

**LOCAL VESSELS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Joint Sub-committee on Class I and Class IV Vessels**

**Type Rating Certificate Required for Coxswains Operating  
Local Fast Speed Passenger Vessels**

**Purpose**

To ensure that coxswains of local fast speed passenger vessels are proficient in navigation and emergency response for the type of vessel they operate with a view to enhancing public safety.

**Present Position and Proposals**

2. If the international formula for high speed craft is applied to local passenger carrying vessels, about 33 vessels, save for the 9 vessels plying between Discovery Bay and Central, are operated by coxswains without a Type Rating Certificate.

3. If fast speed vessels are defined as vessels with a speed of more than 18 knots per hour, about 29 vessels are operated by coxswains without a Type Rating Certificate.

4. Based on the information given in the above two paragraphs, the Marine Department proposes to explore the definition of local fast speed passenger vessels and the application of the Type Rating Certificate in the operation of fast speed passenger vessels.

**Advice Sought**

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

Marine Department  
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