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This Guidance Notice only applies to vessels that were operating commercially on 30 June 2013

USL code minimum safety manning for commercial fishing vessels other than fishing tour operators

The attached schedules describe the minimum safety manning requirements as specified in the USL Code for “Commercial Fishing Vessels” operating on voyages 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. Engine-room 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.

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In case of vessels covered by Note: 4 the owner or the master may request in writing that the safety manning of that vessel be reviewed.

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Important

Vessel operator may operate in different areas with different minimum safety manning on the condition they have separate certificates of survey for each intended area of operation. For example, a 20 metre vessel normally operating within 200NM of the coastline and occasionally within 15NM of the coastline should, if wishing to operate with varying levels of manning, obtain 2 certificates of survey ie. 3C (restricted to 15NM) manning of '2' **and** 3B (200NM) manning of '4'.

However, if the vessel has **only** a 3B 200NM certificate, they **must** have a manning of '4' even when operating within 15NM.

To obtain multiple certificates' owner will need to fill in an "application for initial survey" and pay fees (per certificate) as per the Marine Safety Branch Schedule of Fees

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Minimum safety manning (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	Up to 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				
	Up to 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				
	Up to 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				
	Up to 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	Up to 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				
	Up to 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		
	Up to 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			
	Up to 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			

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Minimum safety manning (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	Up to 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		
	Up to 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		
	Up to 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		
	Up to 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
NOTE 4:	Vessels 35 m and greater will need to make an application for manning. 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.