



South African Maritime Safety Authority

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Date: 1 March 2013

Marine Notice No. 6 of 2013

National Certificates of Competence for skippers trained by the Department of Water Affairs

TO SAMSA EXAMINERS, REGISTRAR OF SEAFARERS, PRINCIPAL OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENT OF WATER AFFAIRS

Marine Notice 18 of 2008 is cancelled

Summary

This marine notice recognizes the training program for small vessel skippers conducted by the Department of Water Affairs (DWA) as satisfying the requirements for the issue of an appropriate certificate of competence in terms of the Merchant Shipping (National Small Vessel Safety) Regulations, 2007.

- 1 The Merchant Shipping (National Small Vessel Safety) Regulations, 2007 provide that prescribed vessels operating on inland waters and seagoing vessels must be operated by qualified skippers.
- 2 SAMSA has evaluated the current DWA training program, which includes the practical (experiential sea or equivalent service) component, and established that it meets national standards in terms of Regulation 16 read with Regulation 2 of the Merchant Shipping (National Small Vessel Safety) Regulations, 2007.
- 3 Consequently the Registrar of Seafarers may issue 'Skipper – Inland Waters (Restricted) <9m; 'Skipper – Inland Waters' or 'Day Skipper Category E <9m' small vessel certificates of competence on the basis of certification issued by the DWA, where the requirements detailed in this marine notice have been met.
- 4 There is an occupational safety obligation to ensure that skippers operating on inland waters are competent. DWA has been conducting skipper courses since October 1994 to ensure that their personnel involved with hydrographic & river surveys, river discharge measurements, dam maintenance, working for water projects and policing within the Category R and E areas are properly qualified.
- 5 Persons who have successfully completed the DWA course may apply for the certificate of competence 'Skipper – Inland Waters (Restricted) <9m; 'Skipper – Inland Waters' or 'Day Skipper Category E <9m' which permits them to operate motor driven vessels $\leq 9\text{m}$ on any tidal rivers, lagoons, dams and other inland waters or 1 mile offshore at sea.

Endorsements are allowed to be added to 'Skipper – Inland Waters' and 'Day Skipper – Category E <9m' skipper certificates as per the SAMSA small vessel policy.

- 6 The application procedure is as follows:
All applications must be conducted through the DWA National Boating Coordinator and be certified as correct by that official.

- 7 An application for an equivalent certificate must be in accordance with the form in Annex 1. Examples of the form of the national certificates are given in Annexes 2, 3 and 4, the DWA certificate of pass as Annex 5.

The medical certificate can be issued on the form printed at Annex 6, or any similar form that contains a similar statement regarding the candidate's physical fitness and mental state.

- 8 Applicants must provide the following:
- A certificate of pass of the Boat Handling Course attended, as issued by DWA;
 - A copy of the applicant's Identity Document;
 - 2 ID photographs;
 - A medical certificate issued by a qualified doctor (Annex 6); and
 - Payment or proof of payment of the relevant fee for the issue of a certificate of competence;

Applicants must be 18 years or older.

- 9 The certificate of pass issued by DWA must contain the following information:
- (a) the candidate's full name and identity number;
 - (b) the course rotation number and examination date;
 - (c) marks obtained in the examination and result; and
 - (d) name and signature of course presenter and coordinator.
- 10 Completed examination papers and results of practical examinations must be kept for at least five years for audit purposes.

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ANNEX 1

**APPLICATION TO THE REGISTRAR FOR THE ISSUE OF A NATIONAL SMALL VESSEL
CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY**

PERSONAL PARTICULARS OF APPLICANT

Surname:.....

First Names:.....

Height:..... Eye Colour:..... Hair Colour:.....

Permanent Address: Postal Address

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Telephone No.'s (H)(W).....(Cell).....

CERTIFICATE OF COMPTENCY APPLIED FOR:

APPLICATIONS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE FOLLOWING SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:			
	Skipper Inland Waters (Restricted) <9m	Skipper Inland Waters	Day Skipper Category E <9m
Copy of ID Document	X	X	X
2x Photos	X	X	X
Medical	X	X	X
Certificate of Pass	Induction Course on Power Driven Vessels ≤15HP	Inland Boat Handling Course	Advanced Boat Handling Course
SAMSA fee	X	X	X

I hereby certify that I have checked the applicant's details and audited the documents provided by the candidate and am satisfied that the requirements of the marine notice detailing the agreement between SAMSA and DWA have been met, and that the particulars contained therein are correct,

Printed name: Date:

DWA National Boating Coordinator signature:

Issued at: this day of

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Fee received: Receipt No.: Date:

ANNEX 2

Date issued:
Datum uitgereik:

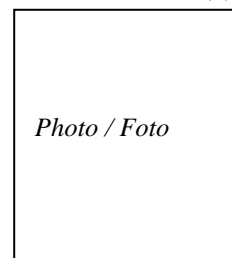
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Certificate No.
Sertifikaat Nr.

**REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA
REPUBLIEK VAN SUID-AFRIKA**

**CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCE
BEKWAAMHEIDSERTIFIKAAT**

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Issued by the South African Maritime Safety Authority on behalf of the Government of the Republic of South Africa in terms of the Merchant Shipping Act 1951 (Act 57 of 1951) to a skipper of a small vessel. / Uitgereik deur die Suid-Afrikaanse Maritieme Veiligheidsowerheid namens die Regering van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika kragtens die Handelskeepvaartwet, 1951 (Wet 57 van 1951) aan 'n skipper van 'n klein vaartuig.

1. Issued to: / Uitgereik aan: **NON SUCH PERSON**
(Full names and surname) / Volle voorname en van)
2. Identity No: / Identiteitsnommer: **5559 5559 555**
3. Type and category of vessel (or vessels) involved: / Tipe en kategorie van betrokke vaartuig of vaartuie:
CATEGORY R <9M - POWER DRIVEN VESSELS ≤15 HORSE POWER
4. Level of Competency and limitations (if any) / Vlak van Bekwaamheid en beperkings (indien enige)
DAY SKIPPER LIMITED TO POWER DRIVEN VESSELS ≤15 HORSE POWER OPERATING ON INLAND WATERS IN SOUTH AFRICA.
5. Additional Endorsements (if any) / Bykomende Endossemente (indien enige)
5.1 NO ENDORSEMENTS ALLOWED
6. Examination Authority / Eksamenowerheid
DEPARTMENT OF WATER AFFAIRS
7. It is hereby certified that the above named person has been tested and found to have the required sense of responsibility and standard of knowledge and experience to act as skipper of the vessel(s) described in this certificate. / Dit word hiermee gesertifiseer dat die bogenoemde persoon getoets is en beskik oor die nodige verantwoordelikeheidsin en standaard van kennis en ondervinding om op te tree as skipper van die vaartuig of vaartuie soos beskryf in hierdie sertifikaat.
8. Any inquiries regarding this certificate can be directed to THE REGISTRAR OF SEAFARERS, SAMSA, P.O.Box 13186, HATFIELD 0028. Tel: +27 12 366 2600, Fax: +27 12 366 2601 / Enige navrae aangaande hierdie sertifikaat kan gerig word aan DIE REGISTRATEUR VAN SEEVAARDERS, SAMVO, Posbus 13186, HATFIELD, 0028, TEL: +27 12 366 2600, Faks: +27 12 366 2601

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For CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SAMSA
Namens HOOF UITVOERENDEBEAMPTTE: SAMVO

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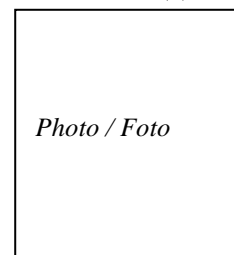
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ANY CATEGORY R VESSEL
4. Level of Competency and limitations (if any) / Vlak van Bekwaamheid en beperkings (indien enige)
SKIPPER OF A POWER DRIVEN VESSEL LIMITED TO OPERATING WITHIN A PORT, FISHING HARBOUR, TIDAL RIVER, LAGOON, ESTUARY AND ALL INLAND WATERS IN SOUTH AFRICA.
5. Additional Endorsements (if any) / Bykomende Endossemente (indien enige)
5.1 [AS PER SAMSA SMALL VESSEL POLICY]
6. Examination Authority / Eksamenowerheid
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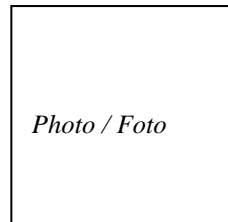
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CATEGORY E VESSEL <9M; AND ANY NON-PASSENGER VESSEL OPERATING ON INLAND WATERS IN SOUTH AFRICA DURING DAY OR NIGHT
4. Level of Competency and limitations (if any) / Vlak van Bekwaamheid en beperkings (indien enige)
DAY SKIPPER OF A POWER DRIVEN VESSEL LIMITED TO 1 NAUTICAL MILE FROM SHORE AND 15 NAUTICAL MILES FROM AN APPROVED LAUNCH SITE; PROCEEDING TO SEA FROM A COMMERCIAL HARBOUR, FISHING HARBOUR, OR PROTECTED LAUNCH SITE.
5. Additional Endorsements (if any) / Bykomende Endossemente (indien enige)
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This is to certify that

Famanda Robert Mashimbyi

Identity number

651007 5435 083

successfully completed the

**INDUCTION COURSE ON POWER DRIVEN VESSELS \leq 15 HP
held at Hartbeespoort Dam on 20 & 21 September 2011
(Competent)**

**CATEGORY R < 9 m POWER DRIVEN VESSELS \leq 15 HP
Day Skipper limited to Power Driven Vessels \leq 15 Hp
operating on Inland Waters in South Africa.**

ACTING DIRECTOR-GENERAL

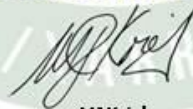
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Mr T Balzer

13 February 2013

NATIONAL BOATING CO-ORDINATOR



MJ Kriel



water affairs

Department:
Water Affairs
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

Certificate Number:
DWA 135

This certificate is issued without alteration or erasure of any kind

Course Rotation Number
& Examination Date:
01/2009 - 21 September 2011

This is to certify that
Phatshwane Joseph Khwitsidi

Identity number **720114 5502 081**

successfully completed the

INLAND BOAT HANDLING COURSE held at
Vanderkloof Dam on 31 October – 3 November 2011:
(79 %)

CATEGORY R POWER DRIVEN VESSEL < 9
Skipper limited to operating within a Port, Fishing Harbour,
Tidal Rivers, Lagoons, Estuaries and all Inland Waters within
South Africa.

ACTING DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE

28 September 2012



Mr T Batoe

NATIONAL BOATING CO-ORDINATOR



MJ Kriel



water affairs

Department:
Water Affairs
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

Certificate Number:
DWA088

This certificate is issued without alteration or erasure of any kind

Course Rotation Number
& Examination Date:
01/2011 – 03/11/2011

This is to certify that

Erwin Wolfgang Weidemann

Identity number **600516 5002 083**

successfully completed the

**ADVANCED BOAT HANDLING COURSE held at
Witsand on 9 – 12 March 2009:
(95 %)**

**CATEGORY E POWER DRIVEN VESSEL < 9
Day Skipper of a power driven vessel limited to one (1)
Nautical Mile from Shore - proceeding to sea from a
Commercial Harbour, Fishing
Harbour or Protected Launch Site.**

ACTING DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE



M T Balzer

29 September 2012

NATIONAL BOATING CO-ORDINATOR



MJ Kriel



water affairs

Department:
Water Affairs
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

Certificate Number:
DWA 091

This certificate is issued without alteration or erasure of any kind

Course Rotation Number
& Examination Date:
01-2009 – 12/03/2009

ANNEX 6

**DEPARTMENT OF WATER AFFAIRS
MEDICAL CERTIFICATE**

Candidates applying for a National Small Vessel Certificate of Competency are required to show that they are of sound mental health and are physically fit. Candidates, that require certificates of competency for under 9 metre vessels, may demonstrate their fitness by having this form completed by any doctor who is a member of the **South African Medical Association**.

Particulars of Candidate

Surname:

First Names:

ID Number:

(Positive ID to be produced)

Address:

2. Medical Certificates

In terms of Regulation 17 of the National Small Vessel Safety Regulations, no person may operate a vessel if he or she is not physically able to do so and not of sound mental health.

I, the undersigned medical practitioner, have positively identified and examined the candidate and find as follows:

	NATURE OF FITNESS LEVEL (* Delete the fitness level that is not applicable.)	Signature of Doctor (where applicable)
1.	The candidate has no condition or disability which may affect his or her ability to operate a small vessel; or *	
2.	The candidate may only operate a small vessel during daylight hours or on short excursions only; or *	
3.	Any other limitation or comment. *	

Particulars of Doctor that has conducted the above tests.

Name and Surname:	Date of Examination: (Certificate valid for one year)
Signature:	Address of Practice:
Contact telephone Numbers: (w)	