MARINE SAFETY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

TIER I – POLICY

SAIL TRAINING VESSELS

1 Policy Objective

1.1 This policy clarifies the requirements for Sail Training Vessels when not being used as pleasure craft.

2 Policy Statement

2.1 This policy is intended to promote safety on board Sail Training Vessels while retaining the unique experiences of sailing on board such a vessel.

2.2 Transport Canada Marine Safety supports the promotion of a seagoing career for Canadians. Sail training is an important introduction to seafaring for many Canadians. Accordingly, Transport Canada Marine Safety supports the continued operation of sail training vessels.

2.3 Where vessels of a wind powered design are used for the purposes of delivering structured training according to this policy, they will be known as Sail Training Vessels (STVs).

2.4 Foreign-registered STVs require a Coasting Trade Licence to carry out any commercial activities in Canada. Inspection by a Transport Canada Marine Safety Inspector is required in order to issue a Letter of Compliance (LoC) for a Coasting Trade Licence application. A foreign-registered STV carrying a Special Purpose Ship Certificate (SPSC) will receive due consideration when being inspected to meet Canadian requirements. A foreign-registered STV that does not carry an SPSC will be issued a LoC for their Coasting Trade Licence application if the condition of the vessel is found to be satisfactory to domestic STV standards.

2.5 STVs, when moored, are expected to abide by the requirements of the Guidelines for Moored Attraction Vessels when general public visits are permitted on board.

2.6 The Authorized Representative of a sailing vessel should seek authorization from a Transport Canada Marine Safety to operate the vessel for sail training. A Sail Training Vessel may operate either as a certified passenger vessel with sail training options, or as a certified passenger vessel limited to sail training operations only. Sail Training Vessels may also be used as pleasure craft when they meet the definition as defined in the Canada Shipping Act, 2001.

2.7 In order to operate as a Sail Training Vessel, there must be a structured training program and a vessel-specific Safety Management System in place.
2.8 A vessel that has been limited to sail training operations only may be authorized to carry non-sail trainee passengers on board up to the number specified in the vessel’s Passenger Vessel Inspection Certificate, up to a maximum of twelve. These passengers, although not considered trainees, should have a purpose for being on board that is solely in support of the training program and should be given on-board familiarisation and safety training as per Section 205 of the Marine Personnel Regulations.

2.9 Passengers in support of the training program means all persons who are not members of the crew, not trainees and who are carried on board in connection with the business of that vessel or because of special work being carried out aboard that vessel. Wherever in the procedure the number of passengers in support of the training program appears as a parameter, it may not exceed twelve.

2.10 A vessel certified as a passenger vessel limited to sail training may carry out sail training operations only. Cruises for fundraising and other similar activities are considered traditional passenger carrying activities and therefore are not permitted on such a vessel.

3 Scope

3.1 This policy applies to Canadian registered vessels of a wind powered design, greater than 15 tons, gross tonnage, or carrying more than 12 passengers, that are used as Sail Training Vessels and to foreign Sail Training Vessels operating in Canadian waters.

3.2 This policy does not apply to passenger vessels being used solely for passenger vessel operations, sail training vessels being used in the capacity of a pleasure craft, nor to vessels 15 tons, gross tonnage, and under carrying not more than 12 passengers for the purpose of teaching sailing.

4 Authority

4.1 This policy is made under the authority of the Marine Safety & Security Executive and is in accordance with the objectives of the Canada Shipping Act, 2001.

5 Responsibility/ further information

5.1 The Executive Director, Domestic Vessel Regulatory Oversight and Boating Safety, and the Director of Personnel Standards and Pilotage are jointly accountable for the development, implementation, maintenance, and continuous improvement of the policy.

5.2 Regional Directors are responsible for the application of this policy.

5.3 Comments or queries related to this policy and its application should be addressed to:
6 Related Documents

6.1 Canada Shipping Act, 2001
6.2 Tier II - Procedure Sail Training Vessels
6.3 Standard Relating to Design, Construction and Operational Safety of Sail Training Vessels (TP 13313)
6.4 Guidelines for Moored Attraction Vessels
6.5 Marine Personnel Regulations

7 Background

7.1 Sail Training Vessels provide hands-on instruction to trainees during a voyage. In the course of the voyage, trainees perform duties on board the vessel as assigned.

7.2 Sail Training Vessels have structured programs in place, which promote teamwork, develop character and self-confidence within individuals and give trainees hands-on experience in sailing operations.

7.3 Certain aspects of the construction and equipment requirements for passenger vessels may not be relevant to all STVs. This policy has been adopted to establish requirements that reflect the unique crewing and operational aspects of these vessels. This policy is meant to aid the Authorized Representative in providing a safe platform on which a structured sail training program may take place.

7.4 This policy and the standards relating to Sail Training Vessels were developed in close consultation with stakeholders with due consideration for safety.

8 Definitions

8.1 Sail Training Vessel

A Sail Training Vessel is a vessel of a wind powered design, which exceeds 15 tons, gross tonnage, or carries more than 12 passengers, that is being used to provide a structured training program to trainees.

8.2 Structured Training Program

A structured training program provides instruction in seamanship, marine engineering, or other shipboard skills which promote teamwork, develop character and self-confidence within individuals and give trainees hands-on experience in sailing operations.
operations. The Program must include clear outcomes and detailed objectives to indicate how the outcomes will be achieved.

8.3 Trainee

A trainee is a person on board a Sail Training Vessel who is enrolled in a structured training program. A trainee should have reached twelve years of age prior to the commencement of the voyage and be physically able to perform the duties as stipulated in the structured training program to the satisfaction of the Master of the vessel. The trainee is on board the vessel for the sole purpose of participating in the structured training program, therefore although not required by regulation, may be required to participate in the operation of the vessel to the best of their ability. A trainee is not considered part of the crew for the purpose of the minimum safe manning document.

8.4 Pleasure Craft

As defined in the *Canada Shipping Act, 2001*.

9 Date of Application

9.1 This policy came into effect on 10 June 2013.

10 Date for Review or Expiry

10.1 This policy is to be reviewed 12 months after the date of application and then at intervals not exceeding 3 years.

11 RDIMS Reference

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11.3 This is the first approved and finalized revision of the English version of this document.

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