

LOCAL VESSELS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Joint Sub-committee on Class I and Class IV Vessels Working Time Arrangements for Crew of Local Passenger Carrying Vessels

Purpose

To prevent fatigue of crew working on local passenger carrying vessels.

Present Position and Proposals

2. According to information available to the Marine Department (MD), the “24-hour-on and 24-hour-off” arrangement for crew is a common practice adopted by the industry. Depending on the length of the journey involved in individual routes and scheduled services, the general working/rest time arrangements for crew are as follows:

	<u>Time range</u>
Continuous on-duty navigation time (including berthing time at piers between journeys, but excluding meal time, rest period(s) and sleeping time at night)	1 hour – 6 hours 30 minutes
Total on-duty navigation time accumulated in a 24-hour shift	10 hours – 13 hours 30 minutes
Non-navigation working time (e.g. cleaning, deck washing, etc.)	30 minutes – 2 hours 30 minutes
Meal time	30 minutes – 1 hour
Rest period(s) (excluding berthing time at piers, meal time and sleeping time at night)	30 minutes – 3 hours
Sleeping time at night (excluding rest period(s))	4 hours 30 minutes – 6 hours 45 minutes

3. To ensure crew have adequate rest while on duty and prevent them from suffering from fatigue, MD proposes that:

- a. continuous on-duty navigation time should be capped;
- b. total on-duty navigation time accumulated should be capped; and
- c. a basic meal time should be provided for crew.

Advice Sought

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

Marine Department
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