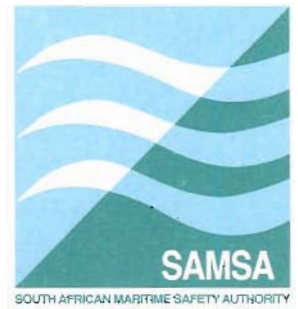


# South African Maritime Safety Authority



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**TO ALL PRINCIPAL OFFICERS, SHIP OWNERS, SHIP OPERATORS, SHIPS AGENTS,  
MASTERS OF VESSELS**

### **SOUTH AFRICAN SHIP REPORTING SYSTEM (SAFREP)**

SAFREP is a voluntary ship reporting system established in accordance with the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974. The system identifies and monitors the position and movement of participating vessels within the SAFREP area. Its objectives in the event of a maritime casualty, are:

- a. to provide up-to-date information on shipping resources in the vicinity of a casualty;  
and
- b. to limit the area of search in the event of a search and rescue mission at sea having to be carried out.

South Africa, in cooperation with applicable government departments, para statal organisations and various South African ship owners, has for 18 months been engaged in a trial period on the SAFREP system and is confident that it will enhance maritime search and rescue in the defined South African search and rescue area a responsibility.

The SAFREP trial period terminated on 30 April 1999 and the amended voluntary format for international use came into effect on 1 May 1999. A SAFREP manual has been produced in accordance with the International Maritime Organisation's (IMO) Resolution A851(20) and it is available free of charge at all the SAMS offices. The manual is primarily intended for use by vessels of 100 GRT and over.

All masters of vessels are urged to participate in the voluntary reporting system to ensure a safer voyage at sea.

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