

72 nd STCW Compliance Board meeting held on 26.03.2026		
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1	Application for In-Principle Approval by M/s Spear Maritime Foundation	STCW Compliance Board decided that the matter must undergo detailed internal examination. DDG (Training), informed that an e-mail has already been sent to the DSCO, & the Shipping Master seeking relevant information. Decision: The Agenda has been deferred in the next meeting.
2	Application for Course Approval by M/s Dev Marine Academy	MMD Kandla delivered a presentation and informed that the inspection conducted on 8 March resulted in a comprehensive assessment of the Institute. The inspection reviewed academic facilities, workshops, accommodation, safety systems, QMS procedures, documentary evidence, placement records, infrastructure adequacy, and the corrective actions submitted by the Institute. The Institute was awarded CIP Grade A2. Decision: The recommendation of the PO, MMD Kandla for approval of courses was accepted.
3	Application for Course Approval by M/s Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Institute of Maritime Science and Engineering	MMD Chennai gave the presentation and updated that the initial inspection on 23 December identified 45 deficiencies, all were satisfactorily rectified and verified during the follow-up inspection on 20 March. Decision: The recommendation of the PO, MMD Chennai for approval of courses was accepted.
4	Application for Course Approval By M/s Latin Indo Marine Academy	The promoters/Directors of the Institute were given an opportunity to make a presentation before the Board. The promoters assured that they have commenced construction on the land procured for the swimming pool and that the same would be ready in four months' time. The institute's promoters stated that they have not been operating since July 2025 and the infrastructure available has not been utilized. The Board agreed in consideration of the above circumstances, to grant a time-bound conditional approval permitting the institute to conduct Basic Safety Training through a temporary tie-up for a maximum of four months, subject to the institute submitting a written undertaking committing to completion and commissioning of its own swimming pool within this period. The Board further decided that failure to commission the pool within the stipulated four months will result in automatic lapse of approval, after which the DG Shipping Circular prohibiting tie-ups for new institutes will apply without further relaxation.
5	Application for course Approval by M/s Oceana Maritime Training Institute	MMD Mumbai presented the inspection findings and confirmed that Oceana Maritime Training Institute has complied with all previously noted observations. Decision: The recommendation of the PO, MMD Mumbai for approval of courses was accepted.
6	Malpractice noticed in MTI Exit Examination at M/s.	MMD Kandla presented the findings of the investigation into malpractice and unlawful activities reported at the institute, including evidence of cash transactions for job placements, falsified documentation, misuse of offer letters, and serious

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	R.R. Marines Academy, Jaipur (MTI No. 104026)	procedural lapses during exit examinations, such as missing CCTV footage and non-availability of the hard disk. Statements, electronic evidence, videos, photographs, and call recordings submitted by candidates substantiated the allegations. Based on the detailed inquiry and the strong recommendation of MMD Kandla, the Board unanimously agreed to withdraw the DGS approval of RR Marine Academy on a permanent basis. Decision: The decision of the PO, MMD Kandla, was accepted.
7	Irregular admission of a candidate in B.E. Marine Engineering Course at M/s. PSN College of Engineering and Technology, Tirunelveli	DDG Training informed the Board that the candidate had secured only 36% in English against the mandatory requirement of 50%. After considering the report from MMD Chennai, the Board approved the recommendation to restrict the candidate to the NCV stream and not permit admission into the Foreign-Going stream. The Board further endorsed issuing a Show Cause Notice to the MTI, directing refund of fees with 18% interest, and reducing the institute's intake capacity from 60 to 40 students. The Board also emphasized the need for strict compliance with prescribed admission criteria in all future admissions.
8	Non-Compliance of Comprehensive Inspection Programme (CIP) requirements and outstanding deficiencies by M/s. GKM College of Engineering and Technology (MTI No. 412035) & M/s GKM Institute of Marine Sciences and Technology (MTI No. 402009)	The Board noted continued deficiencies in the institute and decided that no fresh admissions shall be allowed in degree courses. GP Rating courses may continue for the current batch with conditions. CIP must be completed within the stipulated timeframe, failing which approvals will be withdrawn.
9	Non-Compliance of Comprehensive Inspection Programme (CIP) requirements by M/s Navigator Maritime Academy (MTI No. 108025)	The Board reviewed the non-compliance of CIP requirements and major faculty deficiencies by the institute, as reported by MMD Kandla, Given the institute's prolonged failure to rectify issues and continued operation of courses without meeting approval requirements, the Board decided to issue a Show Cause Notice and suspend all DGS approvals with immediate effect until a fresh CIP is submitted and full compliance is demonstrated.
10	"Sagar Mey Yog" - Wellness Module as a structured 'Life Skill' for each mariner	DDG Training updated that the Sagar Me Yog and Sagar Me Samman projects have been transferred from the Crew Branch to the Training Branch.
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12	Discussion on Shipboard Training: Review of the current shipboard training	DDG Training informed that discussions are underway to convert Training berths on the Swaraaj Deep vessel into training berths, with regular reviews involving DSS, SCI.

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	practices and their importance in ensuring safety, compliance, and operational efficiency.	Parallel efforts continue to create additional training berths on foreign vessels calling at Indian ports by exploring suitable incentives in consultation with MASSA and FOSMA.
13	Remittance of 1% Annual Fees by Maritime Training Institutes (MTIs)	DDG Training updated that a draft circular on the levy and remittance of the 1% fee for institutes conducting foreign-administration-approved courses has been issued and uploaded on the DGS website for 10-days stakeholder comment period.
14	Compliance Status - Training Circular No. 59 of 2025 - Enforcement of Swimming Pool and Waterbody Requirements for Maritime Training Institutes	The Board noted that compliance reports on swimming pool and water-body requirements have been received from two MMDs, while updated lists other MMDs are awaited.
15	Review of Legal Matters in Training Division - Updates Thereof	Legal Updated that several matters remain pending due to recent changes in judicial portfolios, resulting in delays in listing. The Nandhanam matters are yet to be listed, while certain IMA petitions were dismissed as infructuous on 12.03.2026. The matter concerning Cosmopolitan is still awaiting listing.
16	Confirmation of Publication of Results	DDG Training updated that all the results are published on time.
17	DGS Maritime 10K Run & Cyclothon 2026 on 29th March 2026.	DDG Training updated about the NMDC Week Marathon and Cyclothon scheduled for 29 March at Princess Dock, Mumbai Port Authority. The event will run from 6:00 AM to 8:00 AM, with the route starting and ending at the Ro-Ro Pax Jetty.
18	M/s CV Raman case of malpractice in MTI Exit exam	Board noted confirmed malpractice detected at CV Raman Institute during the MTI Exit Examination. A show-cause notice was issued to the institute, and the institute has been placed under suspension with immediate effect. It was decided that no Exit Examinations shall be permitted until corrective actions are verified including possible closure of the institute, to be decided based on the PO MMD Kolkata inspection report, with the suspension to remain in force until further orders.
19	Malpractice noticed on MTI Exit Exam at IMER, Lucknow	The Board noted that IMER Lucknow was suspended till 01 March 2026 following malpractice in Exit Examinations, MMD Kandla conducted an inspection on 20 March 2026 to verify corrective actions. The inspection confirmed implementation of enhanced CCTV surveillance, strengthened QMS procedures, additional staffing, and secure device storage, following which MMD Kandla recommended Approval to recommence operations of all existing approved courses with the same capacity and batch frequency. Decision:

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