

South African Maritime Safety Authority



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TO THE OWNERS, OPERATORS AND SKIPPERS OF SUBMERSIBLE CRAFT AND ALL
PRINCIPAL OFFICERS AND SAMSA SURVEYORS

SUBMERSIBLE CRAFT OPERATIONS IN SOUTH AFRICAN WATERS

- 1 Submersible craft have been brought to South Africa and are in the process of being prepared for various commercial operations such as scientific expeditions and passenger sight seeing trips.
- 2 Currently, there are no statutory technical standards in place governing the operation of submersible craft in South African waters. SAMSA will therefore apply, in accordance with sections 68 and 203 of the Merchant Shipping Act 57 of 1951, the IMO published MSC/Circ. 981 dated 29 January 2001 - GUIDELINES FOR THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF PASSENGER SUBMERSIBLE CRAFT.
- 3 Further guidance may be obtained from United States Coast Guard NAVIGATION AND VESSEL INSPECTION CIRCULAR NO. 5-93 on the USCG website:

http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/nvic/5_93/n5-93.htm
- 4 SAMSA Principal Officers and Ship Surveyors will pay special attention to craft certificates, qualifications of skippers, and surface support and emergency contingency plans applicable to submersible diving operations.

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