

IOTC REGIONAL OBSERVER SCHEME

VESSEL PRE-SEA SAFETY INSPECTION CHECKLIST AND MINIMUM SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

Pre-Sea Safety Inspection Checklist

Observer		Date		Signature	
Vessel Agent		Date		Signature	
Port / Position					

Vessel Details:

Vessel Name		
Captains Name / Fishing Master		
Call Sign		
Flag		
Size GRT		
LOA		
Vessel Compliment		
Vessel Contact Number	Telephone	
	Inmarsat (A/C/M) & No.	
Vessel Owners / Charters	Name	
	Telephone	
	Mobile	

Safety Equipment:

Safety Certificate In-Date (y/n)		Issuing Authority	
Flares: Location		If checked No./Exp Date	
First Aid Materials: Location		Name of Medical Officer	

Life Rafts

Type	Number	Capacity	Hydrostatic release (y/n)	Date next service due

Life Jackets

Type Inflatable / Packed	Number onboard	Location Cabin / Muster Station / Both	SOLAS approved (y/n)

Fire Extinguishers

Positioned in main corridors (y/n)		Charge seals intact (y/n)	
Positioned on bridge (y/n)		Charge seals intact (y/n)	

Immersion Suits (only required on vessel operating south of 30°S)

Type	Number onboard	Location Cabin / Muster Station / Both	SOLAS approved (y/n)



GMDSS:

Radio Equipment				
HF operational (y/n)	MF operational (y/n)	VHF operational (y/n)	INMARSAT operational (y/n)	NAVTEX operational (y/n)
EPIRB				
Type / Manufacturer	No. units onboard	Location	Release method manual/float free	
SART's				
Type / Manufacturer	No. units onboard	Location	Release method manual/float free	

Accommodation:

Vessel emergency evacuation and muster stations lists displayed (y/n)	
Cabin single / sharing	

General Comments:

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MINIMUM SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

The following items that will be checked as part of the “Pre-Sea Safety Inspection” will be considered as the minimum compulsory requirements. Should any of these items not comply, the Observer will not be permitted to embark the vessel.

Safety Certification (Safety Management Certificate)

The vessel must have onboard a current and valid Safety Certificate that does not expire for a period of at least four months from the date of embarkation of the Observer. Check that, including the Observer, that the ‘full complement’ does not exceed the limit for the number shown on the safety certificate.

Life Rafts

The Life Rafts must have the capacity to accommodate the full complement including the observer. Life Rafts must be within their serviceable date, which must cover the expected maximum duration of the Observer Deployment. All Life Rafts must be fitted with a Hydrostatic Release mechanism.

Life Jackets

There must be a total number of Life Jackets onboard, readily available at the emergency muster station to accommodate each of the complement onboard the vessel.