

PROVISIONAL LOCAL VESSEL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the 24th Committee Meeting held on 15 March 2000 at 2:30 p.m. in Room 1405-1406, 14/F., Harbour Building

Present

Chairman:	Mr. M.C. TSANG	Deputy Director of Marine
Member:	Mr. CHOI Kim-lui	Representing Launch & Excursion Vessel Operators
	Mr. HO Chi-shing	Representing Ferry Vessels Operators
	Mr. HUNG Bing	Representing Local Seafarers Operators
	Mr. KEUNG Yin-man	Representing Fishing Industry
	Dr. Alan LAU Kwok-lam	Representing Pleasure Boating Operators
	Mr. SZETO Kin, Vitus	Representing Ships Buildings & Ships Repairs Oprs
	Mr. Tony YEUNG	Representing Seafarers' Training Institutes
	Mr. NG Kwing-kee	Representing Marine Department
	Mr. TUNG Hon-ming	Ditto
Secretary:	Mr. Michael YEUNG	Asst. Departmental Secretary/Marine Department

In Attendance

Capt. WU Ka-shun	HK Shipping Staff Association
Mr. Martin CHU	Survey & Inspection Company
Mr. CHEUNG Yau-kwong	Marine Excursion Association
Ms. Sandy LEE	Ditto
Mr. LEUNG Wai-ying	HK Fishermen's Association
Mr. HO Kwun-yin	Local Seafarers Operators
Mr. K. M. LEE	Marine Department
Mr. LEE Kwok-ping	Ditto
Mr. F. L. CHEUK	Ditto
Mr. CHAN Kwong-chun	Ditto
Mr. Victor NG	Ditto

Presentation of Papers

No. 1/00:	Mr. C. Y. TSANG	Marine Department
No. 2/00:	Mr. Alex C. K. KWOK	Agriculture, Fisheries & Conservation Department
	Mr. CHOW Wing-kuen	Ditto
No. 3/00:	Mr. LEUNG Wai-yin	Ditto
	Mr. CHAN Lai-koon	Ditto

Absent with Apologies

Dr. Peter CHENG Jui-shan	Representing Naval Architect
Mr. HE Wei-ping	Representing River Trade Cargo Operators
Mr. James SHUEN Wai	Representing HK Cargo Vessel Traders
Mr. Elden YAU Choi-kee	Representing Marine Insurance Companies
Mr. R. W. Pickup	Representing Survey & Inspection Companies
Mr. A.M. Steeple	Representing Commissioner of Police

I. INTRODUCTION

- M283 1. The Chairman welcomed all members and introduce Mr. Victor NG, Secretary (Designate), attending the meeting for the first time.

II. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

- M284 2. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed with one amendment to the Chinese minutes:
Page 3, Item IV (ii) to delete “草案” from the headline 《商船(本地船隻)條例草案》

III. PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

Paper No. 1/00 “Proposed Amendments to the Legislation concerning Marine Restricted Areas surrounding Stonecutters Island”

- M285 3. Mr. C. Y. TSANG of MD presented the paper. He informed members about the proposed amendments to the legislation pertaining the narrowing down of the marine restricted areas surrounding Stonecutters Island and repealing the navigation restriction to the former Victoria Naval Basin. The Chairman added that a Marine Department Notice would be prepared to publicize the message.

Paper No. 2/00 “Proposed Tung Ping Chau Marine Park Information Paper”

- M286 4. Mr. Alex KWOK of AFCD presented the paper, he informed members that the proposed Tung Ping Chau Marine Park would be far away from the shipping routes and therefore OGVs should not be affected. Members raised no comments on this paper.

Paper No. 3/00 “Proposed Implementation of Artificial Reef Development Programme and Fisheries Resources Management Measures in Hong Kong Waters

- M287 5. Mr. LEUNG Wai-yin of AFCD presented the paper. He informed members that trawling is prohibited but there would be no restriction regarding anchorage and navigation in the areas. The minimum water clearance of most of the artificial reefs would be 9 meters below chart datum and free access would be allowed for vessels going in and out of Port Shelter and Rocky Harbour. He explained that natural features and/or notice boards along the coastal line would be used to mark the boundaries of the Fisheries Protection areas. He assured members that Marine Department would be consulted regarding the locations and water clearance of artificial reefs to be deployed.
6. Messrs. KEUNG Yin-man and LEUNG Wai-ying raised concerns on the location and extent of the artificial reef deployment programme. They requested AFCD to adopt a more progressive approach to test the usefulness of the artificial reef before putting the programme to full swing. Their points were noted by Mr. LEUNG Wai-yin.

IV. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

(i) Helping Business Study (M277)

- M288 7. Mr. H.M. TUNG informed members that half of the recommendations of the Helping Business Study were implemented. The remaining recommendations would be implemented after the enactment of the MS(LV)O. The Chairman suggested and members agreed to delete this item from the agenda for the time being.

(ii) Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) Ordinance (M278)

- M289 8. Mr. F.L. CHEUK reported to members that the drafting of MS(LV)O's subsidiary legislation was proceeding slowly due to some existing technical problems. He envisaged that the drafting would be completed by the end of this year.

(iii) Code of Practices for Pleasure Vessels (M279)

- M290 9. Mr. K. K. NG reported to members that the inspection items (list attached at Annex I) for existing excursion vessels carrying not more than 60 passengers had been agreed by all at the 2nd working group meeting held on 25 January 2000. Mr. K. P. LEE added that all inspection would be carried out by the Classification Societies and an inspection record would be produced. He also briefed members on the agreed inspection items.
10. Mr. K. M. LEE reminded members that these measures would apply to existing pleasure vessels only. For pleasure vessels newly licensed under the MS(LV)O, more stringent measures would be applied. He further advised members that the exact survey requirement for a pleasure vessel would depend on whether the vessel would be engaged in chartering. The requirements were summarized at Annex II and III respectively for members' information.

(iv) Fishing Vessels Matters (M280)

- M291 11. Mr. H. M. TUNG reported progress on fishing vessel matters that were discussed at the 2nd Fishing Vessels Working Group meeting. He informed members that briefing sessions would be arranged for the fishing industry within the fish ban period this year.

V. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Farewell to Secretary

- M292 12. The Chairman informed members that Mr. Victor NG would be the new Secretary vice Mr. Michael YEUNG, who would be posted out of the Marine Department on 27 March 2000.

VI DATE OF NEXT MEETING

M293 13. Members would be informed of the date of next meeting in due course.

遊樂船檢驗細目

INSPECTION ITEMS FOR EXCURSION VESSEL

適合在良好天氣下在香港範圍內操作遊樂船。

For vessels operating within Hong Kong waters and in favourable weather conditions.

1. 船體結構（有無損壞裂縫，船體各種連接處有無鬆動和漏水現象）
Hull structure and superstructure (any damage or cracking, any evidence of loosening or leakage in way of connections)
2. 船體內部提供浮力結構（密閉性是否完好）
Hull buoyancy structure (tightness)
3. 內部艙壁（確定完整性）
Internal bulkheads (Integrity)
4. 主機的操控系統
Propulsion engine control system
5. 油柜及油管（是否完好，無滲漏現象）
Oil tanks and oil pipes (in good order and no leakage)
6. 艙底水系統及消防系統（是否處於有效工作狀態）
Bilge system and fire mains (in working condition)
7. 電纜，電氣裝置（確定無不適當的損壞）
Electrical cables and electrical installations (no undue damages)
8. 測量電纜和主要電氣設備的絕緣電阻及防超負荷裝置，電氣設備的接地情況
Insulation resistance, overload protection and earthing of cables and main electric installation to be measured
9. 救生設備（是否齊全並放在各自位置，處於有效工作狀態及維修保養正常）
Life-saving appliances (are complete in number and placed in position, and maintained in effective working condition)
10. 消防設施（是否齊全並在各自位置，處於有效工作狀態及維修保養正常）
Fire-fighting appliances (are complete in number and placed in position, and maintained in effective working condition)

11. 號燈及音響信號設備（是否工作正常）
Light and sound signals (are in effective working condition)
12. 乘客逃生通道（是否暢通無阻）
Means of escape for passengers (are not obstructed)
13. 欄杆、扶手、通道等保護設施（是否維修保養正常）
Means of protection such as guard rails, handrails and passageways (maintained in good condition)
14. 通風裝置（關閉效用是否正常）
Ventilation fans (closing mechanism in working condition)
15. 防油污裝置操作試驗
Oil pollution prevention installation functional test
16. 驗船師認為需要檢驗的項目
Other items considered necessary to be inspected by the classification society surveyor.

上排檢驗

Survey on slip

1. 船底板、舷側板、防濺條、尾封板（有無損壞裂縫）
Bottom plates, side shell plates, spray strips and stern transom plates (any damage or cracking)
2. 海底閥、推進軸、螺旋槳及油封（是否維修保養正常）
Sea Valve, Propeller shaft, propeller and oil seals (maintained in good condition)

備註

Remark

Survey Requirements for Pleasure Vessels

	Licensed under Merchant Shipping (Pleasure Vessels) Regulations (Cap. 313)		Licensed under Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) Ordinance (Cap. 548)	
	ordinary PV	chartered PV	ordinary PV	chartered PV
carrying more than 60 persons	- no inspection	- MD launch standard - inspected by Class	- MD launch standard - inspected by MD	
carrying more than 12 persons but not more than 60 persons	- no inspection	- MD specified items - inspected by Class	- no inspection	- MD launch standard - inspected by Class
carrying not more than 12 persons	- no inspection	- MD specified items - inspected by Class	- no inspection	- MD specified items - inspected by Class