



Reporting & Assistance Obligations

Fourth Workshop with Ship Operators
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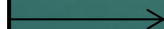
Outline

**Ship position
reporting**

**Obligation of
Assistance**

**Reporting Aids to
navigation
damage**

Conclusion



Ship Position Reporting obligation

❑ **Shipping (Non-Convention Vessel Safety) Regulations 2006**

- Section 113: radio reporting twice a day – it is an offence to not report as required.
- All Ships to maintain 24/7 on HF Frequency 6215.00 khz.
- Reporting by radio is not fully implemented by shipping companies and masters.

❑ **Why ship report?**

- Effective response in case of Search & Rescue Operations.
- Reduce response time to provide assistance.
- Public and organizations planning.



Assistance to persons in distress at sea



OUR OBLIGATION

- Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC) – 24/7 watch & coordination of SAR Operations.
- Obligation of response through 3 phases – **Distress, Alert** or **Uncertainty**.
- Priority of MRCC - **Save Lives** and **protect Marine Environment**.

YOUR OBLIGATION

☐ **Moral obligation**

- ☐ Masters of ships are obligated to assist others in distress at sea whenever they can safely do so.

☐ **Legal obligation**

- ☐ Chapter V Regulation 33 of SOLAS Convention 1974
- ☐ Annex 12 to the convention on international civil aviation
- ☐ SAR Convention & IAMSAR
- ☐ Shipping Act 1998 as amended
 - ☐ Part IV(Section 71)(1)(2)(3)(4)
 - ☐ Part X (section 184)(1)(2)(3)(4)

Obligation of Assistance



Shipping Act 1998 as amended. SECTION 71

ASSISTANCE TO PERSONS IN DANGER OF DISTRESS AT SEA



1. The master of a **vessel entitled to fly the Solomon Islands flag** shall, as far as he can do so without danger to the vessel, its crew and passengers, **render assistance to any person or vessel found at sea in danger or distress.**



2. The master of **any vessel in Solomon Islands waters** shall, as far as he can do so without danger to the vessel, its crew and passengers, **render assistance to any person or vessel found at sea in danger or distress.**



3. The **master of a vessel who fails to comply** with the provisions of this section **commits an offence** and shall be liable upon conviction to a fine not exceeding sixty thousand dollars or a term of imprisonment not exceeding two years, or both.



4. Compliance with the provisions of this section by the master of a vessel shall not affect his right of any other persons to salvage

Obligation of Assistance



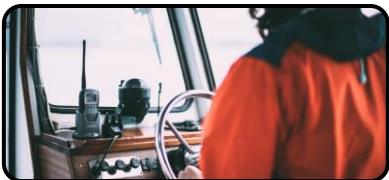
Shipping Act 1998 as amended. PART X -SECTION 184
DUTY TO RENDER ASSISTANCE



1. **Every master is bound**, so far as he can do so without danger to his vessel and persons thereon, **to render assistance** to any person in distress or in danger of being lost at sea.



2. **The duty of the master** of a vessel to render assistance to those in distress at sea **does not derogate from his right to salvage for property saved at sea.**



3. **The owner of the vessel shall incur no liability for a breach of the duty of the master** under subsection (1).



4. **Life salvage shall not be payable to a salvor** when there is no property saved.

Reporting of incident or modification of vessel

❑ **Shipping Act Section 83 (2) -** Report of incident

- The master of the vessel shall, as soon as practicable, report the event to the Director by radio through an appropriate coast station, or if no radio is available, by the fastest practicable means and provide a report to the Director in writing.
- The master of a vessel who, without reasonable cause, fails to comply with the provisions of subsection (2) commits an offence, and shall be liable upon conviction to a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars.

❑ **Shipping (Non-Convention Vessel Safety) Regulations 2006 Section 8 -** Report of modification of vessel

- Any repairs, alterations and modifications of a major character and outfitting related thereto
- The owner shall inform the Administration of the proposed alterations and modifications before such alterations and modifications are carried out.

REPORTING DAMAGE OR NON FUNCTIONING AIDS TO NAVIGATION

WHY?

Aids to Navigation are devices or systems outside of a vessel designed to assist ships in safe and efficient navigation.

Examples: Buoys, beacons and lighthouses.

IMPORTANCE OF AIDS TO NAVIGATION

1

Enhance Safety

Mark navigable waterways, hazards, and safe passages, reducing the risks of collision and groundings.

2

Facilitate Navigation

Provide essential information on position, direction, and distance, aiding ship masters in route planning and execution.

3

Ensure Efficiency

Help vessels navigate complex channels, saving time and fuel while enhancing marine traffic.

Reporting! Reporting!

REPORTING DEFECTIVE AIDS TO NAVIGATION

Prompt Reporting: Ship masters play a crucial role in promptly reporting any defects, damage, or malfunctions in aids to navigation encountered during voyages.

Importance: Timely reporting ensures swift resolution of issues, preventing potential hazards and enhancing overall maritime safety.

PENALTIES FOR DAMAGING AND NON-REPORTING OF AIDS TO NAVIGATION DEFECTS

Master's Obligation and Penalties

Shipping Act 1998 As Amended

Section 70 – Radio reports of dangers to navigation

Section 83 (2) (iii) – Reporting of casualties and incidents



AtoN defects Reporting Form

Instructions for Ship Masters:

The Solomon Islands Shipping Act 1998 as amended makes it mandatory obligation for the master of a vessel entitled to fly Solomon Islands flag to report any serious danger to navigation, including non-functioning or absence of aids to navigation, to the nearest coast station and submit a written report to the Director. Failure to do so without reasonable cause may result in a fine not exceeding sixty thousand dollars upon conviction.

Sender Details	
Name of Vessel/Ship:	
Name of Observer/ Sender:	
Sender's contacts – Email:	
- Phone/Mobile	
Date & Time:	
Ship reporting times	0900hrs <input type="checkbox"/> 1500hrs <input type="checkbox"/>
AtoN Details	
Aids to Navigation Details:	
General Location Information:	
Description of Issue: (Please tick)	<input type="checkbox"/> UNLIT (<i>Extinguished, Not working</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> LIGHT UNRELIABLE (<i>Low power, Dim, Flashing incorrectly</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> DAMAGED (<i>Damaged by cyclones, tides, Vandalised</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> DESTROYED (<i>damaged and cannot be repaired</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> Others (<i>Please write in Comments below</i>).
Comments:	
Chart(s) affected (if known):	
Submission Instructions:	
Sender's Signature:	

Remember the thoroughness and accuracy of your report are crucial for effective outcome. Collaboration in adhering to these instructions significantly contributes to maintaining the and reliability of maritime navigation.

Sender is requested to submit the completed form if defects are noticed and reported to SI promptly.

EPS Department: Phone - 21535, Ext 223.



Ship's AtoN Defects Reporting Form

Please provide it
to your master

Conclusion

We need you for search and rescue of persons in distress at sea

We need you for disaster relief

We need you to watch our aids to navigation and any new danger to navigation

We need to know where you are and who is on board your ship

We all need to be concerned by safety at sea and contribute to it

**WE NEED TO AGREE ON REPORTING OF AND
RESPONSE TO INCIDENTS AND DANGERS AT SEA**



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