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Updated AMSA Survival at Sea Manual

This Marine Notice advises of the release of updated publication *Survival at Sea*. This publication is used as a training and instruction manual to provide a comprehensive guide on distress situations and emergencies at sea.

This instruction manual assists in meeting international and Australian requirements for the saving of life at sea including appliances to be carried and the measures to be observed on ships. *Survival at Sea* provides an indispensable information source for all mariners.

The international and Australian requirements in respect of life-saving appliances including emergency training and drills are implemented by the *Navigation Act 1912* and Marine Orders (MO) Part 25 - Equipment Life-saving.

MO Part 25 gives effect to Chapter III of SOLAS, including giving effect to the LSA Code, and prescribes matters for the purposes of sections 215 and 228 of the *Navigation Act*.

These requirements include that one copy of the **latest edition** of the *Survival at Sea Instruction Manual* is provided for each crew member onboard, and in each survival craft on Australian registered ships to which MO Part 25 applies.

SOLAS specifies that all ships over 500 gross tons must have survival instructions in recreation rooms, crew cabins, lifeboats and liferafts.

This manual may also be used by non-SOLAS vessels, including fishing vessels as well as recreational vessels, to assist in meeting standards in accordance with state and territory requirements usually in accordance with the Uniform Shipping Laws Code or the National Standards for Commercial Vessels.

Masters and skippers of both large and small vessels have a 'duty of care', to their passengers and crew, to have a good knowledge of survival information as is provided in this manual. It is also a legal obligation to ensure that this updated publication, as the latest edition of the manual, is dispensed in accordance with MO Part 25.

Copies of the latest edition of the *Survival at Sea Instruction Manual* can be obtained from all AMSA offices.

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