



# TUVALU SHIP REGISTRY

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## MARINE CIRCULAR

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**FOR:** Ship Owners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators, Ship Masters, Ship Officers, Recognised Organisations

**SUBJECT:** MANNING WITH QUALIFIED AND CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

Tuvalu Ship Registry has noticed cases whereby vessel sails without proper manning complement as required by the minimum safe manning certificate or sails with crew not holding proper certificates. This administration take a serious view of this violation as it poses danger to safety of life and property.

Please be informed that Tuvalu's minimum safe manning was designed in compliance with the STCW '95. Ship Owners, Ship Managers and Ship Operators are mandated to comply with the minimum safe manning for Tuvalu registered vessels. We refer you to the Tuvalu Merchant Shipping Act 1987, Part V, section 75 states "*A ship shall be manned by such number and grades of persons as may be prescribed*". Proper number of officers and crews should be observed at all times in accordance with the minimum safe manning certificate as prescribed by the flag. Permitting the ship to go to sea improperly manned has a corresponding penalty of USD 5,000.00.

Tuvalu Ship Registry will therefore impose the above penalty of USD 5,000.00 per officer if the ship is operating not in compliance with the STCW '95 convention.

We highly appreciate your full compliance and cooperation in the context of safety at sea and protection of the environment and property.

Yours sincerely,

Registrar  
Tuvalu Ship Registry

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