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TO : ALL MARINA REGIONAL OFFICES (MROs), DOMESTIC SHIPPING COMPANIES/OWNERS/OPERATORS AND ALL CONCERNED

SUBJECT : GUIDELINES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF OPERATION OF WOODEN HULLED MOTOR BOATS (RBs)

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**NOTICE** is given to all concerned that MARINA Advisory No. 2022-36 entitled, "Renewal of the Registration of Wooden-Hulled Tourist Recreational Boats (WHTRBs)" is hereby **REVOKED**.

In lieu thereof, Memorandum Circular Nos. 2011-01 and 2016-02 on the "Rules for Construction of Wooden-Hulled Ships and for Wooden Hulled Boats with Outriggers", and the "Revised Rules on the Phase Out of Wooden-Hulled Ships Carrying Passengers in Domestic Shipping", respectively, are hereby **REITERATED** with respect to the standards of wooden-hulled bancas, pending the issuance of an Omnibus Policy on wooden-hulled ships and the proposed amendment of MC DS-2019-01.

To address issues and concerns regarding Permit to Operate (PTO) issued to wooden-hulled recreational boats, MARINA will adopt the following guidelines, to wit:

**1. On the PTO**

For commercial wooden-hulled recreational boats with existing and valid PTO, the same will remain in effect until its expiration. The shipowner/operator should file their request/application for issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC) before the expiration of PTO without any imposition of additional fee on the part of MARINA, subject to compliance with safety requirements and submission of the documentary requirements:

- a. Tonnage Measurement Certificate
- b. Certificate of Ownership/Certificate of Philippine Registry
- c. Certificate of Compliance under MC 134 or MC 65, as amended
- d. Safe Manning Certificate
- e. Passenger Ship Safety Certificate
- f. Bay and River/Coastwise License, whichever is applicable
- g. Load Line Certificate, if applicable



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- h. Certificate of Intact Stability, if applicable
- i. Valid Passenger Insurance Coverage
- j. Certificate of Public Convenience

## 2. On the construction of wooden-hulled recreational boats

Wooden-hulled recreational boat designed and constructed to accommodate a maximum of 12 passengers must fully comply with the specifications outlined in MARINA Circular 2011-01, as amended.

Wooden-hulled recreational boats that are not designed and constructed in accordance with MARINA Circular 2011-01, as amended shall be subjected to inspection and evaluation by the administration. If deemed necessary during the evaluation process, wooden-hulled recreational boats shall be required to be retrofitted, altered, or modified to comply with MARINA Circular No. 2011-01, as amended.

Moreover, plans approval processes shall remain consistent with the provisions outlined in MARINA Circular 2015-07.

This Advisory shall take effect immediately.

For the guidance and information of all concerned.

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