



Seafish Construction Standards: Steering gear (emergency steering)

This notice should be read in conjunction with the Seafish Construction Standards (Release 2, April 2006). Where information in this notice contradicts the Standards, this notice is to take priority.

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Summary

This Seafish Information Note provides an amendment to the Seafish Construction Standards in relation to emergency steering on vessels with twin propulsion systems. The Note replaces paragraph 9.6.3 of the Standards.

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With reference to the Seafish Construction Standards for New Fishing Vessels less than 15m length overall, the following amendment shall apply in relation to emergency steering.

- 1) In all vessels where the steering is remotely controlled from a helm or control position, an emergency steering system is to be provided which is capable of operation at navigable speeds. The emergency steering may consist of a drop-on tiller arm to the top of the rudder stock via a deckplate in the deck over the rudder stock, but may be operated from below deck providing efficient communication can be maintained between the emergency steering position and the helm or control position. Where it can be demonstrated that a twin propulsion system will provide an adequate secondary means of steering then this may be accepted as the emergency steering system.

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