



ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

CIRCULAR N° YAT 006

SURVEYS AND INSPECTIONS ON ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES' COMMERCIAL YACHTS UP TO 500 GT

**TO: YACHTS' OWNERS AND MASTERS, SURVEYORS TO
FLAG STATE, ADMINISTRATION AND RECOGNIZED
ORGANIZATIONS**

APPLICABLE TO: All Commercial yachts up to 500 GT

EFFECTIVE AS FROM Date of this Circular

28th May 2014

Surveys, inspections and Certification for compliance with international mandatory Conventions (MARPOL, ILLC, SOLAS etc.) should be conducted by St Vincent and The Grenadines' Recognized Organizations (RO) unless expressly provided otherwise by this Administration.

If the yacht is classed by one St Vincent and The Grenadines' RO, this RO should be responsible for other statutory certificates (International Load Line Certificate, Cargo Ship Safety Radio, MARPOL Certificates). However, a different St Vincent and The Grenadines' RO responsible for statutory certificates may be allowed subject to an agreement with this Administration.

Initial, Annual or Renewal Inspections for Document of Compliance, document required in accordance with the Safety Code of Practice for Pleasure Yachts Engaged in Commercial Trade, on St Vincent and The Grenadines' yachts may be conducted by Recognized Organizations (RO) to this Administration **OR** by Accredited Flag State Inspectors who may be found on this Administration's website www.svg-marad.com.

It is up to the owner to choose whether a Flag State Inspector or a RO will carry out the inspection.

The Document of Compliance should not be issued or endorsed by the RO or by the Accredited Flag State Inspector unless all imposed deficiencies are rectified to the satisfaction of the attending inspector.

It is important to highlight that the same RO or Accredited Flag State Inspector is responsible for the completion of the inspection i.e. for closing out possible deficiencies imposed during the inspection.

Should the Owners/Master fail to inform the RO or the Accredited Flag State Inspector on the previous inspection and existence of open deficiencies during a new inspection, the new inspection will be invalidated and the endorsed Document of Compliance will be withdrawn immediately.

As a preventive action, the RO or the Accredited Flag State Inspector should also inform the Owners/Master on the present Circular prior the inspection.

Inspections and surveys outside windows should not be carried out unless expressly authorized by this Administration.