



Merchant Shipping Directorate



## BRIDGE NAVIGATIONAL WATCH ALARM SYSTEM (BNWAS) ON COMMERCIAL YACHTS

*Technical Notice SLS.29*

*Notice to Shipowners, Ship Operators, Managers, Masters,  
Owners' Representatives and Recognised Organisations*

***This Notice revokes Technical Notice SLS.22.***

The Directorate draws the attention of all concerned that Technical Notice SLS.22 is hereby revoked. To this effect the attention is drawn to the revised Chapter V of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), as amended by Resolution MSC.350 (92), which came into force on 1 January 2015.

In view of these amendments a clear time schedule is set to fit a Bridge Navigational Watch Alarm System (BNWAS) for all Commercial yachts constructed before 1 July 2002.

To this effect, all Commercial yachts of 150 gross tonnage and over constructed prior to 01 July 2002 that are certified under the provisions of the Commercial Yacht Code, 2015 shall be fitted with a Bridge Navigational Watch Alarm System (BNWAS). The time schedule is set as follows:

- 1) Commercial yachts of 150 gross tonnage and over but less than 500 gross tonnage, not later than the first survey on or after 1 January 2018.
- 2) Commercial yachts of 500 gross tonnage and over but less than 3,000 gross tonnage not later than the first survey on or after 1 January 2017.
- 3) Commercial yachts of 3,000 gross tonnage and over, not later than the first survey after 1 January 2016.

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