



MARITIME AND PORT AUTHORITY OF SINGAPORE

PORT MARINE CIRCULAR

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Harbour Craft Community

FIRE SAFETY INSPECTIONS ON HARBOUR CRAFT

1 Fires can cause major disasters and loss of lives onboard ships. The best prevention is to adopt best fire safety practices to eliminate fire hazards. Therefore, responsible shipmaster and crew should identify the fire hazards; ensure that the fire-fighting equipment and system are in operational conditions; and conduct regular fire drills onboard ships.

2 To enhance the port and ship fire safety, MPA's Emergency Response Preparedness (ERP) team will be conducting regular fire safety inspections and checks onboard harbour craft with effect from 14 Jan 2008. The MPA's ERP team conducting the checks will discuss and explain the purposes of these checks to the shipmaster. The checks will include the following:

- a) Identification of fire hazards in all parts of the ship;
- b) Deck fire-fighting arrangement;
- c) Fire detection and extinguishing system;
- d) Measures for control of ventilation and spread of heat and smoke;
- e) Posting of muster list and all crew members to fully understand their responsibilities;
- f) Readiness of fire-fighting appliances and equipment for immediate use;
- g) Record of equipment checks and maintenance;
- h) Conduct of drills and exercises for different emergency situations;
- i) Access / Exit markings; and
- j) Any other special features.

3 The fire safety inspections and checks will be conducted with the master of the harbour craft or a senior officer appointed by the master. The inspection team will defer the inspections if it interferes with any operation that the harbour craft is conducting or undergoing. The Port Master, MPA, requests all shipmasters and crew to extend their full support and co-operation to the MPA's ERP team conducting the checks.

4 Any clarification relating to this circular may be directed to Mr Rahman B Kamin at Tel: 6774-5086.

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