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FLEET / SAFETY LETTER 2016-May-25

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Applicable to: This circular should be brought to the attention of ship-owners, ship managers, operators and masters of Vanuatu-registered ships.

RE: SCHEDULE ON THE SERVICING OF LIFESAVING AND FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT

The below schedule outlines the Vanuatu Requirements for the servicing of Fire Fighting equipment on board Vanuatu Registered vessels. This schedule takes in to account IMO Resolution A.951(23) however owners are reminded that Resolution A951(23) are guidelines and not mandatory requirements. The Administration considers the below to be the minimum requirements. If a vessel's Recognized Organization has other guidelines, VMSL will consider allowing the vessel to use them.

ITEM	KEY
INSPECTION/SERVICING OF PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS	B1 / A2
SHIP'S CREW IS CONSIDERED COMPETENT TO CARRY OUT ABOVE	**YES**
PRESSURE TEST INTERVAL OF PRESSURIZED FIRE EXTINGUISHERS	10
QUANTITY OF SPARE CHARGES REQUIRED PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS	C
CHARGING INTERVAL OF FIRE EXTINGUISHERS	C
CHEMICAL FOAM	C
FOAM MECHANICAL GAS CARTRIDGE	C
DRY POWDER GAS	C
DRY POWDER PRESSURIZED	C
HALON	C
SERVICING OF BREATHING APPARATUS BOTTLES	B1/A2
HYDROSTATIC TESTING OF SCBA BOTTLES:	
STEEL AND ALUMINUM	5
FIBER AND CARBON WRAPPED	3
ANALYSIS OF FOAM COMPOUND	A
FIXED GAS FIRE FIGHTING SERVICING/INSPECTION	B1/A2

KEY		
B	=	BIENNIAL (every other year)
A	=	ANNUAL (Once a year)
C	=	TO CLASS AND MANUFACTURER REQUIREMENTS
8	=	EVERY 8 YEARS WHEN EXPOSED TO THE ELEMENTS
12	=	EVERY 12 YEARS WHEN NOT EXPOSED TO THE ELEMENTS
1	=	NO LESS THAN
2	=	RECOMMENDED
3	=	AT LEAST EVERY THREE YEARS /LIFE OF THESE IS 15YEARS)
5	=	AT LEAST EVERY FIVE YEARS
10	=	AT LEAST EVERY 10 YEARS

HYDROSTATIC
LIFERAFTS HYDROSTATIC RELEASES MUST BE SERVICED ANNUALLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH SOLAS CHAPTER III AND MANUFACTURERS INSTRUCTIONS

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