



## **Safety Bulletin № 05 of 2018**

### **Making modifications to hull and fit out of fishing vessels**

Following the recent fire and total loss of a local fishing boat, owners and skippers are advised to ensure any changes made to their vessel are compliant with SeaFish construction and fit out standards.

These standards were introduced on all UK new build fishing vessels from 2012 and further introduced locally in July 2016.

Any vessel new to the Jersey Register regardless of age, must be compliant with these standards. Any new vessel constructed in any location but intended for fishing as a registered Jersey fishing vessel must also be compliant. Vessels up to 7m in length must hold a Hull Construction Certificate, and vessels over 7m in length must also hold an Outfit Compliance Certificate.

Any owner or skipper who makes a significant change to either the hull, machinery or general outfit of the vessel should seek professional advice before doing so in order not to compromise the safety of the vessel in an emergency.

If in any doubt please do not hesitate to contact Ports of Jersey or a suitably qualified surveyor.

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