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Passenger Ship Extended Range Tender Guidelines



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Foreword

Introduction and General Information

- 1.1 The Passenger Ship Extended Range Tender Guidelines shall be read and construed together with SOLAS requirements.
- 1.2 The requirements detailed in these Guidelines shall be applied in conjunction to the requirements as detailed in SOLAS.
- 1.3 Passenger Ships operating in territorial waters of another country shall also comply with any additional requirements as required by that particular country/port state.
- 1.4 These Guidelines are being issued without prejudice to other applicable requirements. In the eventuality of any conflict between these Guidelines and any National or Port State requirements, the stricter requirements shall always prevail.

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Application

- 2.1 These Guidelines are applicable as from **1st February 2025**.
- 2.2 These Guidelines are applicable only to Malta Flag Passenger Ships' Tenders which fall under the Registration Certificate of the Mother Vessel.
- 2.3 Extended Range Passenger Ship Tenders which are also designated as the Lifeboats or Rescue Boats shall only be allowed to operate upto 6 nautical miles from the mother vessel. The Lifeboat/Rescue Boat/Tender shall also meet the Lifeboat/Rescue Boat requirements as detailed in SOLAS and in the LSA Code. In the eventuality of any conflict between these Guidelines and SOLAS or the LSA Code, the stricter requirements shall always prevail.
- 2.4 Extended Range Passenger Ship Tenders shall be engaged solely and exclusively in the business of the Mother Vessel.

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Definitions

- 3.1 For the purpose of these Guidelines the definitions shall be those detailed in SOLAS and the LSA Code.
- 3.2 **Tender or Passenger Ship Tender** means a craft / vessel used for servicing and providing support and entertainment to a vessel.
- 3.3 **Extended Range Passenger Ship Tender** means a craft / vessel used for servicing and providing support and entertainment to a Passenger Ship, and which complies with the requirements for an Extended Range Passenger Ship Tender as defined in these guidelines.

3.4 Tender Design Categories and applicable Weather Restrictions

Design category	Wind force (Beaufort scale)	Significant wave height (H $\frac{1}{3}$, metres)
A	exceeding 8	exceeding 4
B	up to, and including, 8	up to, and including, 4
C	up to, and including, 6	up to, and including, 2
D	up to, and including, 4	up to, and including, 0,3

4 Requirements

4.1 General Requirements for Extended Range Passenger Ship Tenders

- 4.1.1 Extended Range Passenger Ship Tenders shall be certified in accordance to the EU Recreational Craft Directive 2013/53/EU, as amended, to a minimum of Design Category B. Design Category C Extended Range Passenger Ship Tenders shall only be considered in exceptional circumstances and at the sole discretion of the Administration.
- 4.1.2 An Extended Range Passenger Ship Tender shall be covered by a CE Certificate and be issued with a Builder's Declaration of Conformity. Other types / categories / standards of internationally recognised certification regimes may be accepted by the Administration on a case-by-case basis.
- 4.1.3 A tender shall never carry more than 12 passengers and it shall never exceed the maximum number of persons as shown on the CE Builder's Plate.
- 4.1.4 Weather restrictions as defined in the Recreational Craft Directive 2013/53/EU, as amended, shall apply to each tender in line with its assigned Design Category.
- 4.1.5 Extended Range Passenger Ship Tenders shall be fitted with safe and strong hand holds and it is recommended that they be fitted also with safe seating arrangements. Railings and inflatable tubes shall not be considered parts of the seating arrangements.
- 4.1.6 Extended Range Passenger Ship Tenders shall be provided with adequate mooring arrangements, an anchor and anchor cable appropriate for the size of the tender. The anchor cable shall be capable of being used also as a towline.
- 4.1.7 The Extended Range Passenger Ship Tender shall be adequately and safely manned. The manning of the tender shall never jeopardise the safety manning of the mother vessel.
- 4.1.8 The Extended Range Passenger Ship Tender's crew shall hold a valid qualifications and be adequately experienced and trained.
- 4.1.9 All the safety and radio communication equipment required for a Passenger Ship Extended Range Tenders shall be in addition to the safety and radio communication equipment being carried by the mother vessel.

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Extended Range Passenger Ship Tenders Minimum Equipment Requirements

Minimum Equipment Required	Extended Range from Mother Vessel		
	6 nautical miles	12 nautical miles	25 nautical miles
Lif jackets fitted with lights & whistles and suitable for all persons onboard	100%	100%	100%
Inflatable Liferaft(s)	100%	100%	100%
Bailer with lanyard	1	1	1
Waterproof torch or lantern	1	1	2
Handheld flare •	2	2	4
Buoyant smoke signal •	1	1	2
Parachute flare •	2	2	4
Lifebuoy complete with buoyant line	-	-	1
Magnetic Compass	1	1	1
Portable Fire Extinguishers	Required	Required	Required
Thermal protective Aids *	100%	100%	100%
1 litre drinking water per person	-	-	100%
Portable VHF Radio	1	-	-
Hand held GMDSS VHF	2	2	2
Fixed VHF DSC ▲	-	1	1
Navigation Lights	Required	Required	Required
Binoculars	1	1	1
GPS Unit with Maps	1	1	1
Power Operated Bilge Pump	1	1	1
Manual Bilge Pump	1	1	1
Sound Horn	1	1	1
First Aid Kit	1	1	1
Satellite/Satellite-AIS EPIRB +	-	1	1
SART / AIS-SART	1	1	1
AIS ▲	1	1	1
X-Band Radar	-	-	1
Radar Reflector	-	1	1
SPF30 water resistant sun cream **	100%	100%	100%
Fire Blanket ▼	1	1	1

(*) – May be exempted if the tender operates in constantly warm climates within sea areas as detailed in Technical Notice SLS.8, as amended.

(**) – Required for tenders which offer no shade from the sun.

(+) – The tender's EPIRB shall be an additional EPIRB. In accordance with the applicable Cospas-Sarsat deliverables, the EPIRB shall be programmed with the MMSI No. assigned to the mother vessel, as follows:

- Coded using the MMSI Maritime User Protocol with the Maltese Country code (MID);
- the 6 trailing digits of the MMSI of the mother vessel;
- the Beacon Number of this particular beacon (bits 76 to 81); and
- the homing signal capability of the beacon

(▲) - In accordance with ITU recommendation ITU-R.585-7, crafts associated with a parent ship need to be assigned with a unique 9-digit identification number, different from that assigned to the parent ship. Passenger Ships deploying Extended Range Tenders shall have AIS installed. The Identification Number(s) is assigned by the Maritime Radio Communications Services (MRCS). Applications shall be made by sending an e-mail on: mrscsmalta@transport.gov.mt

(●) All pyrotechnics shall be stored in an appropriate safe and clearly marked container/compartiment.

(▼) Fire Blanket is required for tenders having a galley.

5 Insurance Requirements

- 5.1 Extended Range Passenger Ship Tenders shall be issued with adequate insurance coverage which shall at least cover Third Party liabilities. The tender's insurance policy may be incorporated in the mother vessel's insurance policy.

6 Survey and Certification

- 6.1 Extended Range Passenger Ship Tenders shall be surveyed in conjunction with the mother vessel during the mother vessel's Initial/Renewal Survey.
- 6.2 For existing vessels, the Initial Extended Range Passenger Ship Tender survey may be carried outside the mother vessel's survey window. The subsequent periodical tender surveys shall be aligned with the mother vessel's survey window.
- 6.3 Extended Range Passenger Ship Tenders shall be surveyed by the same Recognised Organisation (RO) surveying the mother vessel for compliance with SOLAS.
- 6.4 Upon satisfactory completion of the surveys, the attending surveyor shall issue a Passenger Ship Extended Range Tender Survey Report using the dedicated Form: **TM Passenger Ship Extended Range Tender Survey Report**
- 6.5 The TM Passenger Ship Extended Range Tender Survey Report together with a copy the tender's CE Certification and a copy of the Builder's Declaration of Conformity shall be sent to the Administration. Upon the satisfactory review of the survey report, and upon payment of the necessary fee, the Administration will issue a Passenger Ship Extended Range Tender Certificate valid for five (5) years.
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