agencies, the cost of implementation of which shall be at least five percent (5%) of the total budgets.

MARINA's draft 2021 GAD Plan and Budget was first submitted on 3 November 2020 to PCW for their review.

2. JSMEA-MARINA Ship Machinery & Equipment Seminar 2020

Last 06 February 2020, the MARINA, through its Shipyard Regulations Service (SRS) co-hosted and participated in the Ship Machinery and Equipment Seminar organized and facilitated by the Japan Ship Machinery and Equipment Association (JSMEA) at the Diamond Hotel, Manila. This Seminar was conducted to introduce the technologies of Japan in the maritime industry to the Philippines, particularly in the shipbuilding sector. The symposium aims to aid local shipbuilders apply maritime instrument principles specifically those that promote environment-friendly practices in shipping and shipbuilding.

3. Development of Training Modules on Intact Stability of Ships (Track 1)

The MARINA, through the SRS, also developed a training module to serve as to provide general overview on the evolution and development of ship stability, understand the IS Code 2008 requirements and conduct lightship survey and inclining test for preparing the Stability Booklet. The training modules were approved on 11 September 2020 by the Administrator.

4. WEBINAR Training on Intact Stability of Ships for MARINA Naval Architects

Through an online webinar conducted last 28-30 October 2020 the Webinar Training on Intact Stability of Ships for Naval Architects was conducted to provide a unified interpretation/understanding and implementation of the International Code on Intact Stability 2008 (2008 IS Code) and other related subject matter on stability of ships. This training was provided for MARINA technical personnel, especially the Naval Architects in the Central Office and Regional Offices.

5. 2019 Shipbuilding and Ship Repair Capability and Capacity Assessment Report

The MARINA, through the SRS, also prepared the 2019 SBSR Capability and Capacity Assessment Report which identifies issues within the SBSR Industry and serves as a tool to measure the progress of Philippine Shipyards over the years. This report was approved by the MANCOM on 11 December 2020 and was presented to the Board on 14 December 2020.



6. 22nd National Maritime Week Celebration

MARINA hosted the 22nd National Maritime Week Celebration with the theme “Sustainable Shipping for a Sustainable Planet”. The week-long celebration started on 20 September 2020 until 27 September 2020. In compliance with the various community quarantine guidelines, most of the celebrations were held online via Zoom application.

7. Addressing the Findings of the EMSA

MARINA, through the STCW Office constituted a Task Group in coordination with other agencies to continue to implement necessary actions to address the findings of the EMSA during their inspection which relate to various issues such as:

- Program and course design, review and approval (MA and MHEIs);
- Monitoring, supervision and evaluation of training and assessment (MA and MHEIs);

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