

66 th STCW Compliance Board meeting held on 24.12.2025		
S.No	Agenda	Decision Taken
1	M/s. Southeastern Maritime Academy: Request for extension of In-Principle Approval of the Institute	MMD Chennai gave the presentation and extension of in-principle approval for Southern Eastern Maritime Academy is granted for six months till 1st August 2026, with the condition that all mandatory facilities must be completed within this period; no further extension will be allowed, and failure to comply will result in automatic lapse of approval. Decision: PO, MMD, Chennai recommendations were accepted
2	Application for Course Approval No.100846-applied by M/s. CMC Maritime Academy Kochi	MMD Kochi gave the presentation and updated that CMC Maritime Academy, Kochi was granted approval for Advanced Firefighting, Refresher Training, and Basic IGF Code courses. Decision: PO, MMD, Kochi recommendations approval were accepted.
3	Application for Course Approval No.100865-applied by M/s. Asha International Institute of Marine Technology, Varanasi.	MMD Kolkata gave the presentation and updated that the institute was granted approval for three courses after review of inspection conducted on 10 - 11 December and subsequent compliance with all 10 observed deficiencies, including readiness of classrooms, training galley, medical facilities, and faculty requirements. The institute submitted satisfactory compliance evidence. Decision: PO, MMD, Kolkata recommendations for approval were accepted.
4	Request for extension period for Construction of Swimming Pool and Waterbody w.r.t DGS Training Circular No. 06 of 2025	DDG Training updated to drop this agenda as it is no longer relevant due to the issuance of a fresh addendum to the swimming pool and water-related circular. However, all MMDs are required to submit a compliance list for all institutes within the specified timeline to ensure adherence to the updated guidelines.
5	Malpractice noticed on MTI Exit Exam at R.R. Marines Academy, Jaipur	The Board noted that the courses remain under suspension and that re-examinations were conducted from 17 - 20 Dec. It was decided to continue the suspension, conduct a detailed investigation, and decide further action, including withdrawal of approval, after receipt of the investigation report. PO MMD Kandla to submit report. Decision: This agenda was deferred to next meeting.
6	Conduct of Comprehensive Inspection Programme (CIP) for Maritime Training Institute (MTIs)	DDG Training updated that the draft circular finalized by the committee is under minor revisions based on suggestions received and will be circulated by the coming weekend. Decision: This agenda was deferred to next meeting.
7	Review of legal matters in Training Division – updates thereof.	Legal Consultant updated that the total number of court cases has increased to 18 from the previous 14, with four new cases filed by Shri Nandanam Institute. An updated status report will be presented in the next STCW Compliance Board meeting.
8	Confirmation of publication of results at	DDG Training updated that all the result are published on time.

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9	Grievance of Shri Karan Raj (INDoS No.19GL1736) from Samstipur, Bihar:	The Board noted that the grievance of Mr. Karan Raj relates to a 2019 GP Rating course admission based on an incorrect medical certificate issued by DGS-approved doctors. The course fee has already been refunded, and disciplinary action, including suspension of the concerned doctors, has been taken. As there is no provision for compensation under DGS/STCW rules, the candidate may seek remedy through appropriate legal forums. Decision: This agenda was deferred to next meeting.
10	Application for Course approval No.100868-applied by M/s. Training Ship Varren location at Khardi. [Name Change: 'Training Ship Varren-Khardi Campus']	MMD Mumbai gave the presentation and updated that based on the inspection conducted by MMD Mumbai on 11 December, compliance submitted on 19 December, the committee agreed with MMD Mumbai's recommendation to approve the institute for GP Rating with an intake of 40 and two batches as per the latest circular, along with the requested BST and STSDS courses, subject to compliance with the commitment to build the swimming pool and mock-up within six months. Decision: PO, MMD, Mumbai recommendations for approval were accepted.
11	Circular on National Holidays and State-declared Public Holidays for DGS approved MTIs.	DDG (Trg.) informed that a draft circular has been prepared to mandate observance of three national holidays 26th January 15th August, and 2nd October along with state-declared public holidays, following complaints about MTIs conducting courses on such days.
12	AMET University, Chennai: Challenges in Meeting Placement-Linked Scoring Criteria Due to Non-Progressing Cadets:	DDG (Training) clarified that the new draft CIP circular addresses concerns by considering the university declared pass-out date instead of course completion date and allowing up to 5% adjustment for candidates who genuinely opt for non-maritime careers, subject to supporting documents. It was agreed that a streamlined procedure and documentation requirements will be defined to avoid discrepancies. Decision: The draft CIP circular, incorporating these provisions, will be finalized and circulated to members and stakeholders for review next week.
13	M/s. IMU Navi Mumbai Campus applied for course approval [Application No. 100840]	MMD Mumbai gave the presentation and updated that inspection conducted on 25th November 2025. The MMD recommended approval for the OCTO course for IMU Navi Mumbai with an intake capacity of 20 candidates per batch and frequency of 12 batches per year. Decision: PO, MMD, Mumbai recommendations for approval were accepted.
14	M/s. Tolani Maritime Institute applied for course approval	PO MMD Mumbai presented the inspection report which was inspected on 7th October 2025. The institute has adequate facilities, classrooms, and equipment for IGF training. The

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	[Application No. 100843]	MMD recommended approval for the IGF basic training course with a frequency of 24 batches per year, as per STCW Circular 13 of 2019, instead of the originally requested 52 batches. Decision: PO, MMD, Mumbai recommendations for approval were accepted.