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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY

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TO ALL BOAT MASTERS, BOAT OWNERS, OPERATORS OF MOTORBOATS/BANCAS AND ALL OTHER CONCERNED

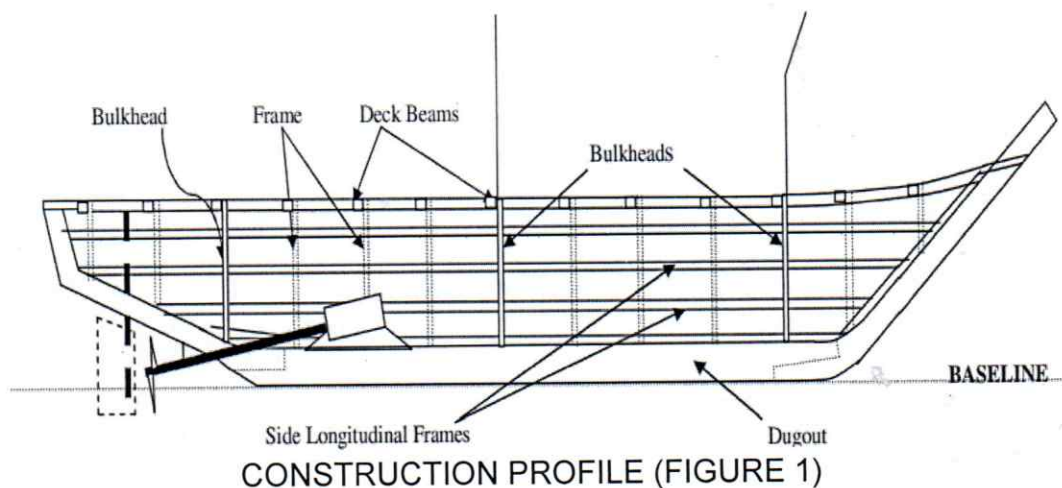
SUBJECT : **STRICT OBSERVANCE OF SAFETY MEASURES ONBOARD MOTORBOATS/BANCAS CARRYING PASSENGERS**

Following the number of marine accidents involving wooden hulled motorboats/bancas carrying passengers and pursuant to Sec. 14(e) of E.O. No. 125/125A and Sec. 9, Chapter III of R.A. No. 9295, NOTICE is hereby directed to all boat Masters, owners, operators and all others concerned to strictly observe the following safety measures, to wit:

- a. The Boat Master must have situational awareness and assessment including weather and sea conditions prior to every departure and the entire duration of their voyage;
- b. Actual number of passengers must not exceed the authorized passenger capacity as reflected in the Passenger Ship Safety Certificate (PSSC) issued by this Authority;
- c. Mandatory display of authorized passenger capacity must be conspicuously and clearly painted at the deck entrance and port and starboard accommodation wall of the vessel;
- d. All passengers including children and infants must be properly recorded/reflected in the passenger manifest prior to submission to the concerned maritime authorities;
- e. No additional passengers must be accommodated onboard after submission of the passenger manifest to the Philippine Coast Guard;
- f. All passengers onboard must be required to wear or hold their lifejackets prior to any departure and while in transit. The designated crew must distribute the lifejackets upon boarding of passengers. Non-complying passengers shall be advised to disembark;
- g. All motorboats/bancas carrying passengers must have a valid passenger insurance coverage at all times in accordance with relevant MARINA rules and regulations;
- h. No motorboats/bancas shall be allowed to carry cargoes without an approved Cargo Stowage and Securing Plan and issued with a Cargo Stowage and

Securing Plan Compliance Certificate (CSSPCC) in accordance with MARINA Circular No. 2015-10, as amended.

- i. All lifesaving appliances, fire-fighting, communication equipment, and the time of navigation AS REFLECTED in the motorboat/banca Passenger Ship Safety Certificate (PSSC) must be complete and in good working condition prior to every departure;
- j. The Boat Master, engine mechanic and crew on board must be properly certificated by MARINA and trained on emergency situations pursuant to MARINA Circular MS-2020-03, MARINA Advisory No. 2022-66, and its subsequent amendments;
- k. Dangerous cargoes must not be allowed onboard motorboats/bancas carrying passengers;
- l. Only hand-carried personal belongings and baggage not exceeding 10 kgs. must be allowed per passenger;
- m. Tarpaulins/canvass or plastic sheath covering port and starboard sidings of the motorboats/bancas are not allowed;
- n. Evacuation exits must be available at the port, starboard, aft, and front side of the boat;
- o. No passengers and cargoes shall be allowed to occupy the portion above the machinery space up to the aft most part;
- p. Motorboat/banca with open decks/dugout must not be allowed to carry passengers; and
- q. All existing motorboats/bancas with open deck/dug out, shall be modified into closed deck in accordance with MARINA Circular No. 2011-01 and MARINA Circular No. SR-2020-03, as amended. Motorboats/bancas shall have weathertight deck fitted with watertight bulkheads. (See Figure 1)



The preceding paragraph shall be complied within one (1) year to be reckoned during the renewal/endorsement of the Safety Certificate and Load Line Marking Certificate, coinciding with the next drydocking upon effectivity of this Advisory.

In addition to the above, all concerned are reminded to strictly implement MARINA Memorandum Circular 2011-01 on the Rules for the Construction of Wooden Hull Ships and for Wooden Hull Boats with Outriggers.

All MARINA Regional Offices (MROs) shall submit progress reports to the Administration on this Advisory.

Any violations of this Advisory may be reported directly to the e-mail address: oadm@marina.gov.ph and es@marina.gov.ph or call/text directly to the ES Hotline Number 0939953462.

Likewise, MARINA Safety Inspectors are hereby instructed to strictly implement and monitor the adherence of the above safety measures prior to the issuance of Safety Certificates.

Enforcement units of MARINA, the Philippine Coast Guard, Local Government Units, and other relevant agencies are hereby enjoined to enforce this Advisory.

This Advisory shall take effect immediately.

For strict compliance.


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