



Notice to Mariners № 10 of 2020

To all Jersey vessel owners and the owners and operators of small commercial vessels.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Temporary Procedures for: Jersey Shipping Registry and Ports of Jersey Maritime Standards.

Mariners are advised that in order to comply with the guidance issued by the Government of Jersey and the latest Ports of Jersey risk assessments the following modified processes are currently in force.

Jersey Shipping Registry:

The office of the Jersey Shipping Registry is now closed until at least the end of April 2020 with registry staff working from home. This has resulted in some necessary limitations to the service provided.

The registry can still be contacted via e-mail shipsregistry@ports.je and the phone number +44 1534 447728 provides a message linking to sources of information in www.ports.je/shipsregistry;

Mail posted to the registry address is no longer being routinely processed but will be dealt with when the office re-opens.

In line with guidance issued by the UK MCA (See MIN 612 (amendment 1) and MIN 614) [MIN 612 \(M+F\) Amendment 1 Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) – MCA approach to survey and certification of UK vessels.](#)

[MIN 614 \(M+F\) Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) – UK Ship Register approach to registration services for UK Vessels](#)

the Jersey Shipping Registry is, on application, able to produce a letter to extend the validity of an existing certificate, Minimum Safe Manning Document, or exemption for an additional period of three months. Renewals will be issued in due course linked to the expiry date of the original document.

For crew members who are unable to renew their Certificates of Competency or complete refresher training, due to lack of courses during this emergency, a similar extension permitting continued service aboard a Jersey-flagged vessel until 30Sep2020 is available.

Ports of Jersey Maritime Standards:

Ports of Jersey Maritime Standards Managers/ GoJ Port State Control Inspectors are working from home. Contact: Stanley.richard-dit-leschery@ports.je;

In line with the UK MCA, Jersey has suspended all routine Port State Control Inspections together with all fishing vessel and Small Commercial vessel inspections/ surveys with effect from Tuesday 17th March.

MECAL are continuing to offer their local surveys for the moment but are keeping this under review.



Changes relating to Fishing Vessels:

Ports of Jersey is permitting the owners of small (under 15m in length) Fishing vessels to self-certify their safety equipment for Fishing Vessel Certificate renewal, as is done on each intermediate year, subject to a subsequent equipment inspection by Maritime Standards within the next 12 months. Applications for renewal and check-lists can be obtained from Stanley.richard-dit-leschery@ports.je;

For Jersey Fishing vessels 15m or over in length whose renewals are due 3-month Certificate Extensions are being granted by letter following receipt of a similar declaration as to the condition of the vessel and safety equipment from the owner.

With respect to Fishing Vessel crew we are allowing Compliance Exceptions to crew members whose refresher training cannot be completed due to current non-availability of courses, (initially for 3 months)

Like the MCA we are not inspecting or measuring fishing vessels which are either new builds or wishing to flag in. As inspection of such vessels is critical for the safety of these vessels and those aboard we will not be accepting new Fishing Vessels onto the Jersey Shipping Registry until normal service can be resumed.

Changes relating to Small Commercial Vessels and Local Knowledge Endorsements:

A similar vessel and equipment self-certification and document review process is being carried out for Beach-Launched Small Commercial Vessel applications to insure that the required licences can still be issued under Regulation 6 of the Harbours (Inshore Safety)(Jersey) Regulations 2012 for when the situation permits commercial operations to resume. (The issue of these licences will subject to staggered verification inspections during the remainder of the season to ensure standards are maintained).

Ports of Jersey will also look favourably, but on a case by case basis, where small commercial vessels cannot complete their MECAL inspections before their application for the annual Reg 6 licence. The reason for this approach is not to disadvantage those who had, at the time the situation changed dramatically, not yet gone through the normal process.

Local Knowledge Endorsement examinations for the skippers of small commercial vessels are continuing but will be conducted by phone/video-link

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