

44th STCW Compliance Board Meeting held on 09.01.2025

Sr. no.	Agenda	Decision Taken
1.	Issue related to Cosmopolitan Technology of Maritime, Sriperumbudur (MTI No. 402008) :	Decision :- PO MMD Chennai informed that the report has been submitted to the Counsel today. He further informed that he is in process of filing the reply to the WP which the MTI has filed 2 days back. He informed that the submission about the opening of BST Portal is also included in reply.
2.	M/s. Anvay Maritime Institute, Belapur – suspension of approval due to serious deficiencies observed during inspection [File No.3503]:	MMD Mumbai had conducted general inspection of M/s. Anvay Maritime Institute on 18.07.2024. along with the inspection for approval of new courses [1.Advanced Training for Liquefied Gas Tanker Cargo Operations, 2.Ship Security Officer,3. Fast Rescue Boat, 4. Basic training for Ships using Fuels covered within IGF code and enhancement of capacity for 1. Basic Safety Training, 2. Basic Training for Liquefied Gas Tanker Cargo Operations, 3. Security Training. for Seafarer with Designated Security Duties, vide Application no.100725]. Serious lapses in basic minimum prescribed infrastructure, categorised as major deficiencies under DGS Order 5 of 2016 were observed. Accordingly, the Application No.100725 was rejected and the MTI was suspended. The Principal of Anvay Maritime Institute was invited to give Presentation on their compliances. It was observed that there were 170 slides in the Presentation which could have taken more than an hour, therefore MTI was requested to go to relevant slides. The Principal of MTI stated that they have already complied with all deficiencies which has been shared to MMD Mumbai and requested the board to consider revoking the approval. <u>After deliberation, the following decision was taken :</u> MMD, Mumbai to re-examine the case and submit the specific recommendations with the approval of the PO MMD Mumbai in the next STCW Compliance Board meeting

3.	<u>The ONENESS EDUCATIONAL & CHARITABLE TRUST, Agra, UP [Application No.100215] :</u>	<u>The following decision was taken :</u> The trust will submit the revised plan of infrastructure and submit the same to PO MMD, Kandla for further examination.
4.	Strategy for increasing the share of Indian Seafarers from 12% to 20% Globally:	The following decision was taken : 1. One full time domain experts, each from IMEI and CMMI, paid by them, will be provided for Training Branch as a Strategic Implementation Unit. 2. Along with Tier 1 consultant, 1 senior Consultant will be made available dedicated to Training Branch from NICSI as a Strategic Maritime Training Support Unit. This 1+1 unit will assist DDG [Trg] on the specific aspects such as documentation, declaration of results, all process on the e-governance platform, etc. 3. One person to be dedicated for entire media engagement, website, social media, etc. 4. For strategic unit, it will be bided out.
5.	Indian Merchant Navy Entrance Test:	The following decision was taken : Will be submitted in the next STCW Compliance Board meeting after getting the inputs from the Chief Examiners.
6.	Merchant Navy – An Ideal Career Option: [merged agenda on ‘Rajdhani Republic Day Camp’ with this agenda]	Decision : It has been stated that DDG [Trg], during his visit to Delhi, can visit Ministry of Defence or NC Directorate who does the contingent every year, to find out more about the process flow.
7.	STCW Compliance Board:	Decision : DDG(Training) informed that draft notification has been shared with all POs twice. On receipt of inputs, the same will be submitted to the Ministry after approval of the competent authority.

8.	Revamping of Training Manual and Publication:	Decision : DDG(Training) informed that the workshop meeting with all committee members and POs was held on 6.1.2025 and the suggestions received will be incorporated in the draft. The final draft will be put before the stakeholders for discussion on 17 th January, 2025 instead of 21 st January,25 as decided earlier.
9.	Revamped Maritime Training Institute Module on E- Governance Platform-FRS / SRS – helpline and escalation matrix	Status quo of the existing module to be maintained.
10.	Faculty Development Program:	No updates in the matter.
11.	Learning Management System:	Decision : DDG(Training) informed that External Evaluation Committee will submit its report within 2 months. EOI has already been prepared and at final stage, and only the costing to be finalized.
12.	<u>Infrastructure improvement scheme at MTIs – One centre of excellence to be set up (MTI at Powai) and Maritime Training Institute Infrastructure Standardization / Categorization:</u>	No updates in the matter.
13.	<u>“Sagar Mey Yog” - Wellness Module as a structured ‘Life Skill’ for each mariner :</u>	DDG (Crew) informed that MOU has already been vetted by MSL branch. MOU will be signed and we will process the next stage of module preparations.
14.	Sagar Mey Samman” Module –	DDG (Crew) informed that we have monthly updates, we are collating all the groups. The detailed Presentation will be given before the STCW Compliance Board in the next meeting.

15.	Web Based Simulation:	DDG (training) informed that he has discussed with one of the vendor and taken details as well as costing. One more meeting has been scheduled with other vendor next week. He informed that thereafter, he will come up with the EOI.
16.	Artificial Intelligence & Virtual Reality/ Immersive Technology strategy and road map in Training	No updates as on date.
17.	Safety First Culture – “सुरक्षा सवर्द्धन- हमेशा” :	Shri Shivam from E&Y team gave detailed presentation.
18.	National Maritime Games:	DDG (training) informed that an online meeting has been scheduled tomorrow with Capt. Girish Phadnis.
19.	Maritime Domain- Growth and Transition Module:	No updates as on date.
20.	Maritime Training Conclave- Annual:	No updates as on date.
21.	Exposure visit for cadets and trainees - I.M.O Strategic Engagement- ‘Catch them young:	No updates as on date.
22.	Skill Development & Infrastructure Development Support Schemes – Central Government Ministry/ State Government State Maritime Boards/ Private Institutes support schemes:	No updates as on date.
23.	Examination reforms [MTI Exit Examination / Ratings Exit Examination / CoC (Written and Oral)]	No updates as on date.

24.	Dynamic Batch Sizing:	No updates as on date.
25.	Placement Portal and Authentic job portal – R.P.S.L Module revamp- addressing Malpractices:	No updates as on date.
26.	Leveraging Technology:	No updates as on date.
27.	Comprehensive Review of STCW Convention and Codes and India's Participation	No updates as on date.
28.	IOCE- SmarT [Indian Ocean Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Maritime Transport] – India's green shipping revolution:	Decision : 1. Reiteration on the DPR with LR team will be conducted first at DGS level 2. Then the same will be submitted before the STCW Compliance Board.
29.	Strategic Management Unit for Maritime Training	Decision : 1. One full time domain experts, each from IMEI and CMMI, paid by them, will be provided for Training Branch as a Strategic Implementation Unit. 2. Along with Tier 1 consultant, 1 senior Consultant will be made available dedicated to Training Branch from NICS as a Strategic Maritime Training Support Unit. This 1+1 unit will assist DDG [Trg] on the specific aspects such as documentation, declaration of results, all process on the e-governance platform, etc. 3. One person to be dedicated for entire media engagement, website, social media, etc. 4. For strategic unit, we will be bidding out.
30.	Data repository and analytical perspective statement	Decision :- DDG (Training) gave the presentation on GP Rating course, its exam pattern, and certification. The major issue is its placement and career opportunities.

		The MTI are not able to placed more than 70%, at some institutes, its 50% or less. The intake of GP rating course is the highest when it comes to pre-sea training. But there is not much response to BE [marine engineering] or B.Sc.[Nautical Science]. He further stated that for GP Rating course, the MTIs charged big money and left the candidates without any placement. There is no entrance exam for admission to GP Rating. There is a rush of MTIs for opening GP Rating course since no affiliation is required, duration is only 6 months, no much faculties are required but mostly runs with the instructors and also needs minimum infrastructural requirement. Seafarers doing this course is 10th passed. Those who fail during the exit exam needs some kind of crash course or two week course, whether physical or online. DG stated that all POs to take a note while processing additional batches, since 2000 odd seats have already approved, and if we look at the international market, there is a surplus of GP ratings. Whereas, there is a shortage at technical side and we have to tweak our system accordingly.
31.	Social Media Engagement	Decision : DDG (training) informed that POs, Surveyors sharing the events, seminar, workshop, which they are attending. They are sharing post, pictures. But he stated that he is not receiving anything from MMDs. He requested all surveyors of all three wings, including MMDs to share some statistics. He also wants some educational clips which can be shared on the social media platform. DG stated that interesting posts, inputs, insights have to be given to DDG (Training). As a media master, he will then screen.
32.	PO, MMD Jurisdiction wise institution wise folders (Pre-sea / Post-sea)	DDG (training) informed that the MTI folders are ready, which can be shared with PO, MMDs.
33.	Result analysis and publication in every STCW Compliance Board.	Updated.
34.	CIP Folder – MMD Jurisdiction wise	--

35.	Citizen Charter for Maritime Training Division	Decision : DDG (training) informed that the non-compliance of MTI as per the timeline as per Citizen Charter. He stated that in case MTIs are not complying with the observations in the given period, one or two opportunities may be given and then, with clear instructions, the online applications may be rejected. DG requested DDG [Trg] to individually interface with the POs in their respective jurisdiction, as to why delay is happening other than citizen charter and taken on record.
36.	Training and Capacity Building of staff	Decision : DG desired to structure it with respect to legal provisions on maritime training, STCW Conventions. For support staff, who are basically assisting and supporting MMDs, specific online sessions have to be curated and also institutional training to be done.
37.	Admission portal unified for Non-Affiliated Institutes (Pre-sea and Post-sea)	Decision : DG stated that the admission portal is something we will discuss it when the strategic unit is constituted.
38.	Open CDC issue - Merchant Shipping Notice No. 1 of 2018 dated 16.01.2018 on Implementation of the MS (CDC) Rules, 2017.	Decision : DDG(training) has shared MS Notice No.1 of 2018, as per which, GP rating candidates after completing the basic safety training courses is allowed for applying for the Indian CDC. There are few other categories also in case of shipping companies, sponsoring any candidate, etc. The reason for this is that time many candidates were rushing towards different authorities of other flags issuing CDCs who have opened their satellite offices in India. therefore, it was decided to relax and issue open CDC. He stated that feedbacks are receiving to close this open CDC since the ratings are enable to get any jobs. Following decision was taken : 1. No decision on the open CDC at this stage since the decision has to be taken based on the data and with compelling logic. 2. Capt. Daniel and Shri Bisen to go on social media on pilot video on maritime career, training and cheating, etc.

39.	Upgrade of all technology platforms like INDoS + CAS + other technology related platforms for maritime training.	No decision taken
40.	Social Media issues	Decision : “Standard Text” against all adverse comments be shared with all and the same be posted.
41.	Presentation on pendency of online in-principle approval and course approval of MTIs.	Member Secretary shared the pending in-principle applications and pending course applications as per citizen charter.
42.	Review of legal matters in Training Division – updates thereof.	The matter was deferred to next meeting since the legal consultant of training branch was absent.

43.	1. Draft Training Circular: Guidelines for Changes in Name, Structure, and Composition of Maritime Training Institute (MTIs) and the Management of Trusts and Section 8 Companies. 2. Draft Training Circular: Basic awareness course for seafarers about seafarer awareness, FAQ, Seafarer Grievances, Seafarer rights and safe and Secure seafaring etc. 3. Draft Training Circular: Discontinuation of Exit Exams for Refresher Courses 4. Draft Training Circular: Amendment to Existing DGS Training Circulars on Swimming Pool Facilities, Pool Dimensions, and Compliance for Maritime Training Institute (MTIs) 5. Draft Training Circular: Conduct of Non-DGS Approved Courses by DGS Approved Maritime Training Institutes (MTIs) 6. Draft Training Circular: Escalation Matrix for Penalties on Non-Compliance by Maritime Training Institutes (MTIs)	Decision :- DDG (Training) informed that all the 6 circulars were discussed during the workshop on revamping of Training Manual held on 6.1.2025. The suggestions/corrections received will be incorporated in the circular by this weekend.
44.	Comprehensive Checklist:	DDG (Training) informed that comprehensive check list have been received from 2 MMDs and awaited from other MMDs. Once they are received, will be discussed for standardization and making it one.
45.	Unblocking of the INDOS Numbers:	The Directorate received request from the three candidates to unblock the INDOS viz Mr. Taysin Usman Phansopkar, Vishal J Bangera and Mohammad Nazem. As they have redone the course and has been verified from the master checker, the unblocking of INDOS of these 3 candidates were approved by the Board

46.	Representation from Shri Mukesh Kumar for uploading of GP Certificate:	Decision :- DDG (Training) informed that the institute is closed but the institute has not uploaded any batch details and same need to be verified from the BEST. Further, similar 4-5 such applications from the candidates have been received hence we need to take decision holistically.
47.	Legal Notice received from Adv. Malhotra & Associates on behalf of 04 candidates.	Legal Notice has been received from 04 candidates against Sealane Maritime Academy, Gorakhpur which is not a DGS approved institute. The notice states that said academy cheated this candidates by taking money and fake exams. The candidates have done the basic STCW courses from Institute of Marine Education and Research (IMER), Lucknow. The notice claimed that this courses were also conducted in fraudulent manner. The request has been made; 1) To issue necessary directions to DGP (UP) to lodge FIR against all the culprits involved in the modus operandi of maritime fraud, and 2) To shut down the fraudulent academy “Sealane Maritime Academy, Gorakhpur, and 3) To cancel the license of IMER (Institute of Marine Education and Research) for deficiency in training as per Training Manual, and 4) To monitor the system of online training of SCTW courses, so that online training / standards of education in approved MTI’s are not degraded by resulting in any cheating or fraudulent means. The following decision was taken : 1. This legal notice will be further examine on file. 2. The applications from Institute of Marine Education and Research (IMER), Lucknow will be kept on hold until further orders. 3. RPSL –placement matter be referred to the Crews Branch.
48.	Applications No. 100654, 100641, 100724, 100722 & 100723 from M/s. Institute of Marine Engineers(I), Goa :	The Institute of Marine Engineers (India), Goa applied for the approval of the following courses:

		Application No.	Course	Intake applied /recommended
		100654	STSDSD	24 candidates per batchand 12 batches in year
		100641	Basic Training for Ships Using Fuels covered with IGF Code 1	24 candidates per batchand 12 batches in year
		100724	Ship Security Officer	24 candidates per batchand 12 batches in year
		100722	Basic Training for Oil and Chemical Tanker Cargo Operations	24 candidates per batchand 12 batches in year
		100723	Basic Training for Liquified Gas Tanker Cargo Operations	24 candidates per batchand 12 batches in year
		PO MMD Mumbai recommended that the DGS may grant approval for the courses mentioned above. The following decision was taken : The recommendations by PO MMD Mumbai for grant of approval of 5 courses were accepted.		
49.	Application No.100572 & 100703 - Indian Maritime University [Mumbai Port Campus (LBS CAMSAR & MERI) - Additional batch of BE/B.Tech Marine Engineering :	MTI has applied for the following courses : 1. Additional batch of BE/B.Tech Marine Engineering with intake capacity of 80 candidates and frequency of batch will be 1 batch in a year. 1. Revalidation course for masters and deck officer with intake capacity of 24 candidates and batch frequency of 36 in a year. Decision :- DDG (Training) informed that in 2014 a letter was issued stating that the		

		Government Maritime Training Institutes have been exempted from paying 1% annual fee. Further, as per letter dated 10.02.2016, govt. institutes such as Dr. Ambedkar institute, Orissa Maritime Institute, etc. have been exempted from 1% annual fee. In view of the same, IMU Chennai being the govt institute is also exempted from payment of 1% annual fee. <u>The following decision was taken :</u> The recommendation of the PO MMD Mumbai for grant of approval to requested courses was accepted.
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