



ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES
MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

CIRCULAR N° SOL 033

Life rafts in lieu of lifeboats

(SOLAS regulations III/21.1.4 (MSC 216(82)) & III/31.1.3)

**TO: SHIPOWNERS, SHIPS OPERATOR & MANAGERS
SURVEYORS TO FLAG STATE ADMINISTRATION
CLASSIFICATION SOCIETIES**

APPLICABLE TO: All vessels as defined by SOLAS III/21.1.4
(MSC 216(82)) & III/31.1.3

ENTRY INTO FORCE: Date of present Circular

Monaco, 20th February 2009.

SOLAS III/21.1.4 (MSC 216(82)): passenger ships of less than 500 gross tonnage where the total number of persons on board is less than 200.

SOLAS III/31.1.3: cargo ships of less than 85 m in length other than oil tankers, chemical tankers and gas carriers.

Ships as defined by SOLAS III/21.1.4 (MSC 216(82)) & III/31.1.3 and which are not equipped with launching and embarkation appliances as per III/16.1, shall be provided with embarkation ladder(s) at each side of the ship.