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Shipping Community
Harbour Craft Community

SSA WHITELISTING PROGRAMME FOR HARBOUR CRAFT LAUNCH OPERATORS

This PMN supersedes Port Marine Notice No. 33 of 2026.

- 1 This Notice informs the Shipping Community of the revision to the Whitelist for Harbour Craft Launch Operators by the Singapore Shipping Association (SSA). The program establishes safety and operational standards to enhance the safe transfer of ship's crew between ships in the anchorages.
- 2 Shipping Community is advised to engage launch operators in the Whitelist for crew transfer between ships.
- 3 Please refer to appended SSA circular under **ANNEX** for details.

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MARITIME AND PORT AUTHORITY OF SINGAPORE



Ref: SSA/117/26/EML

Date: 18 August 2026

Dear Member,

SSA Whitelisting Programme for Launch Boat Operators for Crew Transfer Between Ships

This circular supersedes our previous circular (SSA/022/26/EML dated 23 February 2026) in its entirety.

Singapore is a global maritime hub, with a significant amount of shipping traffic in our port waters. It is imperative that the industry propagates a culture of safe marine transfer of personnel between vessels, particularly during embarking and disembarking at anchorage. In this regard, harbour craft launch operators play a crucial role by providing appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) such as life jackets.

The **SSA Services Committee**, in consultation with the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA), and with industry support, has initiated an industry-led whitelisting program for launch operators. The programme establishes safety and operational standards to enhance safe transfer of personnel between ships in the anchorages.

Criteria to be successfully whitelisted:

Under the programme, launch operators are audited based on a set of safety criteria and benchmarks such as being able to provide the specified type of life jackets and adhere to improved safety protocols. While this is a voluntary programme, the programme seeks to encourage the launch boat sector to adhere to the prescribed standards.

To be whitelisted, launch operators must meet the following criteria:

- Adherence to Singapore port safety regulations, including Port Marine Circular (PMC) No. 34 of 2020, "Guidelines for Safe Transfer of Persons Between Vessels at Anchorages."
- Provision of an automatic inflatable 150N life jacket, in compliance with MPA and MOM/WSH-approved standards.
- Provision of 2 boat men on every trip to/fro the anchorage (e.g., Boat Captain and 1 more)
- Customer Feedback and Satisfaction: Positive feedback on service reliability, safety protocols, and professionalism.

List of Whitelisted Harbour Craft Launch Operators

After a thorough assessment process, the following launch operators were determined to have meet the criteria for inclusion in the SSA Whitelist. These operators have committed to ensuring safe and reliable personnel transfers:

1. Cast Launch Services Pte Ltd Email: operations@castlaunch.com.sg Phone: +65 6369 9860	2. York Launch Services Pte Ltd Email: ops@yorklaunch.com.sg Phone: +65 6842 1955
3. SeaCabbie Pte Ltd Email: sales@sgggroup.sg Phone: +65 8172 5329	4. Yacht International Singapore Pte Ltd Email: singapore.office@yacht-intl.com Phone: +65 9825 6032
5. Eng Motor Launch Service Email: dontay@engmotor.com.sg Phone: +65 6536 0155 / +65 6536 3210	

SSA will continue to evaluate and whitelist operators that demonstrate a strong commitment to safe transfer of personnel at sea. While arrangements made between launch operators and their clients are driven by commercial considerations, SSA encourages members to engage operators in the whitelist.

IMPORTANT: If you encounter or witness any instances of noncompliance by the above whitelisted launch boat operators, please note down the trip details (e.g., boat number, boat captain name, date/time of trip, detail of noncompliance - e.g., no automatic inflatable 150N life jacket provided, launch boat only staffed by 1 boat captain for the trip).

Please submit the details through this form: [NONCOMPLIANCE REPORTING OF WHITELISTED LAUNCH BOAT OPERATORS – Fill out form](#), or scan this QR code:



For any questions or further clarifications, please email the secretariat at: danabakiyam@ssa.org.sg

Thank you.

Regards,

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