

Dear Sir/Madam

My two suggestions were as below:

1. AMSA requires masters to conduct risk assessments before they commence a voyage, however, this requirement is not in their advice or guidance to owners in the preparation of the SMS; also, at least one owner has informed me that there is only one voyage: from the time they leave berth in the morning to the time they return to berth at the end of a day of activities that include: (i) trip to a beach for snorkelling; (ii) trip to a site for fishing; and so on, until they return to the berth
Suggestion: The advice or guidance material include a clear statement about risk assessments before commencing voyages and that there could be more than one voyage per day
2. The Incident Report form at Part B, has a box for the Weather; this is often completed with varying descriptors such as “strong”; “rough” or “blowing a gale” which are meaningless
Suggestion: Include boxes for Wind: direction and force; Swell: direction and height; (Sea direction/force would follow the wind)

Best regards

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