

73 rd STCW Compliance Board meeting held on 09.04.2026			
S.No	Agenda	Decision Taken	
1	Application for In-Principle Approval by M/s Spear Maritime Foundation	DDG Training updated that no inputs/ objections were received from DSEO, the Shipping Master, or any Principal Officer, in response to the email sent earlier. As no objections have been raised and the matter has been pending, the Board decided to grant In principle approval to Spear Maritime Foundation. Decision: The board approved the In-principle approval	Closed
2	Application for In-Principle Approval by M/s Father Sebastian Educational and Charitable Trust	After reviewing the presentation made by Father Sebastian Education and Charitable Trust, along with the inspection report and recommendations of MMD Chennai, the Board members did not have reservation w.r.t. the adequacy of land, infrastructure, financial strength, and MOUs submitted. Accordingly, in-principle approval is accorded to Saint Francis Xavier Maritime Academy. However, as recommended by the Principal Officer, MMD Chennai, the Board agreed that the approval of ETO course should be considered only after the MTI demonstrates satisfactory placement outcomes for GP Rating. Similarly, the approval for Refresher FPFF and Refresher PST shall be considered after commencement of BST training Decision: The decision of the PO, MMD Chennai, was accepted.	Closed
3	M/s CV Raman case of malpractice in MTI Exit exam	The Board noted that a Show Cause Notice has already been issued. PO MMD Kolkata has informed that the Institute has admitted the mistake, removed the involved instructors, and claimed to have taken corrective measures. After discussion, the Board decided that all post sea courses that need the conduct of the exit exam shall remain suspended until a comprehensive inspection is carried out by MMD Kolkata. No new batches shall be permitted during this period. However, existing candidates who have completed their training and are pending exit examinations may be permitted to appear for the exit examinations, subject to strict monitoring through Virtual Guru / remote surveillance and coordination by MMD Kolkata, to ensure transparency and prevent further malpractice. The Board further decided that continuance or withdrawal of approvals, as well as any additional regulatory action, shall be considered	Closed

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		only after examination of the inspection findings and the Institute's written reply to the Show Cause Notice. Decision: The decision of the PO, MMD Kolkata, was accepted.	
4	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)	DDG Training updated the Board that letters have been issued directing both institutes to submit a transition plan, as current long-term course enrollments are not viable. For the institute running GP Rating, completing the overdue CIP within one month is mandatory, failing which the next GP Rating batch may be blocked. Decision: The MTI should submit their transition plans to DG Shipping for review.	Closed
5	Discussion on Shipboard Training: Review of the current shipboard training practices and their importance in ensuring safety, compliance, and operational efficiency.	DDG Training updated that the only active progress is on the Andaman vessel Swaraj Deep, where training is planned to commence from 15 July. Existing cabins will be used without modifications. A list of 96 candidates has been obtained from BES for 2023–24, and DG Shipping's e governance team is verifying their employment status to finalize the shortlist for SCI. A formal communication outlining the arrangement will be issued to SCI, with a copy to the Ministry.	Closed
6	Remittance of 1% Annual Fees by Maritime Training Institutes (MTIs)	DDG -STCW updated that the draft circular had been published on the DG Shipping website for stakeholder comments. As no comments or objections were received from stakeholders, the circular has been forwarded for approval of the competent authority. Upon approval, the corresponding DGS Order will be issued formally.	Closed
7	Compliance Status - Training Circular No. 59 of 2025 - Enforcement of Swimming Pool and Waterbody Requirements for	DDG Training updated that MMD Kandla has submitted the required information yesterday, and instructions have been issued the data MMD wise to identify non compliant MTIs. The consolidated list will be placed before the Board in the next STCW meeting. Based on Principal Officers' recommendations and the timelines	Closed

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	Maritime Training Institutes	committed by MTIs (ranging from September 2026 to 2027), appropriate actions and interim arrangements will be deliberated and decided in the next meeting. Decision: The agenda has been deferred in the next meeting.	
8	DGS Maritime 10K Run & Cyclothon 2026 on 29th March 2026.	DDG Training updated that the successful conduct of the DGS Maritime 10K Run and Cyclothon was held on 29 th March 26, with a total registration of approximately over 1,000 active participants on the event day.	Closed
9	Application for Course Approval by M/s Centre for Maritime Education And Training	MMD Kandla gave the presentation and updated the institute's long-standing operation, valid A1 grading, new simulator installations, adequate infrastructure, qualified faculty, and confirmed sponsorship arrangements for DNS candidates, the Board accepted the PO's assessment. Accordingly, the Board approved all courses applied under applications 100904, 100903, and 100911. Decision: The decision of the PO, MMD Kandla, was accepted.	Closed
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12	M/s AMET Institute of Science & Technology, M/s AMET University, Chennai - Permission Requested for the Extension of Period to Submit the Off-campus Approval from UGC	DDG Training updated that the institute still lacks the required off campus approval from the UGC and hence may be unable to issue degree. The cadets of BE (ME) are about to complete their third year, hence, the institute may be allowed to conduct final year of B.E. However, no new admissions for B.Tech Marine Engineering or B.Sc. Nautical Science will be permitted until statutory approvals are obtained. Decision: The decision of the PO, MMD Chennai, was accepted.	Closed