

47th STCW Compliance on 13.03. Board Meeting held 2025

Sr. no.	Agenda	Decision Taken
1.	Matter of Mangalore Marine College and Technology, Mangalore	A surprise inspection of M/s. Mangalore Marine College and Technology, Mangalore was carried out by the MMD, Kochi on 05.07.2024 to assess the compliance of DGS guidelines/requirements. During the inspection of team has observed serious observations/deficiencies with respect to faculty and infrastructure. The MMD, Kochi vide letter dated 27.08.2024 has requested MTI to submit action taken/compliance report on the deficiencies/observations pointed out during the inspection. MMD, Kochi informed that the inspection would be carried out and a detailed report would be submitted upon completion of the inspection. <u>Decision:</u> The recommendation given by PO, MMD, Kochi is accepted.
2.	M/S. ARK MARINE ACADEMY, PALGHAR, MAHARASHTRA :	MMD Mumbai carried out surprise inspection of M/s. Ark Marine Academy, [MTI No.204077] on 02.12.2024 and found shortcomings during the inspection. MMD, Mumbai informed that the MTI submitted compliance on 28.02.2025, the institute was re-inspected and observed that the many deficiencies have been complied but few are pending. The MTI was given 15 days time for compliance and thereafter, the final report will be submitted. <u>Decision :</u>

		The matter will be put in the next STCW Compliance Board meeting.
3.	<u>Issuance of Letter of Compliances for GMDSS-GOC and GMDSS-ROC courses :[File C. No.30260]</u>	The amendment to SOLAS Chapter- IV related to GMDSS Radio Communication was adopted through MSC Resolution 496 (105) 28 April 2022 and, is in force with effect from 1st January 2024. Accordingly, guidelines were issued for GMDSS Modernization- New GMDSS GOC Course and Examination Syllabus vide OM no. P- 14036/02/2023-COP dated 07/12/2023. In this OM, it was desired that the Course, Training and Examination shall be conducted in the new revised syllabus and updated Simulation system positively from April 2024. (i) ROC-GMDSS course is already listed in MTI Module with Course ID 4212, with course duration as 14 days, with processing fee of Rs.75,000/-. As per para 4 of DGS Circular No.1 of 2024, the duration of the course is now 5 days [40 hours]. Therefore, the same needs to be modified in the MTI module. (ii) GMDSS –GOC course is listed under the "Approved Courses" of the concerned MTIs, however, the GMDSS –ROC is not listed under the ‘Approved Courses’ of MTI since the approval of the same is not online through the MTI module but is as per DGS Circular No.1 of 2024. Therefore, the approval needs to be added manually which can be done through E-gov[ARI] Team. (iii) Now, in the Letter of Compliance, uniform intake and frequency has been granted to all MTIs for both the courses i.e. “12 Students in a batch, 1 batch per month and 12 batches in a calendar year”. For the MTIs having double batch approval, the approval will be “12 Students in a batch, 2 batches per month and 24 batches in a calendar year”. However, in some cases, the earlier approved intake/frequency is varied from the intake /frequency

		granted now in Letter of Compliance. The same needs to be changed, which can be done at ADG /DDG level in the MTI Module. Decision : Action on para 6 (i) (ii) (iii) to be taken.
4.	Trident Institute of Maritime Studies, Navi Mumbai [MTI No.204066]	MMD, Mumbai informed that more than 6 months no training has been conducted, therefore, the deficiencies regarding QMS will be verified after the MTI restarts. Re-inspection will be conducted after the MTI revert back with the compliance of the pending deficiencies including the old mock-up and swimming pool facilities. Decision : After re-inspection, the PO, MMD, Mumbai shall submit the final report with the recommendation.
5.	<u>M/s. Samundra Institute of Maritime Studies, Lonavala [C.No. 21002]</u>	M/s. Samundra Institute of Maritime Studies, Lonavala vide letter dated 05.02.20 has requested for re-arranging of annual intake capacity of DNS courses. Decision : The MTI request to re-calibrate their intake from 120+40 to 80+80 is accepted.
6.	<u>Maritime Academy of India, Kolkata [C.No.31519]</u>	MMD Kolkata forwarded the request of Maritime Academy of India, Kolkata regarding the extension of service for two instructors Decision : Since, no representative from MMD, Kolkata, attended the meeting, the matter was deferred to next meeting.
7.	Matter of M/s. Southern Academy of Maritime	In line with the judgement dated 14.08.2024 of Hon'ble Madras

	Studies, Chennai (MTI No. 402016)	High Court, the PO, MMD, Chennai has proposed to carry out the inspection with prior intimation to the MTI within two week's time to review the status of pending deficiencies and carry out a comprehensive inspection of the MTI. <u>Decision :</u> The recommendation given by PO, MMD, Chennai is accepted.
8.	Application No.100224] for In-Principle Approval from The Holy Crescent Islamic Trust :	The Holy Crescent Islamic Trust has applied for in-principal approval vide application number 100224. MMD Kochi informed that in the online application, the trust has mentioned as pre-sea whereas the courses applied are modular/post-sea. If the proposal is considered as pre-sea, the trust is not meeting the land requirement. <u>Decision :</u> The changes can be allowed with the written request.
9.	Meridian Marine Academy [Application No.100739]	M/s. Meridian Marine Academy institute applied for following courses (1) Basic Safety Training Intake Capacity 24 and Batch Frequency 48 (2) Security Trng. for Seafarer with Designated Security Duties Intake Capacity 24 and Batch Frequency 48 (3) Basic Training for Oil and Chemical Tanker Cargo Operations Intake Capacity 24 and Batch Frequency 48 (4) Refresher Training for Proficiency in FPFF Intake Capacity 24 and Batch Frequency 48 (5) Refresher Training for Proficiency in PST Intake Capacity 24 and Batch Frequency 48. Based on the inspection report and compliance report, which was found in order, the PO MMD Mumbai recommended for grant of approval of applied courses. <u>Decision :</u>

		The recommendation given by PO, MMD, Mumbai is accepted subject to construction of swimming pool and fire-mock up facilities within 6 months.
9(a)	<u>In-Principle Approval Application No.100218 from M/s. Father Sebastian Educational and Charitable Trust, Thirunelveli, Tamil Nadu</u>	The FATHER SEBASTIAN EDUCATIONAL AND CHARITABLE TRUST has applied for In-principle approval. The proposed courses were GP Rating, ETO, BST and STSDSD. The MMD Chennai examined the proposal and due to deficiencies, not recommended for in-principal approval. <u>After deliberation, the following decision was taken:</u> The recommendation given by PO, MMD, Chennai is accepted
10.	Strategy for increasing the share of Indian Seafarers from 12% to 20% Globally:	<u>Decision :</u> The Maritime Training Strategic Unit shall function under DDG (Trg.)
11.	Indian Merchant Navy Entrance Test:	IMU has issued the Notification on IMU-CET. No further updates. <u>Decision :</u> ---
12.	Merchant Navy – An Ideal Career Option: [merged agenda on ‘Rajdhani Republic Day Camp’ with this agenda]	It was informed that after completion of National Maritime Games, a meeting with the Mumbai –NCC Headquarters will be conducted. <u>Decision :</u> ---
13.	STCW Compliance Board:	DDG (Trg.) informed that on finalization of the draft notification as directed by the MoPSW, the same will be publish on DGS website for stakeholders comments for 30 day
14.	Revamping of Training Manual and Publication:	<u>Decision :</u> No further action and the agenda is closed.

15.	Revamped Maritime Training Institute Module on E- Governance Platform-FRS / SRS – helpline and escalation matrix	It was informed that ARI has taken over by M/s. Zen Technology. We are awaiting the proposal from ARI
16.	Faculty Development Program:	No updates
17.	Learning Management System:	It was informed that Mintra has given presentation on the Learning Management System and once draft EoI is ready will be publish on E-Procurement portal. <u>Decision :</u> ---
18.	Infrastructure improvement scheme at MTIs – One centre of excellence to be set up (MTI at Powai) and Maritime Training Institute Infrastructure Standardization / Categorization:	No updates.
19.	<u>“Sagar Mey Yog” - mariner :Wellness Module as a structured ‘Life Skill’ for each</u>	It was informed that that after getting inputs from Yog experts, draft syllabus is ready and will give the Training Branch for further necessary action. He further informed that MoU has been signed with CMMI for providing 05 consultants from different background. The module is under preparation.
20.	Sagar Mey Samman” Module –	It was informed the matter was discussed with NUSI, they have MoU with CMMI and IMEI for providing consultant. The documents under preparation and will present the progress in the next meeting.
21.	Web Based Simulation:	It was informed that the committee has been constituted and will submit the report shortly.
22.	Artificial Intelligence & Virtual Reality/	No updates.

	Immersive Technology strategy and road map in Training	
23.	Safety First Culture - “सुरक्षा सवरूपंथम- हमेशा” :	No updates
24.	National Maritime Games:	It was informed that the date scheduled, venue has been finalized and looking for the chief guest for inaugural ceremony. The website has been prepared wherein details given for any query/doubts.
25.	Maritime Domain- Growth and Transition Module:	It was informed that the circular has been issued and course stated. Awareness video has been published on social media and received a very good feedback.
26.	Maritime Training Conclave- Annual:	No updates.
27.	Exposure visit for cadets and trainees - I.M.O Strategic Engagement- ‘Catch them young:	No updates.
28.	Skill Development & Infrastructure Development Support Schemes - Central Government Ministry/ State Government State Maritime Boards/ Private Institutes support schemes:	It was informed that meeting held with Additional Secretary of Ministry of Skill Development, it was proposed that before any pre-sea course a short course under “VIKAS YOJANA” was suggested on awareness i.e. What is Merchant Navy etc.. A detailed proposal and a PPT in the matter will be submitted shortly to Ministry of Skill Development.
29.	Examination reforms [MTI Exit Examination / Ratings Exit Examination / CoC (Written and Oral)]	It was informed that the first pilot exam center will be done at MMD, Noida from May, 2025. Installation will be done by C-DAC.
30.	Dynamic Batch Sizing:	It was informed that ARI will take time to include the dynamic

		batch system in the present module. The matter will be discussed with ARI solution.
31.	Placement Portal and Authentic job portal – R.P.S.L Module revamp- addressing Malpractices:	It was informed that flow chart given to ARI. DG(S) stated that while making the training strategic committee, the aspects of MLC Compliance Board needs to be taken into consideration while preparing the strategic paper.
32.	Leveraging Technology:	No updates.
33.	Comprehensive Review of STCW Convention and Codes and India's Participation	No updates.
34.	IOCE- Smart [Indian Ocean Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Maritime Transport] – India's green shipping revolution:	No updates.
35.	Strategic Management Unit for Maritime Training	No updates.
36.	Data repository and analytical perspective statement	It was informed that the maximum number of admissions are done in GP Rating, whereas for other courses there is hardly 50-55% response only. On GP Rating data compression and data analysis needs to be done.
37.	Social Media Engagement	No updates.
38.	PO, MMD Jurisdiction wise institution wise folders (Pre-sea / Post-sea)	It was informed that the folders are ready and wherever required can be shared with PO's.
39.	CIP Folder – MMD Jurisdiction wise	No updates.
40.	Citizen Charter for Maritime Training Division	It was informed that the Citizen Charter for MTI has already been

		uploaded on the DGS website and timelines also given.
41.	Training and Capacity Building of staff	It was informed that he has developed a structure presentation for the newly joint officer and booklet is under preparation.
42.	Admission portal unified for Non-Affiliated Institutes (Pre-sea and Post-sea)	No updates.
43.	Open CDC issue - Merchant Shipping Notice No. 1 of 2018 dated 16.01.2018 on Implementation of the MS (CDC) Rules, 2017.	It was informed that one video on the subject matter is being posted and another video is under preparation, the script which is almost ready.
44.	Upgrade of all technology platforms like INDoS + CAS + other technology related platforms for maritime training.	The matter was put in the 47th STCW Compliance Board meeting held on 13.03.2025. Shri K.M. Rao, PO, MMD, Chennai stated that many times CAS system is not made available to the surveyors to access the attendance of faculties. DDG (Trg.) informed that it is a independent module by C-DAC and no access is given to the DGS. DG(S) directed that access of the CAS system to be given to the PO's and DGS officers.
45.	Presentation on pendency of online in-principle approval and course approval of MTIs.	Jurisdictional POs' gave the updates on the pending applications.
46.	Review of legal matters in Training Division – updates thereof.	Legal Consultant (Trg.) submitted updates on the courts matters.
47.	Confirmation of publication of results at every STCW compliance Board meeting –[for month ending February2025]:	It was informed that all results published on time.
48.	Exemption of STCW certification for GSI scientist joining the Govt. India research vessel RV Samudra Ratnakar – Request from Geological Survey of India, Mangalore:	This office received a letter from Md. Mashood PA, Geological Survey of India, Mangalore regarding exemption of STCW

		certification for GSI scientist joining the Govt. India research vessel RV Samudra Ratnakar. <u>Decision :</u> DDG (Crew) to get touch with NA (I/C) for further processing.
49.	Unblocking of the INDOS Numbers:	<u>Decision :</u> INDoS of Mr. Srimanta Behera may be unblocked.
50.	<u>The ONENESS EDUCATIONAL & CHARITABLE TRUST, Agra, UP [Application No.100215] :</u>	The ONENESS EDUCATIONAL & CHARITABLE TRUST Agra, UP has applied for in-principal approval for Pre Sea Institute vide Application No. 100215 on 29.08.2024. PO, MMD, Kandla recommended to process in-principal approval for ONENESS EDUCATIONAL & CHARITABLE TRUST. <u>Decision :</u> PO's recommendation is accepted.
51.	<u>In -Principle Approval Application No.100226 from M/s. South East Educational Trust, Chennai, Tamil Nadu :</u>	M/s. South East Educational Trust, Chennai has applied for In-principle approval. The proposed courses are as follows; 1. Basic Safety Training 2. Proficiency In Survival Craft and Rescue Boats 3. Crowd Management, Passenger Safety and Safety Training 4. Advanced Training in Fire Fighting 5. Basic Training for Liquified Gas Tanker Cargo Operations 6. Basic Training for Oil and Chemical Tanker Cargo Operations 7. Refresher Training For Proficiency In PSCRB 8. Refresher Training for Advanced Training in Fire Fighting 9. Refresher Training for Proficiency in PST 10. Refresher Training for Advanced Training in Fire Fighting 11. Familiarization Course for Medical Examiner of Seafarers

		PO, MMD Chennai proposed that the subject in-principal approval application of M/s. South East Educational Trust may not be approved. <u>Decision :</u> The recommendation given by PO, MMD, Chennai is accepted.
52.	Matter of M/s. Balaji Seamen Training Institute, Chennai (MTI No. 401002)	The MMD, Chennai, was conducted surprise inspection of M/s. Balaji Seamen Training Institute on 03.07.2024. There were 28 deficiencies noted during the inspection, Upon satisfactory compliance with all the deficiencies given during the surprise inspection, the MMD, Chennai recommended that reinstatement of the suspended batches and enhancing the course frequency to original approval may be considered. He further stated that before due procedure of issuance of SCN to be followed. <u>After deliberation, the following decision was taken:</u> PO's recommendation is accepted.
