

# SAFETY MANAGEMENT

(procedures, familiarization, training)



## Obligation

Captains and fishing vessel operators have a legal obligation:

- to set written operating and emergency procedures;
- to ensure that the people on board have received the necessary training and the familiarization to perform their duties safely and are capable of responding efficiently in the various emergency situations that may arise.



## CSA 2001

The ***Canada Shipping Act, 2001***, states that the authorized representatives of Canadian fishing vessels are required to set rules for the safe operation of the vessel as well as procedures to follow in case of an emergency, and must ensure the crew and passengers receive proper safety training (article 106).



## MPR

The ***Marine Personnel Regulations*** specifies the training requirements with regard to marine emergency duties as well as the obligations of the authorized representative and the captain with regard to the on-board familiarization and training to be provided to people assigned duties on board the vessel (articles 205 and 206).



## Finding

Inspections and investigations conducted in recent years by Transport Canada with regard to incidents involving fishing vessels have revealed that, in most cases, the crew was severely lacking on-board familiarization, training and there were often no written procedures available.



### **INSPECTIONS: SEASONS 2013 AND 2014** **Bas-Saint-Laurent, Gaspésie, Îles-de-la-Madeleine**

69 Fishing Vessels > 15 tons, inspected

58 vessels were non compliant  
(procedures, familiarization and training)  
± 85 %

10 vessels were partially compliant  
± 14 %

1 vessel was fully compliant  
± 1 %



## Principles

The procedures, on-board familiarization and training must be established in accordance with the following principles:

- set written procedures to ensure that current operations are carried out safely;
- set written procedures for dealing with any emergency situation, for example: fires, falls overboard, down flooding, abandoning ship, engine failure, icing-up, stranding;
- familiarize new people on board with the vessel, its equipment and procedures;
- make sure that the crew receives training on the use of firefighting and rescue equipment, particularly the proper use of life rafts and, if applicable, the methods of boarding rigid hull life rafts;
- keep training records.



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IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY!**



**THANK YOU!**

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