
Radio Communications: SOLAS & non-SOLAS Vessels

Notice to all shipowners, fishing vessel owners, Builders, Masters and Officers, shore based maintenance providers, equipment manufacturers, classification societies and all other parties concerned.

This notice should be read with Merchant Shipping Notices 1690 and 1810

PLEASE NOTE:-

Where this document provides guidance on the law it should not be regarded as definitive. The way the law applies to any particular case can vary according to circumstances - for example, from vessel to vessel and you should consider seeking independent legal advice if you are unsure of your own legal position.

Summary

Key Notes:

Corrections for Merchant Shipping Notice 1810.

Paragraph 1

Delete the sentence "It also applies to non-SOLAS vessels (e.g. Fishing Vessels>15) where the carriage of an EPIRB is mandatory".

Insert the sentence "***Compliance with the EPIRB test and maintenance requirements contained within this notice are strongly recommended in the case of non-SOLAS UK registered vessels such as Fishing Vessels over 15m or Large Yacht Code vessels under 300 GT where the carriage of an EPIRB is mandatory***"

Section 3 SOLAS Chapter IV Regulation 15 : Maintenance Requirements

Paragraph 4

Insert after final sentence "***Where there is a mandatory EPIRB requirement for non-SOLAS vessels such as Fishing Vessels over 15m or Large Yacht Code vessels under 300 gt, MCA would strongly recommend that they are tested and maintained iaw MSC 1039 and MSC 1040***".

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