

**NOTES OF THE 25th MEETING OF THE
HIGH SPEED CRAFT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (HSCCC)**

Date : 28 October 2021 (Thursday)
Time : 2:30 pm
Venue : Conference Room A, 24/F, Marine Department Headquarters,
Harbour Building, 38 Pier Road, Central, Hong Kong

Present

Mr. CHOI Chi-chuen	Assistant Director/Shipping, Marine Department (Chairman)
Capt. CHEUNG Sai-teng	Hong Kong Seamen's Union
Capt. CHUNG Tung-tong	Merchant Navy Officers' Guild
Mr. KUI Kin-ping	HK-Macau High Speed Craft Sector
Capt. WAN Chi-kwong, Eddie	HK-Macau High Speed Craft Sector
Ms. WONG Mei-po	Lay Member

MD officials

Mr. LUI Kam-leung	General Manager/Ship Safety Branch
Mr. CHENG Yiu-kwong, Winson	Senior Surveyor of Ships/Passenger Ships Safety
Mr. HUANG Zi-hai	Senior Surveyor of Ships/Marine Accident Investigation
Mr. YU Kin-chung	Senior Surveyor of Ships/Seafarers and Examination (2)
Mr. MOK Chiu-sum	Surveyor of Ships/Passenger Ships Safety

In attendance

Mr. NG King-shing	HK-Macau High Speed Craft Sector (stand-in representative for Capt. TSE Yiu-wing, Tommy)
Capt. CHOW Tak-cor	HK-Macau High Speed Craft Sector (stand-in representative for Capt. TSE Yiu-wing, Tommy)

Absent

Mr. LAI Ming-hong	Amalgamated Union of Seafarers, Hong Kong
Mr. CHEN Chao-cheng	HK-Mainland High Speed Craft Sector
Capt. TSE Yiu-wing, Tommy	HK-Macau High Speed Craft Sector

Mr. ZHANG Hua	HK-Mainland High Speed Craft Sector
Ms. CHAN Man-kuen	Lay Member
Mr. KWAN Chun-wai, Sam	Assistant Secretary (Transport) 10B, Transport and Housing Bureau

Opening Remarks

The **Chairman** welcomed all to the meeting. He invited members to disclose and declare any direct personal or pecuniary interest in relations to any of the agenda item in the meeting. No conflict of interests was recorded from the floor.

Agenda Item 1: Confirmation of Notes of Last Meeting (24th Meeting) (10 December 2020) (By correspondence due to the COVID-19 pandemic)

2. Since no comment was received from the members, the **Chairman** thus endorsed the notes of last meeting.

Agenda Item 2: Recap the follow up action for the Item no. 3, 4 and 5 on 24th Meeting of HSCCC by correspondence to seek any further comment from members

3. **Mr. LUI Kam-leung from MD** reported that there is no further follow-up action for Item 3 (Streamlining Applications of Entry and Clearance and Payment Procedures) and Item 5 (Review on Type Rating Certificates (TRC) Revalidation Mechanism) on the 24th Meeting of HSCCC. The follow-up action on Item 4 (Arrangement for accepting e-certificates during port clearance) was still in progress.

4. **Mr. KUI Kin-ping from HK-Macau High Speed Craft Sector** said that electronic certificates (e-certs) should be up to certain standard accepted by all concerned parties and should be in an encrypted format for security reason.

5. The **Chairman** said that the International Maritime Organization has issued guidelines for setting a global standard on the functions and security requirements of electronic certificates. He further supplemented that, as per HSCCC Paper No. 6/2021 “Use of Electronic Certificates for Hong Kong Registered High Speed Craft”, a legislation amendment exercise aims to

introduce the use of e-certs as an alternative option of paper certificates was in progress.

6. **Mr. YU Kin-chung from MD** updated the members on the latest development of the revalidation arrangements for the Type Rating Certificate (TRC) system of High Speed Craft (HSC) where the revalidation examinations would be replaced with an approved TRC Revalidation course.

Agenda Item 3: Casualty and Personal Accident Statistics onboard HK HSC in the period from 1 November 2020 to 26 October 2021

7. **Mr. HUANG Zi-hai from MD** reported that there was no accident related to HSC was reported in the period.

Agenda Item 4: Circulated HSCCC papers in the period from 10 December 2020 to 27 October 2021

8. **Mr. LUI Kam-leung from MD** noted that a member enquired about the use of E-certificate in Greater Bay Area (GBA) in related to HSCCC Paper No. 6/2021. It is noted that China Maritime Safety Administration and Macau Marine and Water Bureau generally accepted the use of E-certificate in principle. The **Chairman** said that the implementation details would be discussed with these maritime authorities in due course.

9. The meeting noted the suggestion from **Mr. Ng King-shing from HK-Macau High Speed Craft Sector** that briefing session to be arranged on the use and verification of E-certificate before the enforcement of the amendment legislation.

10. The **Chairman** concluded that there were six (6) HSCCC papers circulated to the members since last meeting. While no adverse comment was received, the papers were endorsed accordingly.

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11. **Capt. CHEUNG Sai-teng from Hong Kong Seamen's Union** enquired whether the trading limits of River Trade Certificate of Competency (“CoC”) covered the waters of the GBA. If not, is it possible to extend the trading limits

to GBA.

12. **Mr. YU Kin-chung from MD** advised that the River Trade Limits does not entirely cover all the waters of GBA. The River Trade Limits is explicitly defined under the Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) Ordinance (Cap. 478). It is not feasible to extend the trading zone limits to GBA without amending the legislation.

13. **Capt. CHEUNG Sai-teng from Hong Kong Seamen's Union** inquired about the Type Rating Certificate (TRC) revalidation for the River Trade CoC under the COVID-19 pandemic without sea services due to the suspension of cross-boundary HSC services.

14. **Mr. YU Kin-chung from MD** stated that owing to COVID-19 pandemic, the cross-boundary HSC service has been suspended since January 2020. Taking into consideration that officers of cross-boundary HSC are unable to acquire the prerequisite sea time for revalidating their TRC amid the pandemic, MD takes a pragmatic approach to extend their TRC for six months if the officers completed a revalidation course.

15. **Capt. CHEUNG Sai-teng from Hong Kong Seamen's Union** asked how could the HSC cadets accumulate sufficient sea time for admitting to the CoC examination under the COVID-19 pandemic.

16. **Mr. YU Kin-chung from MD** advised that MD might consider the application case by case. As a guiding principle, candidates may take the examination prior to sufficient sea time is accumulated, and the CoC will be issued when all requirements are met.

17. **Mr. Ng King-shing from HK-Macau High Speed Craft Sector** enquired whether HSCCC meeting could be held more frequently. The **Chairman** said that members could approach MD directly for any urgent matter and ad hoc meeting could be arranged if required.

18. **Mr. Ng King-shing from HK-Macau High Speed Craft Sector** also expressed that HSC operators require sufficient time to prepare for the resumption of services after the COVID-19 pandemic. Thus, he would like MD to notify the HSC operators once the information is available. The **Chairman**

noted his concern.

19. **Capt. CHEUNG Sai-teng from Hong Kong Seamen's Union** enquired whether the recent development of “Sha Chau and Lung Kwu Chau Marine Park” and “Hong Kong International Airport” has any implication to the HSC operation. **Mr. HUANG Zi-hai from MD** replied that no adverse comment was received yet. The **Chairman** concluded that any adverse concern would be announced through the established mechanism.

Date of Next Meeting

20. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm. Date of the next meeting would be announced in due course.

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