



Antigua and Barbuda
Maritime Administration

SOLAS Circular
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SUBJECT: Cold Water Survival Guidance

REFERENCE:

- a) [MSC.1 Circ 1185 \(Rev1\)](#) *Guide for cold water survival*

TO: Ship-owners, operators, masters and officers of Antigua and Barbuda flagged ships, and recognized organizations.

1. PURPOSE

This Circular provides information on the interpretation, expectations, and requirements of the Administration in respect of cold-water survival.

2. APPLICATION

This Circular applies to all Antigua and Barbuda flagged ships.

3. BACKGROUND

The IMO has released a revised version of MSC.1/Circ.1185 on the "Guide to Cold Water Survival". The revised circular considers medical progress and current accepted best practices developed since the last Guide was issued.

4. OBLIGATIONS AND GUIDANCE/RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The Guide is intended primarily for seafarers, both those that might someday need to survive in cold water and those who might have to attempt the rescue of survivors from cold water conditions. It provides guidance in the following areas:
 1. Cold water hazards and their effects.
 2. Actions to take prior to abandoning ship into cold water.
 3. Action to take during the survival phase – both in the water and in survival craft;
 4. The rescue phase;
 5. Treatment of people recovered from cold water or from survival craft;
 6. Treatment of the 'apparently dead'.
2. It is recommended that Companies with ships registered in Antigua and Barbuda include this current guidance in the ship's "Training Manual" that is required by SOLAS Chapter III, Part B, Section V, Regulation 35 and all seafarers serving on Antigua and Barbuda ships are advised to read this guidance and become familiar with it.

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