

COMMITTEE ON BOATING AND YACHTING

(REVISED)

*Minutes of Meeting held on 25 March 1999 at 1000 hours
in the Marine Department Headquarters Conference Room (A)*

Present

Mr. K. K. NG	General Manager/ Operations, Marine Department	Chairman
Mr. Robert BIRD) Hong Kong Yacht Club	Member
Dr. Alan LAU)	Member
Mr. K. C. KWOK) Hong Kong Yachting Association	Member
Mr. Cowen CHIU)	Member
Ms. Linda DAVY)	Member
Mr. F. K. FONG	Representative of Civil Engineering Department	Member
Miss Ivy CHAU	Marine Department	Secretary

In Attendance

Mr. L. K. SZETO)Marine Department
Mr. C. K. YEUNG)
Mr. S. W. MAK)
Mr. K. W. FUNG)

Absent

Mr. Richard McCarthy	HKYA	Member
Mr. Wells HO	Home Affairs Bureau	Member
Mr. David TONG	Home Affairs Department	Member
Mr. Stephen LEUNG	Urban Services Department	Member
Ms. June LO	Regional Services Department	Member

The Chairman welcomed all present, especially the new members: Mr. K C KWOK, Mr. Robert BIRD and Ms. Linda DAVY.

I. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

2. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed with the following amendment:
 - In the absent list, “Ms. Linda DAVY” and “Mr. Keith Mowser” should be deleted.

II. MATTER ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Extension of Third Party Risk Insurance

3. **The Chairman** reported to the meeting that the Draft Instruction had already been forwarded to the Department of Justice (D of J) for its preparation of final draft. The proposed legislation would be submitted to the Legislative Council for reading later this year.

Speed Limit Review

4. **Mr. C K YEUNG** informed members that the amendments to concerned legislation were being processed smoothly. The Draft Instruction was now in hand with the D of J.

Helping Business Study Phase II on Licensing of Local Vessels

5. **Mr. S W MAK** reported the progress of the implementation of the recommendations proposed in the Study. At present, 7 **items of the** recommendations had been implemented. 3 more **items** would be implemented on 1.4.1999. **Members were drawn to the attention that inspection of pleasure vessel (Class 8 speed**

U **boat) for the purpose of licensing would no longer be required with effective from 1.4.1999.**

6. **The Chairman** added that up till now, 10 of the 31 recommendations had been implemented. The remaining 21 recommendations would be of longer terms as legislation amendments and/or computerization were needed.

Exclusion of Liability of the Government Vessels in Collisions

7. **Mr. C K YEUNG** informed members that MD was now studying Section 4(6) of the Crown Proceedings Ordinance (Cap. 300) concerning the liability of the Government Vessels in collisions.
i U The **proposed** amendments would be forwarded to the D of J for
i U **consideration.**

Wan Chai Reclamation

8. **Mr. L K SEZTO** said that there was no further progress of the Reclamation to report in the meeting.

Central Reclamation

9. **Mr. L K SEZTO** informed members that the Government had commissioned a Consultancy Study on minimal reclamation option. MD shared RHKYC's concern on the reclamation especially the reprovisioning of Queen's Pier. In fact, the Pier was an important public embarkation facility. MD would reflect members' concern and comments on the reclamation to the consultant of the Study.
10. **Dr. Alan LAU** told members that the Town Planning Board was also informed of the Pleasure Vessel community's concern on the reclamation.

IV. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Representation of Pleasure Boating in the Provisional Local Vessels Advisory Committee (PLVAC) Meetings

11. Mr. Keith Choules, the executive director of Outward Bound School, was representing Pleasure Vessel community in the PLVAC. Since Mr. Choules had resigned from the COMBAY, he might not be able to fully reflect PV owners' views and concerns. Therefore, **Dr. Alan LAU** suggested nominating another representative to replace Mr. Choules. In response, **Mr. K C KWOK and Mr. Cowen CHIU** proposed to nominate Dr. Alan LAU for the representative of COMBAY in the PLVAC. All members agreed and the Secretary of COMBAY would inform the Chairman of the PLVAC of the nomination.

Installation of new Fender

12. **Mr. F K FONG** briefed members on CED's plan to replace all existing wooden fenders used at public piers and landing steps. He also sought members' views and comments on this. **Mr. FONG** said that one of the options would be to use plastic/rubber fenders which were more environmentally friendly and of lower cost in the long run.
13. In response to Mr. K W FUNG's suggestion to use Yokohama fenders, **Mr. FONG** clarified that they might not be suitable for public piers due to difficulties in maintenance. Moreover, they might not suit different kinds of vessels, according to the result of trial in Macau Ferry Terminal. On the other hand, **Mr. FONG** remarked that other types of rubber fenders might be useful at remote and exposed areas.

Installation of Notice Boards in Piers

14. **Mr. F K FONG** informed members that CED was planning to name and number all public piers and landing steps. Two plastic notice boards would be installed at the pier/step to show its name and number as well as CED' s telephone number. It was expected that the design of the notice board would be finalized by end of March and the installation by mid of this year. A location plan of public piers and landing steps would also be published in due course.

V. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

15. The next meeting date was tentatively scheduled for **8 July 1999, Thursday.**
16. There being no other business, the meeting closed at 1045 hours.