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To	All Surveyors/Auditors. All flags
Title	Surveyor's confirmation and verification
Reference	Guidelines on Surveys

Confirmation and verifications

The guidelines to surveyors provided by CONARINA are giving the surveyor the benefit of the experience of the senior Surveyors. These guidelines cannot, and do not, cover everything that may be encountered, and may not be applicable in all situations, but when intelligently considered they should be a useful reference. In all situations however, the good judgment of the Surveyor, built upon his experience and training, together with Rule requirements, will provide the basis for decisions.

The terms "confirmation" and "verification" are used throughout the guidelines and are meant to be interpreted as follows:

Confirmation: by attendance on board.

Verification: to demonstrate that the equipment is in satisfactory working condition.

It is recommended that the following comments from a CONARINA Surveyor who was subpoenaed to appear in court on a maritime case are of general interest:

- "The job of a field Surveyor, especially in conducting shipboard surveys, is becoming more and more complex with each passing year. This is due in part to ever-evolving technological changes in ship design, construction and operating procedures which require the Surveyor to constantly strive to keep abreast of, and familiar with, the current state-of-the-art.
- "I have had to realign my procedures in approaching shipboard surveys to obtain the best possible results. Basically, there are three necessary steps to any survey each of which must be addressed by the attending Surveyor. The Surveyor must take the time to adequately prepare himself (review Rules, Process Instructions/Procedures and Survey Status), prior to attending the vessel. Secondly, the survey itself must be conducted as thoroughly as time and conditions permit. Finally, the report must be written accurately in a timely manner.

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- “If the Surveyor is prepared in this manner the vessel can be attended with confidence and the survey should progress efficiently in a logical manner with all appropriate requirements being properly fulfilled or at least addressed in a satisfactory manner.”
- “In writing the survey reports, the Surveyor should remember that you may be called upon to attest to their accuracy and completeness. This may be under oath before a Marine Board of Investigation or a formal Court of Law. In either case, it is not an enjoyable experience for the Surveyor or the CONARINA if he is found in error or omission.

REFERENCES:

- CONARINA Guidelines Instructions

ATTACHMENTS: No

kindest Regards,
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