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Shipping Community
Harbour Craft Community

SSA WHITELISTING PROGRAMME FOR HARBOUR CRAFT LAUNCH OPERATORS

- 1 This Notice informs the Shipping Community of a Whitelisting Program initiated by the Singapore Shipping Association (SSA).
- 2 SSA, in consultation with MPA and support from industry partners, is introducing a Whitelist for Harbour Craft Launch Operators. The program establishes safety and operational standards to enhance safe transfer of ship's crew between ships in the anchorages.
- 3 Shipping Community is advised to engage launch operators in the Whitelist for crew transfer between ships.
- 4 Please refer to appended SSA circular under **ANNEX** for details.

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PORT MASTER
MARITIME AND PORT AUTHORITY OF SINGAPORE



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Dear Member

**SSA Whitelisting Programme for Harbour Craft Launch Operators for Crew Transfers
Between Ships**

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 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 ship's crew between ships in the anchorages and ensure that launch crew members receive proper training and certification.

Criteria for inclusion in the SSA Whitelisting Programme

Under the programme, launch operators are audited based on a set of safety criteria and benchmarks such as provision of certified life jackets and adherence to robust safety protocols. While this is a voluntary programme, the programme seeks to encourage the launch service industry to adhere to 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 Certified Life Jackets according to Workplace Safety and Health Guidelines Personal Flotation Devices – Life Jacket [Final version to be issued est. in May 2025]
- Life jacket specifications of 150N SOLAS or ISO standards
- 2 Crew Boat Manning
- Customer Feedback and Satisfaction: Positive feedback on service

List of 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 are committed to 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

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. Collectively, these 'safety first movers' and the shipping community can advance safety stewardship and enhance the competitiveness of the Port of Singapore.

For any questions or further clarifications, please email Jack@ssa.org.sg.

Thank you.

Regards,

SSA Secretariat