

GUIDANCE NOTE No: 28/96

REVISION No: 4

USL Code Minimum Safety Manning for Fishing Vessels

The attached schedules describe the minimum safety manning requirements as specified in the USL Code for fishing vessels operating subject to the Northern Territory Marine Act.

Please note: There are exemptions to the manning requirements for some small fishing vessels.

1. Vessels not more than 5 metres in length operating within sheltered waters limits – refer to Guidance Note No. 8/94.
2. Vessels less than 6.2 metres in length operating within 5 nautical miles of the coast – refer to Guidance Note No. 60/2001.
3. Vessels less than 6.2 metres in length operating within 5 nautical miles of a mother vessel which is operating beyond 5 nautical miles of the coast – refer to Guidance Note No. 61/2001.

Definitions

1. Certificate means a certificate issued or recognised by the Marine Safety Branch;
2. A certificate issued by another authority must be recognised by the Northern Territory;
3. Master means the person having command of the vessel;
4. Chief Mate means the person next in rank to the master and upon whom the command of the vessel will fall in the event of the incapacity of the master;
5. Deck Watchkeeper means the person in charge of the navigational watch;
6. Chief Engineer means the person responsible for the mechanical propulsion of the vessel
7. Engineroom Watchkeeper means the person in charge of the engine-room watch;
8. Propulsion power:
 - (a) In the case of a multi-screw vessel of less than 35 metres in length for use in sheltered waters, inshore, restricted offshore or offshore operations, propulsion power means the maximum continuous rated power in kilowatts of the larger engine provided for the propulsion of the vessel by one screw; and
 - (b) In the case of a vessel not included in (a) above, means the total maximum continuous rated power in kilowatts of all the machinery provided for propulsion of the vessel.

The owner or the master of a vessel may request in writing that the safety manning of that vessel be reviewed.

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COMMERCIAL FISHING VESSELS

MINIMUM SAFETY MANNING AND CERTIFICATION (CLASS 3 USL CODE)

(FOR VESSELS LESS THAN 12 METRES LENGTH)

LENGTH OF VESSEL	AREA OF OPERATION	PROPULSION POWER	DECK		ENGINE		GP	MINIMUM MANNING	REMARKS
			MASTER	MATE	C/ENG	2ND ENG			
Less than 12 m	Upto 15nm 3 C(R-15), 3D & 3E	Less than 250 kw	COXSWAIN					1	NOTE 2
		250kw to 500 kw	COXSWAIN		MED 3				
		500 kw to 750 kw	COXSWAIN		MED 2				
	Upto 30nm, 3C	Less than 250 kw	S3		MED 3			2	NOTE 3
		250kw to 500 kw	S3		MED 2				
		500 kw to 750 kw	S3		MED 1				
	Upto 100 nm 3B(R-100)	Less than 250 kw	S3		MED 3			2	NOTE 3
		250kw to 500 kw	S3		MED 2				
		500 kw to 750 kw	S3		MED 1				
	Upto 200 nm 3B	Less than 250 kw	S3 **	S3	MED 2			3	NOTE 3
		250kw to 500 kw	S3 **	S3	MED 2				
		500 kw to 750 kw	S3 **	S3	MED 1				

(FOR VESSELS 12 METRES TO LESS THAN 24 METRES LENGTH)

LENGTH OF VESSEL	AREA OF OPERATION	PROPULSION POWER	DECK		ENGINE		GP	MINIMUM MANNING	REMARKS
			MASTER	MATE	C/ENG	2ND ENG			
12 m to less than 24 m	Upto 15nm 3 C(R-15), 3D & 3E	Less than 250 kw	S3		COXSWAIN			2	NOTE 3
		250kw to 500 kw	S3		MED 3				
		500 kw to 750 kw	S3		MED 2				
		750 kw to 1500 kw	S3		MED1				
		1500 kw to 3000 kw	S3		NOTE 1				
	Upto 30nm, 3C	Less than 250 kw	S3		MED 3		1	3	NOTE 3
		250kw to 500 kw	S3		MED 2		1		
		500 kw to 750 kw	S3		MED 1		1		
		750 kw to 1500 kw	S3		MED 1		1		
		1500 kw to 3000 kw	S3		NOTE 1		1		
	Upto 100 nm 3B(R-100)	Less than 250 kw	S3		MED 3		1	3	NOTE 3
		250kw to 500 kw	S3		MED 2		1		
		500 kw to 750 kw	S3		MED 1		1		
		750 kw to 1500 kw	S3		CLASS 3	MED 2			
		1500 kw to 3000 kw	S3		NOTE 1	NOTE 1			
	Upto 200 nm 3B	Less than 250 kw	S3 **	S3	MED 2		1	4	NOTE 3
		250kw to 500 kw	S3 **	S3	MED 2		1		
		500 kw to 750 kw	S3 **	S3	MED 1		1		
		750 kw to 1500 kw	S3 **	S3	CLASS 3	MED 2	1		
		1500 kw to 3000 kw	S3 **	S3	NOTE 1	NOTE 1			

COMMERCIAL FISHING VESSELS

MINIMUM SAFETY MANNING AND CERTIFICATION (CLASS 3 USL CODE)

(FOR VESSELS 24 METRES TO LESS THAN 35 METRES LENGTH)

LENGTH OF VESSEL	AREA OF OPERATION	PROPULSION POWER	DECK		ENGINE		GP	MINIMUM MANNING	REMARKS
			MASTER	MATE	C/ENG	2ND ENG			
24 m to less than 35 m	Upto 15nm 3 C(R-15), 3D & 3E	Less than 250 kw	S 2		COXSWAIN		1	3	
		250kw to 500 kw	S 2		MED 3		1		
		500 kw to 750 kw	S 2		MED 2		1		
		750 kw to 1500 kw	S 2		MED1		1		
		1500 kw to 3000 kw	S 2		NOTE 1		1		
	Upto 30nm, 3C	Less than 250 kw	S 2		MED 3		1	3	
		250kw to 500 kw	S 2		MED 2		1		
		500 kw to 750 kw	S 2		MED 1		1		
		750 kw to 1500 kw	S 2		MED 1		1		
		1500 kw to 3000 kw	S 2		NOTE 1		1		
	Upto 100 nm 3B(R-100)	Less than 250 kw	S 2		MED 3		2	4	
		250kw to 500 kw	S 2		MED 2		2		
		500 kw to 750 kw	S 2		MED 1		2		
		750 kw to 1500 kw	S 2		CLASS 3	MED 2	1		
		1500 kw to 3000 kw	S 2		NOTE 1	NOTE 1	1		
	Upto 200 nm 3B	Less than 250 kw	S 2	S 3	MED 2		2	5	
		250kw to 500 kw	S 2	S 3	MED 2		2		
		500 kw to 750 kw	S 2	S 3	MED 1		2		
		750 kw to 1500 kw	S 2	S 3	CLASS 3	MED 2	1		
		1500 kw to 3000 kw	S 2	S 3	NOTE 1	NOTE 1	1		

LEGEND	S3/2/1 = SKIPPER GRADE 3/2/1
	MED 3/2/1 = Marine Engine Driver 3/2/1
	EC 3 = Engineer Class 3
	GP = General Purpose hand
S3 **	Endorsement to 200 nm
PROPULSION POWER	Maximum Rated Power of a Single Engine
NOTE 1	As determined by NT Marine Safety Branch
NOTE 2	Dual qualification permitted - Coxswain must hold " Elements of Shipboard Safety " and "RadioTelephony" Certificates
NOTE 3	If the Master or Mate holds a relevant valid MED Certificate, a GP can be carried in place of the MED, However the GP must hold an "Elements of Ship board Safety" certificate and be trained in Basic Engineering duties as shown in GN 102/2003

The N.T. Marine Safety Branch shall determine the minimum safety manning of the vessel, and in so doing, may require that it be manned by additional personnel, both certified and uncertified, having regard to the Type and size of the vessel and the intended area of operation.