



MARITIME AND PORT AUTHORITY OF SINGAPORE

PORT MARINE CIRCULAR NO. 37 OF 2001

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Shipping Community

RULES TO BE OBSERVED BY PERSONS FINDING WRECK

1 Former Port Marine Circular No. 66 of 1998 is hereby cancelled. This is a reproduction of the circular with amendments.

2 Any person finding a wreck or takes possession of any wreck within the territorial waters of Singapore must comply with the section 153 of the Merchant Shipping Act (Chapter 179). It states that where any person finds or takes possession of any wreck within the limits of Singapore or of any wreck found or taken possession of outside the limits of Singapore and brought within the limits of Singapore, he shall:

- a) if he is the owner thereof, give notice to the receiver stating that he had found or taken possession of the wreck, and describing the marks by which the wreck may be recognised; or
- b) if he is not the owner thereof, as soon as possible deliver the wreck to the receiver.

Any person who fails without reasonable cause to comply with this section shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$2,000/- and shall, in addition, if he is not the owner, forfeit any claim to salvage, and shall be liable to pay to the owner of the wreck if it is claimed, or if it is unclaimed to the person entitled to the wreck, double the value thereof, to be recovered in the same way as a fine of a like amount under this Act.

3 Under the said Act, the definition of word 'wreck' includes any jetsam, flotsam, lagan and derelict found in or on the shores of the sea or any tidal water.

4 The Port Master, Capt Muhammad Segar is currently the appointed 'Receiver of Wreck'.

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