



# South African Maritime Safety Authority

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### Small Vessel Survey Fees Charged by SAMSA External Appointed Surveyors and Safety Officers from the following SAMSA Designated Authorised Agencies: - SADSAA, SALTBA and SASCA

TO: SOUTH AFRICAN DEEP SEA ANGLING ASSOCIATION, SOUTH AFRICAN SMALL CRAFT ASSOCIATION AND THE SOUTH AFRICAN LIGHT TACKLE BOAT ANGLING ASSOCIATION. SAMSA APPOINTED EXTERNAL SURVEYORS. ALL SMALL VESSEL OPERATORS, SMALL VESSEL SKIPPERS, SMALL VESSEL TRAINING INSTITUTIONS, PRINCIPAL OFFICERS AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES

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#### *Summary*

This marine notice sets out SAMSA's policy for compliance with the Merchant Shipping (National Small Vessel Safety) Regulations, 2007 with respect to SAMSA survey fees set out in the South African Maritime Safety Authority Act 1998 (Act No.5 of 1998), Determination of Charges

#### **BACKGROUND**

In order to better comply with our mandate SAMSA appointed *safety officers* from authorised agencies (organised sporting bodies) who ensure the safety, marking and certification of their own vessels. SAMSA has also appointed *SAMSA appointed external surveyors*, to ensure the safety, marking and certification of vessels who are not affiliated to any organised sporting body.

Please note that SAMSA has the following survey framework:-

- **SAMSA Employed Internal Surveyors**  
These surveyors are affiliated with a SAMSA Port Office (Including Pretoria Head office) under the control of the Principal Officer in charge of that office. These surveyors are employed permanently and remunerated by SAMSA.
- **SAMSA External Appointed Surveyors**  
The external appointed SAMSA surveyor is not employed by SAMSA, but are entrusted with the implementation of SAMSA policy regarding the survey of small vessels. SAMSA external surveyors report directly to the local Principal Officer in their area of appointment. There is no remuneration paid by SAMSA for the services rendered by an external surveyor.
- **Authorised Agency Appointed "Safety Officers"**  
These are officers appointed by Authorised Agencies. The Safety Officer will report directly to the agency. There is no remuneration paid by SAMSA for the services rendered by a safety officer. **The Safety officer is not a "SAMSA Surveyor"** but affiliated to an organised sporting body.

## **SMALL VESSEL SURVEY FEES CHARGED BY APPOINTED SAMSA EXTERNAL SURVEYORS AND SAFETY OFFICERS OF SADSAA, SALTBAAS AND SASCA**

All SAMSA surveyors, whether they are officers of one of the marine offices, or one of the specially appointed SAMSA external surveyors or safety officers from the industry, must follow the same regime.

Marine Notice 13 of 2011 states that Authorised Agencies are allowed to survey and issue Certificates of Fitness for their own vessels as well as for vessels of other Authorised Agencies and non-affiliated vessels.

**As from 15 October 2017, all SAMSA appointed external surveyors and safety officers appointed at the above mentioned agencies must charge the fees set out in the SAMSA determination of charges.**

SAMSA survey charges are set out in the latest South African Maritime Safety Authority Act 1998 (Act No.5 of 1998), determination of charges – Department of Transport, Government Gazette No. 40005 No. 560 dated 19 May 2016.

Please note that SAMSA Fee increments are published in a Government Gazette and are available on the SAMSA website *and should be monitored on a regular basis.*

Safety Officers and External SAMSA Appointed Surveyors must not deviate from this policy without the express permission of the Deputy Chief Operations Officer. The only deviation permitted is to legitimate club members who have their vessels surveyed through or at their club by the club appointed safety officers.

If an owner of a vessel is not a legitimate member of a club, the prescribed fee in the determination of charges must apply.

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