

**LOCAL VESSELS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Installation of Awnings on Class III Fishing Sampans  
and Maximum Crew Allowance for Class III Fishing Vessels**

**Purpose**

The purpose of this paper is to seek members' views on the proposals on the installation of awnings on Class III Fishing Sampans and the maximum crew allowance for Class III Fishing Vessels.

**Background**

2. Awning is for the operation needs of fishing sampans. The installation of awning is requested from the fishing industry representatives for protection from direct sunlight and raining during operations of Class III fishing sampans.

3. For the maximum crew allowance of fishing vessels, the fishing industry representative had mentioned that fishing vessel owners requested to increase the crew number for maximizing fish catching in order to support their living.

**Proposal**

4. For the installation of awnings on Class III Fishing Sampans, the following details were discussed and agreed by members during the Sub-Committee of Class III Vessels Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2014:

- I. The maximum length of an awning is not greater than half of the overall length of the vessel;
- II. The minimum height of the awning is 1.6 metres measured from the main deck.
- III. The awning installed is detachable.

5. The maximum crew allowance for Class III Fishing Vessel was also discussed and the following details were agreed by members during the Sub-Committee of Class III Vessels Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2014:

- I. The maximum crew allowance for the Class III Vessel is determined by the factor  $A=3.21 (L_a-B) B^2$ , where  
 $L_a$  = vessel's length overall in metres

B= vessel's extreme breadth in metres  
and the following table:

Factor [A]	Maximum Crew Allowance
$A \leq 120$	4 (See Note 1)
$150 \geq A > 121$	8
$300 \geq A > 151$	10 * subject to a simple inclining test (See Note 3)
$1000 \geq A > 301$	12 ( See Note 2)
$A > 1000$	15 ( See Note 2)

Note 1: The maximum crew allowance could increase from 4 to 6 subject to a simple inclining test (see Note 3).

Note 2: Fishing vessels operated in China outside Hong Kong Waters has to fulfil the new requirement of Register of Fishing Vessel of the People's Republic of China.

Note 3: The simple inclining test refers to Annex E to Code of Practice—Safety Standards for Classes I, II and III Vessels.

### **Endorsement Sought**

6. Members are invited to comment and endorse on the proposal in Paragraph 4 and 5 above.

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