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To	All Surveyors/Auditors. All flags
Title	Ventilation of partially enclosed lifeboats
Reference	Chapter IV of the LSA Code

New requirements for ventilation of partially enclosed lifeboats

Partially enclosed lifeboats will need to have sufficient ventilation to limit CO₂ concentration within the lifeboat to 5,000 ppm with the entrances closed, taking account of the number of people the lifeboat is certified to carry.

This will need to be achieved by forced/mechanical ventilation at a rate of m³/hour/person for a minimum of 24 hours; or by using ventilation openings at each end of the boat and as high as possible with a cross-section area of at least 0.015m³/person; or any other suitable arrangement to prevent a CO₂ concentration of more than 5,000 ppm.

This is expected to apply to partially enclosed lifeboats installed from 1 January 2032.

SSE 12 instructed the correspondence group reporting to SSE 13 (2027) to draft consequential amendments to MSC.1/Circ.1630/Rev.3.

REFERENCE:

-The *Revised recommendation on testing of life-saving appliances* (resolution MSC.81(70))

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