

*Executive Order  
No. 1-57*

SHIPPING REGULATIONS

CHAPTER 1

SAFETY DEVICES FOR MOTORBOATS

Section 1. Basis and Purpose of Regulations. - By virtue of the authority vested in the Guam Shipping Commission by Public Law No. 30, First Guam Legislature, the following Regulations are prescribed to provide minimum safety requirements for all motorboats whose home port is Guam or which are documented or certificated under the aforesaid statute, while operating in and from the waters and harbors of Guam, in accordance with the intent of the aforesaid statute and to obtain its correct and uniform administration.

Section 2. Application. - The following Regulations are applicable to all motorboats whose home port is Guam or which are certificated or documented under the provisions of Public Law No. 30, First Guam Legislature, and Regulations promulgated thereunder.

Section 3. Definition of Terms. - Certain terms used in these Regulations are defined as follows:

3.1. Motorboat. - Motorboat means any vessel 125 feet in length or less which is propelled by machinery, except tugboats and towboats propelled by steam. The word "motorboat" includes a boat temporarily or permanently equipped with a detachable motor and any such boat when so propelled is subject to the applicable provisions of Public Law No. 30, First Guam Legislature and the Regulations promulgated thereunder.

3.2. Approved. - Approved by the Guam Shipping Commission unless otherwise stated.

3.3. Commission. - Guam Shipping Commission.

3.4. Length. - Length measured from bow to stern on midship line, not including sheer.

3.5. Portable fire extinguisher. - Any type which is entirely portable and the gross weight of which, fully charged, does not exceed 55 pounds; also any type exceeding 55 pounds in weight which is equipped with suitable hose and nozzle on reel or other practicable means for reaching any part of the space protected.

3.6. Passenger. - Any person carried on the vessel for a voyage or part thereof who is not a certificated member of the crew.

3.7. Carrying freight for hire. - The carriage of any goods, wares, or merchandise or any other freight for a valuable consideration whether directly or indirectly flowing to the owner, charterer, agent, or any other person interested in the vessel.

3.8. Bell. - Any device which produces, when struck, a clear bell-like tone of full round characteristics for sounding bell signals.

3.9. Inspector. - Any person duly appointed by the Commission to make safety inspections of motorboats.

#### Section 4. Classification.

4.1. Construction of these Regulations shall be governed by the following classification of motorboats:

(a) Class A. - Any motorboat less than 16 feet in length.

(b) Class 1. - Any motorboat 16 feet or over and less than 26 feet in length.

(c) Class 2. - Any motorboat 26 feet or over and less than 40 feet in length.

(d) Class 3. - Any motorboat 40 feet or over and less than 65 feet in length.

(e) Class 4. - Any motorboat 65 feet or over and not more than 125 feet in length.

Section 5. Application of Regulations to Barges or Boats Carrying Passengers Operated with Motorboats.

5.1. The Regulations requiring life saving equipment and fire extinguishers on motorboats shall apply to any uncertificated barge or boat carrying passengers which is operated with a motorboat.

Section 6. Exhibition of Safety Certificate.

6.1. The master and owner of every motorboat shall be responsible for the prominent exhibition, under glass, at all times on or within said motorboat of the inspector's Safety Certificate.

Section 7. Navigation Lights.

7.1. When carried and exhibited. - Every motorboat in all weathers from sunset to sunrise shall carry and exhibit the following lights when under way, and during such time no other lights which may be mistaken for those prescribed shall be exhibited. No penalty is incurred by motorboats for a failure to carry lights between the hours of sunrise and sunset.

7.2. Classes A and 1. - Every motorboat of classes A and 1 shall carry the following lights:

(a) A bright white light aft to show all around the horizon.

(b) A combined lantern in the fore part of the motorboat and lower than the white light aft, showing green to starboard and red to port, so fixed as to throw the light from right ahead to 2 points abaft the beam on their respective sides.

7.3. Classes 2, 3, and 4. - Every motorboat of classes 2, 3, and 4, shall carry the following lights:

(a) A bright white light in the fore part of the motorboat as near the stem as practicable, so constructed as

to show an unbroken light over an arc of the horizon of 20 points of the compass, so fixed as to throw the light 10 points on each side of the motorboat; namely, from right ahead to 2 points abaft the beam on either side.

(b) A bright white light aft to show all around the horizon and higher than the white light forward.

(c) On the starboard side a green light so constructed as to show an unbroken light over an arc of the horizon of 10 points of the compass, so fixed as to throw the light from right ahead to 2 points abaft the beam on the starboard side. On the port side a red light so constructed as to show an unbroken light over an arc of the horizon of 10 points of the compass, so fixed as to throw the light from right ahead to 2 points abaft the beam on the port side. The said side lights shall be fitted with inboard screens of sufficient length and height or shall be mounted on cabin sides and so set as to prevent these lights from being seen across the bow.

7.4. Under sail and machinery. -- All motorboats propelled by sail and machinery or by sail alone shall carry and exhibit the following lights:

(a) Motorboats of classes A and 1 when propelled by sail and machinery or by sail alone shall carry the white light prescribed by subsection 7.2. (a), but not the combined lantern prescribed by 7.2(b).

(b) Motorboats of classes 2, 3, and 4, when propelled by sail and machinery or by sail alone shall carry the colored side lights prescribed by subsection 7.3(c), but not the white lights prescribed by subsection 7.3 (a) and (b).

(c) In addition, motorboats of all classes when so propelled shall carry ready at hand a lantern or flashlight

showing a white light which shall be exhibited in sufficient time to avert collision.

7.5. Visibility. - Every white light prescribed by these Regulations shall be of a character as to be visible at a distance of at least 2 miles. Every colored light prescribed by these Regulations shall be of such character as to be visible at a distance of at least 1 mile. The word "visible" when applied to lights shall mean visible on a dark night with clear atmosphere.

7.6. Anchor Lights. - Motorboats when at anchor shall carry forward, where it can best be seen, but at a height not exceeding twenty feet above the hull, a white light, in a lantern so constructed as to show a clear, uniform, and unbroken light visible all around the horizon at a distance of at least one mile.

7.7. The length of a motorboat shall be deemed to be the length appearing in her certificate of registry.

7.8. A motorboat aground in or near a fairway shall carry the above light or lights and two red lights in a vertical line one over the other, not less than six feet apart, and of such a character as to be visible all around the horizon at a distance of at least two miles; and shall by day carry in a vertical line one over the other, not less than six feet apart, where they can best be seen, two black balls or shapes, each two feet in diameter.

#### Section 8. Whistles or Other Sound-Producing Devices.

8.1. Where required. - Motorboats shall be provided with an efficient whistle, horn, or other sound-producing mechanical device as follows:

(a) Class A. None.

(b) Class 1. Mouth, hand, or power-operated, capable of producing a blast of 2 seconds' or more duration and audible for a distance of at least one-half mile.

(c) Class 2. Hand or power-operated, capable of producing a blast of 2 seconds' or more duration and audible for a distance of at least 1 mile.

(d) Class 3 and 4. Power-operated, capable of producing a blast of 2 seconds' or more duration and audible for a distance of at least 1 mile.

(e) Commercial fishing motorboats may carry any device specified in this section.

8.2. Where not required. - The provisions of Sections 8.1 and 9, requiring whistles and bells on motorboats do not apply to motorboats propelled by outboard motors while competing in any race previously arranged or announced, nor do they apply to such boats if they are designed and intended solely for racing, while they are engaged in such navigation as is incidental to the tuning up of the boats and engines for the race.

Section 9. Fog Bell.

9.1. Where required. - Motorboats shall be provided with a bell for sounding bell signals, according to class as follows:

(a) Classes A and 1. None.

(b) Classes 2, 3, and 4. One such bell.

Section 10. Life Preservers and Other Lifesaving Devices.

10.1. Life Preservers. - After the effective date of these Regulations, all motorboats shall carry one life preserver, either United States Navy or United States Coast Guard approved type, for each and every member of her certificated crew and certificated passenger complement.

10.2. Life Rafts and Life Boats. - (a) All motorboats shall carry a life raft or rafts and/or a life boat or life boats of a type and number as may be approved by the Commission, of a carrying capacity sufficient to carry all members

of her certificated crew and certificated passengers complement.

(b) Each life raft and life boat shall carry at all times such equipment as may be required by the Commission.

(c) Each life raft and life boat shall have plainly stenciled upon it the number of persons it is permitted to carry, together with a list of such equipment as may be required under subsection (b) above, and the name of the motorboat.

(d) The Commission shall determine and enter in the ships' log such equipment as has been determined necessary for each life raft and/or life boat. A copy of this list shall be retained by the Commission.

10.3. All motorboats shall carry painted, canvas covered, cork life rings of a type approved by the Commission, upon which shall be stenciled the name of the motorboat and her home port. Each such life ring shall have permanently attached not less than 100 feet of strong sash cord or nine thread manila rope. Such life rings shall be carried in the following quantities:

- (a) Class A. - One such ring, at inspector's option;
- (b) Class 1 and 2. - One such ring;
- (c) Class 3 and 4. - Two such rings.

10.4. Stowage. - Lifesaving devices shall be so placed as to be readily accessible.

#### Section 11. Fire Fighting Equipment.

11.1. Number and type required. - After the effective date of these Regulations, the minimum number and type of approved portable fire extinguishers required on motorboats not carrying passengers shall be as set forth in Table I:

TABLE I

Class of Motorboat	Number of Extinguishers	Boats fitted with fixed CO2 system*
A	1	0
1	2	0
2	2	1
3	3	2
4	4	3

\* To secure this reduction, the fixed carbon-dioxide system fitted must be of a type approved by, and installed and maintained with the approval of, the Commission.

11.2. The extinguishing units required by Table I shall be of any of the following approved types and capacities:  $1\frac{1}{2}$  gallon foam; 4-pound carbon-dioxide; 1-quart carbon-tetrachloride; or such other types and capacities as may be approved by the Commission. On boats of classes 3 and 4, the approved extinguishers required, may, in the case of the foam and carbon-dioxide type, be of larger capacity, i.e.,  $2\frac{1}{2}$ -gallon foam or 15-pound carbon-dioxide and provided in the ratio of one larger unit for two of the units required by Table I.

11.3. All motorboats carrying passengers shall be provided with the minimum number and type of fire extinguishers as set forth in Table I, provided, however, that each extinguisher shall be of at least double the capacity as provided in 11.2.

11.4. Fire Pumps. - All class 3 and 4 motorboats shall be equipped with one or more power driven pumps with one or more outlets on a weather deck and canvas-covered rubber hose of sufficient length to enable the nozzle of the hose to reach any part of the motorboat. Provided, however, that class 3 motorboats, if the Commission so approve, may have in lieu of the power driven pump a hand operated pump capable of pumping a minimum of twenty-five gallons per minute.



11.5. Fire Axes and Buckets. - All class 3 and 4 motorboats shall be equipped with fire axes and fire buckets which shall be used solely for fire fighting purposes. Such fire axes and fire buckets shall be in such position as may be determined by the Commission. Both axes and buckets shall be painted red.

11.6. Sand Buckets. - All motorboats propelled by internal combustion engine using gasoline as fuel, shall carry in addition to the fighting equipment aforementioned, two fire buckets in the engine room, said buckets to be filled with dry sand at all times.

11.7. Location and Condition. - Fire extinguishers shall be kept in condition at all times for immediate and effective use and shall be placed so as to be readily accessible.

11.8. Motorboats propelled by outboard motors not carrying passengers are not required to carry fire extinguishers.

Section 12. Carburetor Backfire Flame Arrestor.

12.1. Where required. - The carburetor (s) of every engine installed on all motorboats after the effective date of these Regulations which use gasoline as fuel, except outboard motors, shall be fitted with an approved device which has demonstrated its ability to arrest backfire.

Section 13. Ventilation.

13.1. Where required. - All motorboats which are constructed or decked over after the effective date of these Regulations and which use gasoline or other liquid fuel having a flash point of less than 1100 F. shall be provided with ventilation as follows:

(a) At least two ventilators fitted with cowls or their equivalent for the purpose of properly and efficiently

ventilating the bilges of every engine and fuel-tank compartment in order to remove any inflammable or explosive gases.

(b) Motorboats constructed so that the greater portion of the bilges under the engine and fuel tanks are open and exposed to the natural atmosphere at all times are not required to be fitted with ventilators.

Section 14. Prohibition.

14.1. It shall be unlawful to use compressed gases, gasoline, benzene or similar products of highly volatile nature for cooking, heating, or lighting purposes on any motorboat when carrying passengers.

Section 15. Inspections.

15.1. The Commission shall designate an inspector or inspectors who shall make inspection of motorboats to ascertain whether said motorboats are equipped with life saving devices as required by this Chapter.

15.2. All motorboats shall be inspected as to life saving devices within a reasonable time after promulgation of these Regulations.

15.3. If the motorboat meets the requirements of these Regulations, the inspector shall issue to the master or owner a Safety Certificate, the duplicate of which will be retained by the Commission. Should the motorboat fail to pass inspection, the inspector immediately shall submit in writing to the Commission any deficiencies noted.

Section 16. Compliance.

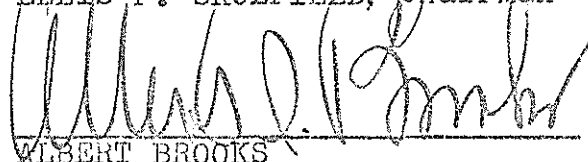
16.1. Motorboats which fail to comply with the provisions of this Chapter shall be refused issuance of a Safety Certificate and shall not be permitted to leave port until said requirements are met and said Safety Certificate duly issued.

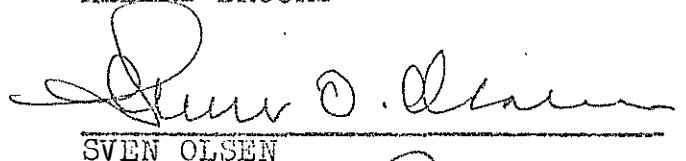
Section 17. Effective date. - These Regulations shall be effective on the date of approval by the Governor of Guam.

By virtue of the authority vested in the Guam Shipping Commission by Public Law No. 30, First Guam Legislature, Chapter 1, Shipping Regulations is issued and forwarded herewith to the Governor of Guam for approval and promulgation.

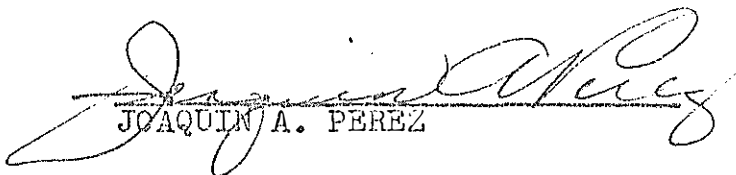
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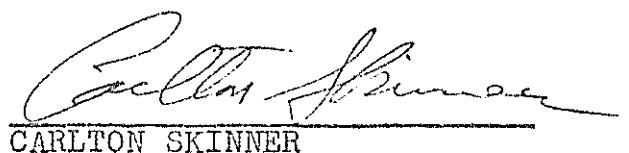
  
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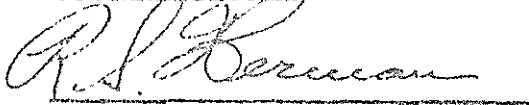
By virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of Guam by Public Law No. 30, First Guam Legislature, Chapter 1, Shipping Regulations is approved and promulgated as Government of Guam Executive Order Number 4-51.

This order shall become effective immediately.

Dated this 29th day of December, 1951.

  
CARLTON SKINNER

COUNTERSIGNED

  
R. S. HERMAN  
Secretary of Guam