

LOCAL VESSELS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Joint Sub-committee on Class I and Class IV Vessels

Practical Operation Examination

Purpose

To implement the practical operation examination mechanism with a view to enhancing public safety.

Present Position and Proposals

2. At present, holders of the Coxswain Certificate and the Pleasure Vessel Operator Certificate may operate passenger carrying vessels without the need to take any practical operation examination. In order to promote public safety, we propose that:

2.1 **The following persons** should take a practical operation examination –

- a. Coxswains holding a Coxswain Grade 1 Certificate who are engaged in the operation of local passenger carrying vessels; and
- b. Operators holding a Pleasure Vessel Operator Grade 1 Certificate who are engaged in the operation of pleasure vessels for hire.

2.2 The practical operation examination can be conducted with a navigation simulation system.

Advice Sought

3. Members' views are sought on the proposals set out above.