

**NOTES OF THE 24th MEETING OF THE
HIGH SPEED CRAFT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (HSCCC)**

Date : 10 December 2020 (Friday)
Time : 4:45 pm
Venue : N/A (By correspondence due to the COVID-19 pandemic)

Membership

Mr. SHI Qiang	Assistant Director / Shipping, Marine Department (Chairman)
Capt. CHEUNG Sai-teng	Hong Kong Seamen's Union
Capt. CHUNG Tung-tong	Merchant Navy Officer's Guild
Mr. LAI Ming-hong	Amalgamated Union of Seafarers, Hong Kong
Mr. KUI Kin-ping	HK-Macau High Speed Craft Sector
Capt. TSE Yiu-wing, Tommy	HK-Macau High Speed Craft Sector
Capt. WAN Chi-kwong, Eddie	HK-Macau High Speed Craft Sector
Mr. CHEN Chao-cheng	HK-Mainland High Speed Craft Sector
Mr. ZHANG Hua	HK-Mainland High Speed Craft Sector
Ms. CHAN Man-kuen	Lay Member
Ms. WONG Mei-po	Lay Member
Miss LAU Lai-yan, Lilian	Assistant Secretary for Transport & Housing (Transportation) 10B
Mr LUI Kam-leung	General Manager/ Ship Safety, Marine Department
Mr. CHENG Yiu-kwong, Winson	Senior Surveyor/ Passenger Ships Safety, Marine Department
Ms KWOK Shuk-yin, Grace	Executive Officer (Shipping & Multi-lateral Policy) 1, Marine Department (Secretary)

Introduction

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 24th Meeting of the HSCCC was held by correspondence instead of a physical meeting and the annotations to the agenda were circulated by e-mail to members of the meeting on 10 December 2020 (Thursday).

Agenda Item 1: Membership of HSCCC

2. The **Chairman** announced that **Mr. KUI Kin-ping, Capt. TSE Yiu-wing, Tommy** and **Mr. CHEN Chao-cheng** had been appointed to succeed **Capt. HO Yuk-wai, Henry, Mr. LI Mu-yu, Mr. TSANG Man-ching**. The other members of HSCCC had been re-appointed for the period from 4 December 2020 to 31 October 2023. The Chairman welcomed the new and re-appointed members to participate the 24th Meeting of HSCCC. The **Secretary** reported that no comment was received from members on the last notes of meeting. The **Chairman** thus endorsed the meeting notes.

Agenda Item 2: Confirmation of Notes of the 23rd HSCCC Meeting held on 10 December 2019 (Tuesday)

3. **Capt. TSE Yiu-wing, Tommy from HK-Macau High Speed Craft Sector** enquired that whether Shun Tak-China Travel Macau Ferries Ltd. and Chu Kong High-Speed Ferry Co., Ltd. had been informed on the requirement to place an original of *IAMSAR Manual* (International Aeronautical and Maritime Search and Rescue Manual) and *List of Lights and Fog Signals* on board every HSC. **Mr. CHENG Yiu-kwong, Winson from MD** confirmed that carriage of the above-mentioned publications was not mandatory. As such, the publications could be removed from HSC.

Agenda Item 3: Streamlining Applications of Entry and Clearance and Payment Procedures

4. The **Chairman** reported that Local Licensing and Port Formalities Section of Marine Department (MD) had launched a new multiple clearance application mechanism since February 2020. The new mechanism permitted the High Speed Craft (HSC) operators to apply for Multiple Clearance Permit once a month instead of twice a month.

Agenda Item 4: Arrangement for accepting e-certificates during port clearance

5. The **Chairman** informed the members that Local Licensing and Port Formalities Section of MD confirmed that electronic certificates for port

formalities could be accepted. The electronic certificate must be a certificate in an electronic format issued by an Administration or its representatives. The scanned copy of vessel certificate was not accepted as e-certificate.

Agenda Item 5: Review on Type Rating Certificates (TRC) Revalidation Mechanism (HSCCC Paper No. 3/2019 refers)

6. The **Chairman** stated that Seafarers and Examination Branch of MD had reviewed the TRC Revalidation Mechanism and had launched a new risk based revalidation mechanism from first quarter of 2020. Under the new mechanism, the mandatory four yearly revalidation examination had been replaced with an approved TRC Revalidation Course. Candidates who wish to revalidate their TRC should complete such a course before applying for revalidation. The Maritime Service Training Institute (MSTI) provided a two-day revalidation course which cost HKD 880 per person. To ensure the course quality, MD would carry out annual course monitoring, surprise check and non-intrusive onboard visits. The new mechanism had been announced to the two cross boarder HSC operators and three major maritime labour unions via MD letter dated 30 March 2020.

Agenda Item 6: Casualty and Personal Accident Statistics on board HK HSC in the period from 1 November 2019 to 31 October 2020

7. Marine Accident Investigation (MAI) Section of MD reported that the casualty and personal accidents involved Hong Kong registered HSC from 1 November 2019 to 31 October 2020 were in a total of 16. There were 11 and five within and outside Hong Kong waters respectively. Amongst them, eight cases were related to occupational safety. All these accidents were minor in nature. There was a significantly reduction of the casualty and personal accidents. The **Chairman** thanked HSC operators for their efforts and reminded them to stay vigilant on the safety matters.

Agenda Item 7: Circulated HSCCC papers in the period from 10 December 2019 to 9 December 2020

8. **Ms. Grace KWOK from MD** reported that HSCCC Paper No. 1/2020 on Marine Works for the Construction of the Hong Kong Offshore Liquefied Natural Gas Terminal and HSCCC Paper No. 2/2020 on Proposed Southern

Landing Facility at West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD) had been circulated for members' comments in the period from 10th December 2019 to 9 December 2020. While no adverse comment had been received from members by 10 December and 22 December 2020 respectively, HSCCC Paper No. 1/2020 and 2/2020 had been endorsed.

A.O.B.

9. No A.O.B. had been received from members by 24 December 2020 (Thursday).

Date of Next Meeting

10. Date of the next meeting would be announced in due course.

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