

MUSTER STATION COMPLEMENT



- **HELMET ELEMENT 11 'Emergency Preparedness' – Item 5 'Muster List and Embarkation stations'**
- **SOLAS: Chapter 3, Reg. 11 'Survival Craft Muster and Embarkation Arrangements'**
- **SIRE 2.0 Ch. 5 'Safety Management' Sec. 5.1.6 'Emergency Response Plans and Drills'**

INCIDENT

During a Port State Control preparation onboard, our Auditor observed that the designated muster station was marked with only 21 spots, while the vessel's complement, as per official records and safety plans, requires 25 spots. This discrepancy indicates a non-conformance in the vessel's emergency preparedness.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

Muster stations are the designated areas where personnel must assemble in an emergency for a safe and efficient evacuation and headcount process. Ensuring that the capacity of muster stations is in line with the vessel's complement is crucial.

BEST PRACTICES FOR THE VESSEL

- Regularly verify that the capacity of each muster station aligns with the vessel's complement and safety plan.
- Ensure each muster station has sufficient clear deck space to accommodate all personnel, and at least 0.35 m² per spot / per person.
- Conduct frequent emergency drills with the participation of all personnel to practice evacuation by ensuring familiarity and readiness in a potential emergency situation.

ACTIONS FOR THE OFFICE

- Run a safety campaign, with the aim to raise awareness and compliance regarding the importance of designated muster stations and the accuracy of the vessel's complement.