

The Maritime Safety and Survival Training Centre Act No. 33/1991

Article 1

The National Life-Saving Association of Iceland shall operate a Maritime Safety and Survival Training Centre, administered centrally by the National Life-Saving Association operating under its auspices and responsibility.

The objective of the school is to enhance the safety of seafarers by providing education and training in the handling of rescue and safety equipment and general education in accident prevention at sea.

Article 2

The Maritime Safety and Survival Training Centre shall provide courses for working seamen and seamen to-be at the primary fishing industry localities around the country on safety and rescue matters and the administration of safety and accident prevention training for students at navigation schools and marine engineering schools.

The main subjects at the school are the following: Education on safety matters, accident prevention, rescue methods, medical first-aid, the transportation of sick and injured persons, the management of rescue equipment, fire fighting equipment and smoke-diving appliances.

Article 3

The Minister of Transport and Communication appoints a school board for the Maritime Safety and Survival Training Centre for a period of four years at a time consisting of five members. One of the members shall be nominated by the Icelandic Seamen's Federation, one by the Merchant Navy and Fishing Vessels Officers Guild and three shall be nominated by the National Life-Saving Association of Iceland. The Minister appoints one of the board members of the National Life-Saving Association of Iceland as chairman of the school board.

The main function of the school board is to consider matters concerning the Training Centre, particularly regarding the purchase of instruments and equipment for the school, maintenance, projects and ongoing development of the school. Subject to a report by the Committee on Safety Training for Seamen, the school board makes proposals to the board of the National Life-Saving Association of Iceland on training courses, curriculum and the duration of courses provided at the Training Centre.

Article 4

The school board employs a principle of the Maritime Safety and Survival Training Centre, but the National Life-Saving Association of Iceland Act provides for the employment of other personnel.

Article 5

Costs of operating the Training Centre shall be paid by the State Treasury. The National Life-Saving Association of Iceland prepares a budget estimate for the school to be submitted to the Ministry of Transport and Communications for approval.

Article 6

This Act comes into affect immediately.

Transitional provisions

The Minister of Transport and Communications shall, no later than 1 February 1993, submit a bill on amendments to the Mandatory Registration of Seamen on Vessels Act, *inter alia*, obliging seamen, who are to be registered on vessels, to have undergone basic safety training at the Maritime Safety and Survival Training Centre prior to registration.