



South African Maritime Safety Authority

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Marine Notice No. 3 of 2020

Assumed Weight per Person: Increase of crew weight calculation from 75kg to 82,5kg

TO ALL REGIONAL MANAGERS, PRINCIPAL OFFICERS, SURVEYORS, AUTHORISED AGENTS, SAFETY OFFICERS, BOAT BUILDERS, BOAT DEALERS, BOAT OWNERS AND OTHER INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES

This Marine Notice is to be read in conjunction with Marine Notice No 8 of 2012.

Summary

This marine notice updates SAMS's policy document Marine Notice 8 of 2012 when calculating built-in buoyancy on small boats for compliance with the Merchant Shipping (National Small Vessel Safety) Regulations, 2007.

BACKGROUND

In July 2010, the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) reviewed the assumed person weight for the calculation of a boats' weight and Built-in-Buoyancy.

- Before 1 July 2010, the assumed weight per person was 75kg
- After 01 July 2010, the assumed weight per person would be 82,5kg

At the time, SAMS decided to retain the assumed weight per person at 75kg when calculating Built-in-Buoyancy for a small vessel. In the interests of improving the safety of people and property at sea, SAMS decided to review this policy as a result of the number of small vessel casualties over the last 10 years since the introduction of the new IMO standard. SAMS have decided to follow suite and amend the assumed weight per person to 82,5kg.

POLICY CHANGE

Passenger/Pontoon vessels are not affected by this policy change and the following Marine Notices still apply to these vessels:

- **Marine Notice 17 of 2015** "*Passenger Vessel Stability Criteria - Stability Criteria applicable to South African Certificated Passenger Vessels*"
- **Marine Notice 26 of 2011** "*Pontoon Boats (excluding passenger vessels) - minimum requirements for stability, watertight, integrity and survivability in terms of the Merchant Shipping (National Small Vessel Safety Regulations 2007, as amended*"

For all other small vessels, referencing **Marine Notice 8 of 2012** “*Built-in Buoyancy and Alternative Standards for Survivability of Small Vessels – Minimum Requirements for Compliance with the Merchant Shipping (National Small Vessel Safety) Regulations, 2007 (as amended)*”:-

APPLICATION			
DESCRIPTION	EXISTING VESSEL	NEW BUILD VESSELS UNDER CONSTRUCTION	NEW BUILD VESSEL
Built	Before 01 March 2020	Before 01 March 2020	After 01 March 2020
Assumed Weight per Person	75kg	75kg	82.5kg

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