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Panama Port



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# Informative

## THE AMP ESTABLISHES GUIDELINES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF MARITIME TRAINING COURSES AND PROGRAMS

The Panama Maritime Authority (AMP) issued Resolution ADM No. 218-2020 of December 29, 2020, which approves the guidelines for the development of courses and training programs, as well as Resolution ADM No. 174 - 2020 which consists of the Regulation that rules Maritime Training Centers (CFM).

CFMs are institutions or educational centers specialized in the training of seafarers that meet the requirements established by the IMO for the issuance of certificates and maritime training courses. There are 16 national CFMs and 32 international CFMs, which cover the following regions: (Central America and the Caribbean, North America, South America, Europe, Africa and Asia). This is a great achievement for the General Directorate of



Seafarers (DGGM), since it is the first time that, since the institution was founded, all approved CFMs, both national and international, will have guidelines for the development of courses and training programs, in a unified way, which will allow training to be offered in a uniform way to seafarers.

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## AMP PARTICIPATED IN THE 2021 HOLY WEEK OPERATION

The Panama Maritime Authority (AMP) participated in operations in various ports nationwide, as a preventive measure for Easter, in order to safeguard passengers who used the seaway to travel to different points.

Our operation consisted of verifying the interior service vessels, for them to be in good condition and that the regulatory biosecurity measures were kept, as well as their safety equipment on board, in addition to having a trained crew and documents in order.

The following ports, piers or berths were covered:

**Panama Province:** Coquira Port, Taboga Port and Puerto Panama Port.

**Bocas del Toro Province:** Almirante: Torres Transportation, Taxi 25, Valencia Transportation, Yorke Pier, Julio Pier, Terpel Pier, Chiriquí Grande Port, Bocas Island Port: Bocatoreño Tourism, Taxi 25, Torres Transportation, Valencia Transportation.

**Darien Province:** La Palma, Quimba and Yaviza  
**Veraguas Province:** Mutis: Santa Catalina  
**Chiriqui Province:** Pedregal: Base, Boca Chica

**MORE THAN 32 THOUSAND PEOPLE TRAVELED BY SEA DURING EASTER WEEK**

Some 32,022 passengers were mobilized, by sea, in 4,370 trips, nationwide, without any regrettable incident.

### Breakdown by day:

**Thursday, April 1:** 6,536 passengers transported in 1,001 trips.

**Friday, April 2:** 7,816 passengers transported in 1,168 trips.

**Saturday, April 3:** 9,841 passengers transported in 1,314 trips.

**Sunday April 4:** 7,829 passengers transported in 887 trips.

The island areas most visited by nationals and foreigners were:

- Bocas del Toro (Colon Island): 3,914 passengers.
- Panama (Island of Taboga): 4,313 passengers.
- Colon (La Guaira, Isla Grande, Portobelo, Mamey Island, Miguel de la Borda) 10,800 passengers.



# Announcement



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## Control and monitoring (LRIT Reporting Data)

**6,181 ships monitored**

*As per SOLAS - Chapter V - Regulation 19 / 1  
Long Range Identification and Tracking of Ships*

**90% of compliance**

5,549 ships

**Compliance standard**

75% - 95%

**Weekly screening**

*Entire fleet under continuous control & monitoring*

### **BENEFITS**

- ✓ *Guarantee compliance with international maritime conventions.*
- ✓ *Control, follow up and monitoring of the fleet.*

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# Achievement

## PANAMA SHIP REGISTRY REAFFIRMS ITS COMMITMENT TO INTERNATIONAL COMPLIANCE

For this reason, efforts have been aimed at reinforcing methodologies, acquiring new tools, training personnel and creating new areas within the General Directorate of Merchant Marine, homogenizing and implementing the highest international standards, which guarantee compliance of the fleet internationally.

In this sense, Panama recently participated in the meeting of experts on the Full Implementation of the Maritime Resolutions of the Security Council of the United Nations (UN), held in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, where aspects such as the effectiveness of the application of UN sanctions in the maritime sector, in relation to this country.

The Panamanian representatives expressed their commitment to the established provisions and shared the experience of the Panamanian Registry in the implementation of actions in favor of international compliance, such as:

Strengthening of due diligence and its application. For this, the Control and Monitoring Section was created, which is responsible for ensuring that all ships that enter the Panamanian Registry and those that are already in its fleet comply with international norms and standards; in addition to not being involved in activities that are not aligned with the policies and commitments acquired by the Panama Ship Registry.

The Section for the Implementation, Control and Execution of International Measures is incorpo-

rated, which will follow up on international standards and measures, through the verification of the official sites of organizations such as the UN Security Council.

Review and update of the registration procedure, its requirements and its controls, by the Department of Ship Registration.

Constant communication with the Panamanian fleet to urge them to keep their Long Range Vessel Identification and Tracking System (LRIT) active and their Automatic Identification System (AIS) equipment; as well as staying out of conflict areas, where their business operations could be compromised.

The purpose of these implementations and actions is that ships and companies that own and operate the ships that fly the Panamanian flag comply with international regulations on terrorism, money laundering or other illegal activities that affect both national interests and the maritime industry itself.



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## AMP PERFORMS ILLICIT SUBSTANCE DETECTION DRILL IN TABOQUILLA

The Panama Maritime Authority (AMP) carried out a simulation to detect any illicit substance at the DECAL Panama port facility, located on Taboguilla Island, the objective of which was to demonstrate the coordination capacity that must exist with all responsible security entities and the reaction to the threats that the port may suffer.



Officials from the Department of Port Protection of the General Directorate of Ports and Auxiliary Maritime Industries of the AMP, units of the National Aeronaval Service (SENAN) and the National Customs Authority (ANA) participated in the drill.

This activity served to measure the response time and make the improvements that can be implemented in the port protection plan, in addition to promoting the participation and integration of all the agencies involved in emergencies.

After the drill, a meeting of the Port Protection Committee of the port was held, made up of AMP, DECAL Panama, ANA, Municipality of Taboga, SENAN, Fire Department and ACHOSSA (Priva

te Security), where it was agreed to implement a systematic process of drills in order to determine and correct failures that in any way affect port security and protection.



## REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSES OF NATIONAL WATERS OF PLEASURE SHIP CAPTAIN OF 1st, 2nd AND 3rd CLASS

The Panama Maritime Authority (AMP), taking into consideration the exponential growth of the nautical charter (rental of pleasure boats) and the offer of services related to it, reminds seafarers that it is necessary that they have their respective license, which can be from national waters or international waters.

The licenses in force within our jurisdictional waters, which are processed, are the following: 1st class pleasure ship captain (greater than 20 meters in length); 2nd class pleasure ship captain (from 8 meters to 20 meters in length); 3rd class pleasure ship captain (less than 8 meters in length).

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## General requirements for all National Water Licenses:

A 4 x 4 cm color photograph (shoulders and face exposed, no hat, white background), taken recently (no more than six (6) months); include application form. The seaman who applies personally at the main office of the AMP, in Panama, will be exempt from presenting the photo, since it will be taken at the time of application.

Original document: valid passport (for foreigners) or valid personal identity card (for Panamanians).

Good Health Certificate (valid for 3 months from the date of issuance), issued by a qualified Panamanian doctor and must have the stamp of the doctor and the clinic, hospital or health center.

## 1st class pleasure ship captain (greater than 20 meters in length)

Basic safety training courses, issued by a Maritime Training Center and recognized by the Panama Maritime Authority:

IMO 1.19 - Personal Survival Techniques.

IMO 1.20 - Fire Prevention and Fighting.

IMO 1.21 - Personal Safety and Social Responsibilities.

IMO 1.13 - Basic First Aid.

1st class Pleasure Ship Captain Course.  
Ship's Patent or Company's Letter.

2nd class pleasure ship captain (from 8 meters to 20 meters in length).



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2nd class Pleasure Ship Captain Course.

Ship's Patent or Company's Letter.

**3rd class pleasure ship captain (less than 8 meters in length)**

Maritime Safety Course for National Waters, issued by a Maritime Training Center recognized by the Panama Maritime Authority.

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IMO 1.19 - Personal Survival Techniques.

IMO 1.20 - Fire Prevention and Fighting.

IMO 1.21 - Personal Safety and Social Responsibilities.

IMO 1.13 - Basic First Aid.

3rd class Pleasure Ship Captain Course

Note: All seaman who have a license to navigate in jurisdictional waters of the Republic of Panama, will be subject to random tests of alcohol and narcotic consumption, which will be carried out by the competent authorities in the National Ports, when they deem it necessary.

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## BENEFITING USERS IN A SECURE AND EXPEDITE WAY, THE AMP HAS ISSUED MORE THAN 95 THOUSAND ELECTRONIC CERTIFICATES IN THE LAST QUARTER

With the issuance of certificates and documentation of seafarers, in electronic format, the Panama Maritime Authority (AMP) takes firm steps towards a new stage in the modernization and digitization of its processes, offering its customers a service of quality, efficient and expeditious, which maintains all the security measures required to guarantee its validity, in addition to speeding up the administrative processes and the immediate delivery of this technical documentation to the seafarers who are on board Panamanian flag vessels that thus require it.

At the end of December 2020 to date, through the Certifications Department, more than 95,000 electronic certificates have been issued, including : Transitory Certificates (CT’s), certificate of course endorsements, proficiency certificates and endorsements of proficiency certificates, which is estimated to generate an annual

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saving to the state of approximately USD102,000.00. Similarly, some certificates and documentation continue to be issued in the printed version on security paper.

This new method of issuing certificates online has had a good acceptance since it facilitates the process and reduces the response time to the client.

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