

54th STCW Compliance Board meeting held on 26.06.2025

SR. NO.	Agenda	Decision Taken
1.	Trident Institute of Maritime Studies, Navi Mumbai [MTI No.204066]	<u>The following decision was taken:</u> No further time be considered for compliance of deficiencies by the MTI and MMD Mumbai shall submit the report with his concrete and final recommendation in the next meeting.
2.	Application No. 100637 & 100669 for enhancement of GP Rating intake applied by M/s. Jeyenthinather Academy of Marine Studies, Thoothukudi (MTI No. 402012)	Representation dated 11.03.2024 was received from M/s. Jeyanthinathar Academy of Marine Studies, Thoothukudi (MTI No. 402012). <u>The following decision was taken:</u> 1. As per MMD Chennai's recommendation, the request for enhancement of GP Rating intake was rejected. 2. DDG [Training] shall prepare the draft timeline & charter for dealing with the applications [in-Principle, new course, enhancement of intake], review of specific aspects, DGS Orders compliances, etc. and circulate to all the POs for comments. And then the same will be presented in the STCW Compliance Board meeting. 3. Outdated circulars to be reviewed, taking into consideration the Maritime India Vision 2030 and to have more qualitative institutes.
3.	M/s. Sriram Institute of Marine Studies – Permanent withdrawal of DNS Course:	It was informed that the matter is still in the Madras High Court and DG Shipping is not a party this WP. <u>The following decision was taken:</u> The D.G. Shipping shall await the High Court's judgement. The approval of GP Rating course may be continued which comes under the jurisdiction of the Directorate General of Shipping, Mumbai.

4.	Request received from M/s. Euro Tech Maritime Academy, Kochi	M/s. Euro Tech Maritime Academy, Kochi vide email dated 20.06.2025 has requested for approval of Graduate Marine Engineering Course for which Euro Tech Maritime Academy had earlier submitted its application to DG Shipping. Accordingly, PO, MMD, Kochi recommended that the approval for enhancement of GME Course strength from 1 batch (40 candidates) to 2 batches (2x 40) may be processed as institute is found complying with DGS order 4 of 2016 and Training circular No.01 of 2017. <u>The following decision was taken:</u> MMD Kochi's recommendation was accepted
5.	M/s. College of advances maritime studies, Ayikkarapadi (Po), Kerala [Application No.: 100708]	M/s. College of advances maritime studies, Ayikkarapadi (Po), Kerala has applied for Refresher Training for Proficiency in PST course with intake capacity of 20 per batch and 144 batches in a year. <u>The following decision was taken:</u> MMD Kochi's recommendation was accepted.
6.	Recognition of NIOS Board for admission in the pre-sea Training courses	Shipping Master Mumbai gave Presentation –combined for Agenda 6 and 22. <u>The following decision was taken:</u> The certificates issued by National Institute of Open Schooling [NIOS] and Board of Open Schooling & Skill Education, being the recognised boards, are accepted for admissions in DGS approved pre-sea courses.
7.	Draft Circulars- (1) Amendment to DGS Training Circular No. 12 of 2020 and (2) Training of Trainers (TOT) for "Sagar Mein YOG" Programme for Promoting Holistic Wellness Among Indian Seafarers.	It was informed that draft (2) was circulated to all but no comments have been received. The same will be shared on the DGS Website for a week for comments of the stakeholders.

8.	STCW Compliance Board:	It was informed that legal opinion will be taken on the queries of the Ministry and accordingly, draft reply will be put in the next meeting for advice/concurrence.
9.	Complaints received from seafarer Shri Sohel Ansari (INDOS)	It was informed that the said complaint was verified in e-Gov system and found to be correct. MMD Chennai was asked to examine and submit a report. MMD Chennai shared a PPT, identifying six RPSLs, and recommended issuing notices to them and a SCN to the Institute. DDG [crew] reported irregularities in sign-on/sign-off patterns, leading to temporary suspension of online privileges pending further details.
10.	Report to Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport:	It was informed that draft report already been prepared. Ministry has raised some queries which are under examination and will be submitting to the competent authority for approval. The same will be shared in the STCW Compliance Board and also will be circulated to all concerned.
11.	Presentation on pendency of online in-principle approval and course approval of MTIs.	Due to paucity of time, the case to case pending applications were not discussed, but decided that the PPT on the same will be circulated for necessary action by the jurisdictional POs.
12.	Review of legal matters in Training Division – updates thereof.	Legal Consultant [Training] briefed about the pending court cases.
13.	Confirmation of publication of results at every STCW compliance Board meeting:	It was informed that all the results were published within scheduled time.
14.	Matter of M/s. Su-Nav Maritime Academy – Shifting of campus:	The MTI requested for shifting of the premises with the approved courses viz. B.Tech[ME], B.Sc.{NS}, DNS, GP and STSDSD. MMD, Chennai recommended for the following: a. Diploma in Nautical Science – One batch per year, 40 candidates per batch

		b. Security Training for Seafarers with Designated Security Duties (STSDSD) – 24 candidates per batch and 72 batches per year. However, it is noted that MTI has not sought approval for BST Course, hence above approval needs to be conditional to MTI arranging BST training locally for in-house DNS candidates or having its own BST course approved within 6 months. C. It was noted that MTI has not provided any evidence regarding its ability to provide onboard training for B.Sc. (Nautical Science) candidates. Hence, MMD, Chennai has not recommended approval for conduct of B.Sc. (Nautical Science) course for this reason and requests the Directorate to take suitable action as deemed fit. <u>The following decision was taken:</u> MMD, Chennai's recommendation was accepted.
15.	Matter of M/s. Balaji Seamen Training Institute, Chennai (MTI No. 401002)	MMD, Chennai recommended that the MTI's approval may be re-instated and downsizing done as per the abovementioned 'show cause notice' may be reverted, and MTI be permitted to operate with original approved batch capacities. <u>The following decision was taken:</u> MMD, Chennai's recommendation was accepted.
16.	Matter of M/s. C.V. Raman College of Engineering, Odisha (MTI No. 302004).	The Mercantile Marine Department (MMD), Kolkata has informed that the Graduate Marine Engineering (GME) course offered by the institute has been awarded a CIP grading of C2. Therefore, the MMD Kolkata recommended the suspension of the GME course of the MTI. <u>The following decision was taken:</u> MMD, Kolkata's recommendation was accepted.
17.	Matter of M/s. BP Marine Academy - Panvel (MTI No. 201002).	MMD Mumbai informed that MTI has dormitory system for GP Ratings and double bunk bed system for B.Sc. and GME. The MTI informed that

		pre-sea campus was build as per Bombay High Court's order, in out of course- mutually understanding –settlement. <u>The following decision was taken:</u> Legal Consultant [Training] will examine the matter and put up in the next meeting.
18.	Matter of M/s. Maritime Academy of India (MTI No. 302005).	<u>The following decision was taken:</u> MTI be asked to submit the compliance of pending non-compliances of DGS guidelines, within 2 weeks' time, with the final dates for compliances. Copy be submitted to MMD Kolkata. On receipt, the matter may be put before the STCW Compliance Board for deliberation.
19.	[Application No.100217] for In-Principle Approval applied by VIJAYATILAK MARITIME FOUNDATION, Agra, UP	The trust proposed to change the location and required 3-4 months' time for completion of documents and other formalities. <u>The following decision was taken:</u> MMD, Kandla may grant 2-3 months' time for submitting the new documents, since already we have given sufficient time.
20.	Proposal of Ganpat University for opening of new proposed MTI conducting multiple courses in the State of Goa.	It was informed that Ganpat University is opening one institute in Goa where they will be offering offshore courses and inland waterways courses. The representatives from Ganpat University gave presentation. It was decided to examine the following issues: 1. DG informed about the 'Gift City' where there are multiple options. One of the same is to examine whether Ganpat University or anybody else can set up anything to do with the maritime training and skilling, given the benefits that essentially accrued and ready infrastructure. In gift city, they are also building up a University Block, with multistoried structure i.e proposed 55 storied building, and therefore, multiple universities can be satisfied. [action by DDG(Trg)]

		2. DG further stated that DGS –Nautical Wing is working on the Maritime Knowledge Cluster aspect. We can examine whether to take forward the maritime knowledge cluster in partnership with Gift City and examine whether we can mobilize the fund locally. DG stated that he has discussed this matter with Special Secretary [MOPSW] and same will also be put forward during the follow up discussion on taxation matter with revenue Secretary. He also stated that there is a 38% of private equity in the management and subsequently, even if Section 8 company is created, it is subordinate to the board and the board may take a decision otherwise. [Action by Nautical Wing] 3. DG further stated that Ganpat University has deep diving institute. ONGC has funded institution that specializes in offshore operations and safety. They are presently doing training but it is not stabilized in the sense the institute is stabilized. Presently, DG Shipping's engagement in offshore section is zero, since MS Act does not cover the same. As DGMA, if we want to regulate the offshore sector, Capt. Azad shall lead the matter for this offshore engagement. [Action by Nautical Wing].
21.	Request received from seafarer (Shri Keshav Kala) regarding OCCP course Age Dispensation.	Shri Keshav Kala requested for age relaxation of 2 months for joining OCCP course. It was informed that in the earlier circular of 2014, the maximum age limit for OCCP course was 28 years, which was reduced to 25 in 2018. Very few candidates do this course. Since pre-qualification is degree of diploma in hotel management, it was requested to consider the relaxation. <u>The following decision was taken:</u> Age relaxation to Shri Keshav Kala was approved.
22.	Board of Open Schooling & Skill Education (BOSSE), Sikkim	Shipping Master Mumbai gave Presentation –combined for Agenda 6 and 22.

		It was informed that as per list of Member Boards of Council of Boards of School Education in India [COBSE] available on official COBSE website, i.e. www.cobse.in, wherein at S. No. 42 (National Institute of Open Schooling) and 49 (Board of Open Schooling & Skill Education), respectively are mentioned. Accordingly, the certificates issued by these boards being the recognised boards, are accepted for admissions in DGS approved pre-sea courses.
23.	Matter of Mangalore Marine College and Technology, Mangalore	PO Kochi recommended that conditional communication may be issued by DGS subject to fulfilment of swimming pool as per para 6 of Training Circular No.6 of 2025 and other pending items as per MTI letter of undertaking of compliance within one month subject to approval of STCW Compliance Board. <u>The following decision was taken:</u> This recommendation of conditional approval shall be deliberated, DDG[Trg] shall refer this recommendation to all the POs and the committee constituted earlier for examining the swimming pool issue, for comments. The same will be presented in the next STCW Compliance Board meeting.

24.	M/s. ZASHA MARITIME EDUCATION AND RESEARCH, DEHRADUN	Vide application No. 100742, the MTI has applied for the following courses with intake capacity of 24 per batch and 48 batches in a year; 1. <i>Advanced Training in Fire Fighting.</i> 2. <i>Basic Safety Training.</i> 3. <i>Medical First Aid.</i> 4. <i>Proficiency In Survival Craft and Rescue Boats.</i> 5. <i>Security Trng. for Seafarer with Designated Security Duties.</i> Vide application No. 100750, the MTI has applied for the following courses with intake capacity of 24 per batch and 96 batches in a year; 1. <i>Refresher Training for Proficiency in PST.</i> 2. <i>Refresher Training for Proficiency in FPFF.</i> 3. <i>Refresher Training for Advanced Training in Fire Fighting.</i> 4. <i>Refresher Training for Proficiency In PSCRB.</i> 5. <i>Refresher Training for Medical First Aid.</i> MMD, Kandla recommended for approval for applied courses. <u>The following decision was taken:</u> MMD, Kandla's recommendation was accepted.
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25	M/s. ZASHA MARITIME EDUCATION AND RESEARCH, DEHRADUN	Vide application No. 100797, the MTI has applied for the following courses; 1. Second Mate (FG) Competency Course (with intake capacity of 24 per batch and 03 batches in a year). 2. Chief Mate (FG) - Phase I (with intake capacity of 24 per batch and 03 batches in a year). 3. Chief Mate (FG) - Phase II (with intake capacity of 24 per batch and 03 batches in a year). 4. Master FG Advanced Shipboard Management (with intake capacity of 24 per batch and 06 batches in a year). 5. Revalidation Training Course for Masters and Deck Officers (with intake capacity of 24 per batch and 48 batches in a year). Vide application No. 100806, the MTI has applied for the Crisis Management and Human Behaviour course with intake capacity of 24 per batch and 48 batches in a year. MMD, Kandla recommended for approval for applied courses. <u>The following decision was taken:</u> PO, MMD, Kandla's recommendation was accepted.
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