JMS FLEET CIRCULAR

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SUBJECT   : **Inspection & Maintenance of Mooring Equipment including Lines**
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Dear Captain, Officers and Crew,

Please note that some time ago, the IMO released MSC.1/Circ. 1620 and it will be in force as of 1st January 2024. This circular provides guidelines and recommendations for in-service inspections of mooring equipment including lines and tails. The guidelines will apply to all ships.

Safe use of mooring equipment and fittings

In the coming months the yacht together with the yacht manager should develop SOP´s regarding the usage of mooring equipment. The equipment should be entered in the planned maintenance system as prescribed in the manual of the equipment.

Mooring lines

1.   When using mooring lines the usage of covers/mats at ship side are to be used to avoid any friction damage.

2.   All mooring lines are to be identified with a unique numbering to allow identification and control. The identification should link the line with its records and manufacturers certificate.

   Each line and it´s certificates should be entered in the vessels planned maintenance system, regularly checked and it´s condition reported according to the type & manufacturer's instructions.

3.   Any defect discovered should be immediately reported to the Master including shore-based personnel by means of defect reporting.

4.   When replacing mooring lines compatibility with the mooring equipment and fittings should be taken into account.

These requirements should be implemented from 1st January 2024 and will be checked during the first annual or renewal safety construction survey by the authorities. As mentioned, the requirements apply to all vessels. It´s noted that authorities will inspect non-commercial vessels less than commercial vessels or vessel above 500gT.

For detailed information please find attached MSC.1/Circ.1620 and Lloyd´s Register Class news 9 August 2023.

If you need any assistance let us know.

Kind regards,

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