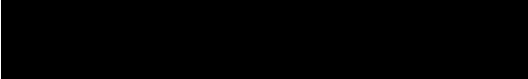
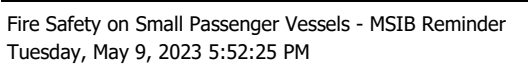
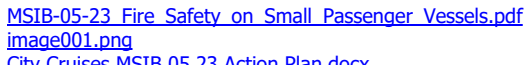


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All,

Please note the attached MSIB issued on 6 April from the US Coast Guard titled “Fire Safety on Small Passenger Vessels”. Although not spelled out it is clear by nature of the inspections that have taken place already and those currently scheduled that the Coast Guard has a goal of completing this review by 1 June. Jeff Taylor developed the attached form to track operational readiness for these inspections in the BHC fleet w some City Cruises edits by John Lake. Please use this as a tool for those of you with inspections pending. Keep in mind that there is nothing new in the requirements noted in the MSIB. This is simply a deeper look at compliance with existing requirements based on industry events. If your operation is in good running order this should not be a heavy lift. The target vessels are those certificated prior to 1996 (K Regulation roll out) and having a capacity of 100 or more people. Review the MSIB again to ensure that you are in compliance with all items noted for the inspections. I believe due to the size of our fleet and the incidents we’ve sustained over the past year, we will be looked at quite closely. I have included a list of the target vessels in the City Cruises US Fleet. I will be sending information out for you to log inspection dates and results in the next few days.

Gary

The following items were shared by Dan Campbell in Philadelphia after their recent inspection; 2 inspectors were present and split up with one looking at more at operational items and the other more at the physical plant.

- Safety Equipment – all was inventoried and compared to what is required by nature of the COI. This included spare fire extinguishers and ring buoys. (Spare gear should not be listed on the COI but should be made available for inspection. Please contact me if you have an inspector that wishes to list your voluntary spares on the COI).
- Random testing of safety equipment: fire doors, fire hose, ventilation shutdown, etc.
- Electrical Panels – CG requested in advance that panel covers be removed for visual inspection of wiring, circuit breakers, grounding, etc. CG took photos and stated they would review back at the office and may do further checks to ensure panels not overloaded and are properly rated for the load they carry.
- USCG questioning included:
 - Passenger count method – CG logged names and numbers of who they could contact to retrieve counts for total persons onboard for each cruise (to be left ashore upon departure)
 - Is there a policy on getting approval to make repairs
 - Are there policies and procedures for responding to emergencies
 - Are these procedures updated or reviewed for changes on a regular basis
 - The date the last Fire/MOB/Abandon ship drills were completed
 - Where on the vessel safety equipment is stored

- Procedure for safety orientation and how we handle guests who arrive after the orientation, if applicable
- How vessel ops are impacted by loading of passenger cargo (not applicable)
- Type of MOB recovery device
- Types of fire pumps
- Electrical plan questions regarding paralleling of generators, split bus, loading of gens, operational needs 1 gen vs 2, etc.
- Describe typical manning for the operation – Senior Deckhand, Mate, Deck crew complement, etc.
- Inquired about Lithium-Ion battery usage & if we let passengers charge their phones onboard
- Brief discussion of SMS & how many operators are a bit intimidated by it even though many of us are doing a lot of what is already the basis for an SMS. The CG is trying to make the industry aware of that to understand the system better.
- CG handed out CG Tips brochure with SMS Code for SASH reporting and requested that we make ship personnel aware of it.

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