



WHALE-SAFE CERTIFICATION

Save the Whales from Ship Strikes

CHECK LIST STANDARD / REQUIREMENTS

Description of the organization

a) Name of the organization:

b) Address of the organization:

c) Name, role and contact of the representative(s):

d) Vessel(s) and their registration number, IMO number and port registration:

Name of the boat	Registration Number	IMO Number	Port of Registration

e) if the owner of the vessel(s) is different from the company, please specify:

f) Vessel Type (e.g.: reefer vessel, container vessel, cruise vessel etc.)

g) Date of entry into service:

h) Other relevant information:

1. REGULATIONS

No	Requirement	Y/N/ N.A.	Comments
1.1	The ship has all safety certificate valid and fully comply with IMO regulations.		

2 R&D

No	Requirement	Y/N/ N.A.	Comments
2.1	The company is actively engaged, through collaboration with research organizations, to develop new technologies to reduce the impact of maritime transport on the marine environment (e.g.: alternative fuel, fuel consumption reduction, heat recycling, alternative energy generator, innovative hull design, etc.).		

3. WATER AND WASTE CONTROL

No	Requirement	Y/N/ N.A.	Comments
3.1	Sewage / black water:		
3.1.1	Sewage treatment plant onboard.		
3.1.2	Dedicated sewage tanks onboard.		

3.2	Garbage handling: No incinerator onboard or documented no incineration of garbage and no waste overboard and separate garbage handling for reuse, recycling and disposal.		
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4. WHALES SHIP STRIKES

No	Requirement	Y/N/ N.A.	Comments
4.1	Using onboard Full-Time Observation Systems/Technology to detect presence of whales. (e.g.: thermal imaging camera systems: infrared FLIR cameras; SAGEM MATIS Handheld thermal imager; Night Navigator 3; First Navy Infrared System).		
4.1.1	Assigning adequate lookouts in areas observed or known for high concentration of marine mammals.		
4.1.2	Ensuring that the bridge team makes use of the provided Visual Observation Equipment (e.g.: night vision binoculars).		
4.2	Access onboard to online platforms to report whale presence and to be informed on spotted marine mammals nearby (e.g.: Whale Alert App; Whale Report Alert System WRAS; Real Time Platting of Cetaceans REPCET; Whale Map; NOAA Mandatory Ship Reporting System; Whale Safe Tool for the Santa Barbara Channel; Save Moby Project; and similar platforms).		

4.2.1	Ensuring that bridge watchkeeping officers and the bridge team receive ship strike prevention training. (e.g.: Whale Protection Training Program)		
4.2.2	Following established procedures after sighting whales nearby (e.g.: altering course, reducing speed, additional bridge lookouts, notifying the appropriate authorities).		
4.3	Access onboard to online maps highlighting existing slowdown areas (reliable sources e.g.: NOAA, IWC)		
4.3.1	Participating to all voluntary speed reduction programs in all high-risk areas.		
4.3.2	Compliance with local area regulations, guidelines, and instructions to prevent whale ship strikes.		
4.4	Implemented measures to minimize noise pollution and vibration, to reduce potential adverse impacts on marine life (following IMO guidelines).		
4.5	Using ducted / hidden propellers to avoid possible whale injuries.		

CONCLUSIONS:

- The company **COMPLIES** with Friend of the Sea Whale-Safe Requirements.
- The company **DOES NOT COMPLY** with Friend of the Sea Whale-Safe Requirements

NON-CONFORMITIES (corrective plan to be produced within 3 weeks and correction within 1 year).

List Non-conformities:

RECOMMENDATIONS (to be communicated within the next inspection).

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