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Text of CL:

We hereby inform that the Rules for the Classification and Survey of Small Craft shall be amended as specified in the Appendices to the Circular Letter.

It is necessary to do the following:

1. Bring the content of the Circular Letter to the notice of the RS surveyors, interested organizations and persons in the area of the RS Branch Offices' activity.
2. Apply the provisions of the Circular Letter during classification and survey of small craft.

List of the amended and/or introduced paras/chapters/sections:

Part I: para 3.1.3;

Part II: paras 1.2.2.1 and 3.1;

Appendix 3: Table 1

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**Information on amendments introduced by the Circular Letter  
(for inclusion in the Revision History to the RS Publication)**

Nos.	Amended paras/chapters/sections	Information on amendments	Number and date of the Circular Letter	Entry-into-force date
1	Part I, para 3.1.3	Provision for documentation and testing has been introduced	341-50-1454c of 20.10.2020	20.10.2020
2	Part II, para 1.2.2.1	Provision for bottom survey has been introduced	341-50-1454c of 20.10.2020	20.10.2020
3	Part II, para 3.1	Provision for towing has been introduced and list of events for occasional surveys has been specified	341-50-1454c of 20.10.2020	20.10.2020
4	Appendix 3: Table 1	Requirement for additional means of bailing water from the multihull craft holds has been introduced. Requirements for the craft's length have been specified	341-50-1454c of 20.10.2020	20.10.2020

**RULES FOR THE CLASSIFICATION AND SURVEYS OF SMALL CRAFT, 2020,**  
**ND No. 2-020101-133-E**

**PART I. GENERAL**

**3 PRINCIPLES OF CLASSIFICATION AND CATEGORIES**

1 **Para 3.1.3** is replaced by the following text:

**"3.1.3** For a small craft designed or built without regard for the requirements of 3.1.2, without review of technical documentation or without technical supervision of ACS — IACS member, supervisory or certification bodies, based on satisfactory completion of survey, the minimum category shall be established by the Register. The category specified by the shipowner shall be established after the development and satisfactory review by the Register of technical documentation containing stability data in accordance with Appendix 2, or upon conducting the tests in compliance with 3.1.4.

If a small craft refers to a series of craft having been previously tested, the documentation may be submitted to RS for review without performing the tests."

**PART II. SURVEY SCHEDULE AND SCOPE**

**1 INITIAL SURVEY**

2 **Para 1.2.2.1** is replaced by the following text:

**".1** Contract-request for identification and examination of the ship (form 430.1.14) shall be submitted to the Register.

Identification and examination of the small craft include:

review of the documents on the small craft and technical documentation submitted by the shipowner and establishing of the small craft category (refer to 3.1, Part I "General");

general examination of the small craft during which the RS surveyor shall carry out assessment of the small craft technical condition and draw up the Conclusion on the results of identification and examination of the ship (form 6.3.82rf) where the RS surveyor shall record the information on the small craft identification, evaluate the small craft compliance with the statement concerning small craft details, give an assessment of the small craft technical condition and in this regard, confirm that necessary requirements are complied with or the list of nonconformities is available;

at the shipowner's discretion, survey of the outside of the small craft bottom (bottom survey).

During the small craft identification and examination, the items that have been examined shall be photographed;"

**3 OCCASIONAL SURVEYS**

3 **Para 3.1** is replaced by the following text:

**"3.1** Occasional survey of the small craft shall be carried out upon the shipowner's request in following cases:

after the accident;

after repair or modernization of the small craft related to changing of its structure and/or equipment;  
upon compliance with the requirements imposed during the periodical surveys;  
prior to the small craft passage. The passage shall be carried out using the tug, with no persons on board, in compliance with Section 8, Part II "Carrying out Classification Surveys of Ships" of the Guidelines on Technical Supervision of Ships in Service;  
as prescribed by the state supervisory bodies;  
in connection with introduction (changing) of permanent restrictions on standard towing into the report as per form 6.3.80. Towing shall be performed in compliance with the provisions of Section 8, Part II "Carrying out Classification Surveys of Ships" of the Guidelines on Technical Supervision of Ships in Service. Review of issues on standard towing of small craft is within the competence of the RS Branch Office in which area of activity the towing is planned."

APPENDIX 3

Table 1

4 **Head of the Table** is replaced by the following text:

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Nos.	Item	Small craft with length $L_H \leq 6$ m	Small craft with length $6 < L_H \leq 12$ m	Small craft with length $L_H > 12$ m	Non-self-propelled small craft
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5 **Item 9.** The text in the column "Item" is replaced by the following text:

"Means of bailing water from the hold (for multihull craft, they shall be provided in each hold)".

6 **Footnote 2** is replaced by the following text:

"<sup>2</sup> The small craft with length  $L_H \leq 6$  m shall be provided with a fire extinguisher when an inboard engine with securely attached fuel tank of any size or fuel-fired cooking / heating appliances are installed on board."

7 **Footnote 3** is replaced by the following text:

"<sup>3</sup> The small craft with length  $6 < L_H \leq 12$  m shall be provided with one fire extinguisher and one additional fire extinguisher, when fuel-fired cooking / heating appliances are installed on board."

8 **Footnote 4** is replaced by the following text:

"<sup>4</sup> In compliance with the requirements of Rule 33 of the Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 (COLREGs), for the small craft of category IV, the automotive-type electrical sound signal is permitted; for the small craft with length  $L_H \leq 6$  m of category IV, the replacement by lifejacket whistle is permitted."

9 **Footnote 8** is replaced by the following text:

"<sup>8</sup> small craft not equipped with navigation lights complying with the requirements of the 1972 COLREGs, under conditions of limited visibility and from sunset to sunrise are prohibited for the use. The small craft with length  $L_H > 12$  m shall be provided with signal flags and signs in compliance with the requirements of the 1972 COLREG."