



MCA Safety Bulletins

Notice to all persons engaged in the maritime & fishing industries, pleasure & race vessel sectors, training establishments and the wider maritime community.

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Summary

This MIN advises that Safety Bulletins have been introduced to replace Safety Alert – Technical. Safety Bulletins will be issued on matters concerning general safety and will not be confined to technical issues. This MIN also advises how to receive notification of the issue of a new safety bulletin.

1. Introduction/ Background

1.1 MCA Safety Alerts -Technical were introduced as a means to quickly disseminate information of an urgent nature relating to a technical safety issue. These alerts have now been replaced by MCA Safety Bulletins to reflect that information concerning general safety may be issued. MCA Safety Bulletins do not replace other established means of disseminating advice, for example M notices and MCA Operational Advice Notes, which should still be used where appropriate.

2. Issue of Safety Bulletin

2.1 On the Maritime & Coastguard Agency identifying an issue concerning safety relevant to maritime activity that it is appropriate to disseminate quickly, it may issue an MCA Safety Bulletin to highlight the matter.

2.2 MCA Safety Bulletins will be available on the MCA pages of the GOV.UK website at: www.gov.uk/government/publications/maritime-and-coastguard-agency-mca-safety-bulletins

2.3 Previously issued MCA Safety Alerts – Technical will still be available, whilst relevant, on the MCA pages of GOV.UK and via a link from above MCA Safety Bulletin page.



3. Notification of issue of new MCA Safety Bulletins

- 3.1 Notification of the issue of new MCA Safety Bulletins can be automatically received, via an email message, to individual email addresses. The email will alert the subscriber that a new MCA Safety Bulletin has been issued and is available to view at the website address at 2.2.
- 3.2 This is a free service and those interested in accessing MCA Safety Bulletins are encouraged to subscribe. The process of subscribing to receive notifications is simple, as is unsubscribing if no longer required. Email addresses must be updated if changed.
- 3.3 Details on how to register are contained on the MCA GOV.UK site and the MCA Safety Bulletin webpage provided at 2.2.
- 3.4 To arrange subscription go to the www.gov.uk/government/publications. Select “Notices” in the Publication type dropdown list and “Maritime and Coastguard Agency” in the Department dropdown list. Then select “Email” at the ‘Get updates to this list’ near to the top of the page to request notification of updates. Click “Create Subscription” and enter your email address.

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