

IMPORTANT CHANGES MADE TO THE SEPTEMBER 2012 RELEASE OF THE SEAFISH CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS

The following reference numbers relate to important changes to the September 2012 release of the Seafish Construction Standards for new fishing vessels less than 15 metres length overall. **These changes will come in to effect on the 1st January 2013.**

The amendments are but not exclusive to:

Hull integrity and arrangement

- 3.1.8 Hatch sizes for spaces to be accessed whilst at sea.
- 3.1.9 Hatch sizes for unmanned spaces
- 3.8.2 Discharges in open vessels.
- 3.9 Freeboard requirements for all vessels
- 3.10.4 Sumps for vessels fitted with sealed soles.
- 3.11.4 Longitudinal watertight bulkheads (catamaran machinery spaces).

GRP Construction

- 6.4.7 Minimum Barcol hardness of 30 from 25 – 32.
- 6.6.10 Voids in GRP.
- 6.9.4 Transverse framing.

Machinery installations

- 8.1.24 Glass top strainers
- 8.5.14 Rudder tubes

Electrical installations

- 10.4.2 The use of single pole switches.

Outfit and structural fire protection

- 11.2 Structural fire protection.
- 11.4.1 Toilets onboard.
- 11.11.6 Man overboard ladders.
- 11.13.3 Emergency stop device for all deck operated equipment

The amendments to the new standards were approved by the Standards Review Committee, which consists of the following organisations:-

Seafish Industry Authority
Shipbuilders and Shiprepairers Association
Maritime and Coastguard Agency
National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations
Northern Ireland Fishermen's Federation
Scottish Fishermen's Federation

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