

## COMMODORE'S REPORT 2016

In brief this year although quieter than usual has been significant due to the hosting of the Gamefish Nationals, Gamefish Junior Nationals and the Shelly Beach Fishing Festival. All these competitions were a great success and I would like to take this opportunity to thank my Committee, the skippers and boat owners for their unselfish assistance with time and money they gave the Club to such an extent wherever we go we are congratulated on a superb competition and we really appreciate how willing all our skippers and members are to help.

### SAFETY

Marine notice 32 of 2016 has been attached for your perusal, below a recap from Mr Thomas Solomon SAMSA:

**Cape Town radio currently monitor VHF CH16 only. VHF DSC CH70 will only start being monitored once the coastal radio infrastructure has been upgraded. CH71 is used by the ski-boat fraternity but not monitored by Cape Town Radio.**

Recap –

1. 29 MHz was no longer accepted for safety purposes WEF 01/01/2016. Small vessels must fit a fixed marine VHF radio, as applicable.
2. Small vessels do not require DSC enabled VHF radios yet. The Small Vessel Regulations have been reviewed but not yet amended.
3. Small vessel skippers do not require Short Range Certificates (new radio operator certificates to use DSC) – unless their radios are DSC enabled (have the DSC function and are programmed with an MMSI number and connected to a GPS/plotter). Existing Restricted Radiotelephone Operators (Marine) Certificates are still acceptable for small vessel skippers.
4. Radio documentation required for small vessels – ICASA Ship Station Licence (lists the call-sign), Marine Radio Operators Certificate, EPIRB Registration Form (Cat A vessels only)

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Kind regards,

**Thomas Solomon**

Radio Surveyor / Senior Radio Examiner  
[South African Maritime Safety Authority \[SAMSA\]](#)

We advise you to start buying VHF DSC enabled (Red Button) radios with built in GPS if available, ship VHF Radios of 25 Watt for Ski Boats.

For those of you who completed the restricted radio licence and have the certificate will be allowed to operate VHF Marine Audio only.

As per the law from now on we can only survey boats that have VHF or VHF DSC ship radios on board with the minimum VHF operator's licence.

If you don't have an operator licence then you must show proof of enrolment to a SAMSA accredited training centre. (See list below).

No mobile or hand held radios will be accepted on A, B C or D ski boats for survey only ICASA 25 Watt VHF Radios. (They must have the ICASA sticker on the unit).

If you are purchasing a VHF Radio then we advise you to buy the Radio with DSC and GPS incorporated in the unit.

If and when the DSC is implemented then your VHF must be linked to a GPS if the unit is not GPS enabled.

We are planning to take this matter up with SAMSA on extending the implementation dates and will advise our members accordingly.

Shelly Beach Ski Boat Club Boat Numbers and selling of boats:

Please be aware that it is against the law to sell a boat displaying your registered number, the number may be transferred to your new boat.

The owner must remove the number and advise the club that the boat is sold; at the time of the sale the new owner must be made aware of the buoyancy status, i.e. it has a valid certificate or the buoyancy has to be re-done. The new owner must have seaworthy done with a new or transferred number.

Dates to Remember:

Sunday 27 November Boat testing 08h00 – 14h00  
Sunday 18 December Father Christmas 15h00  
Monday 19 December AGM 18h30  
Tuesday 20 December Boat testing 14h00 – 18h00  
Saturday 31 December Bring & Braai 20h00  
Tuesday 03 January Boat Testing 14h00 – 18h00

Best Regards

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Maritime School of excellence  
Corner of – Langerberg road and Bayhead Road  
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Grindrod Shipping Training academy  
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031 3027652  
NOTE – Long range certificate courses are  
also conducted at this school.

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