

GRENADA

STATUTORY RULES AND ORDERS NO. 3 OF 1990

REGULATIONS MADE BY THE MINISTER UNDER SECTION 40 OF THE
GRENADA FISHERIES ACT 1986 (No. 15 OF 1986).

(Gazetted 19th January, 1990).

1. **Short Title.** These Regulations may be cited as the

FISHERIES (FISHING VESSELS SAFETY)

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2. **Interpretation.** (1) Unless the context requires otherwise words bear the same meaning as in the Grenada Fisheries Act 1986.

(2) In these regulations, the word "Vessel" means a vessel referred to in regulation 3.

3. **Application.** These regulations apply to any fishing vessel or any other vessel whatsoever which is capable of being used for fishing within fishery waters at a distance greater than three miles from the nearest land.

4. **Safety Equipment.** (1) Every vessel shall at all times carry on board the following items :

- (a) a bailer capable of removing water from the vessel;
- (b) a hand-held or other compass;
- (c) not less than 5 gallons of fresh drinking water for each person on board the vessel, stowed in a closed container;
- (d) not less than 5 gallons of reserve fuel for any motor on board the vessel, stowed in a closed container separate from the tank feeding fuel to the motor;
- (e) a battery-powered water-proof flashlight;

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- (f) non-perishable rations sufficient to sustain two persons, for at least 5 days, stowed in a water-proof container;
 - (g) a small glass mirror capable of being used as a light reflector;
 - (h) at least two flares suitable for use at night;
 - (i) at least two flares suitable for use in daylight;
 - (j) a sea anchor of a size and design appropriate to the vessel.
- (2) In addition to the items specified in regulations 4 (1) —
- (a) every vessel whose length overall is 28 feet or less shall at all times carry on board a pair of oars of a length appropriate to the vessel.
 - (b) every vessel whose length overall is 28 feet or more shall —
 - (i) be fitted with a bilge pump;
 - (ii) at all times carry on board or in tow a life raft or dinghy capable of carrying all persons on board the vessel together with a pair of oars or a motor.
 - (c) every vessel whose length overall is 28 feet or more shall be fitted with —
 - (i) a V.H.F. radio capable of receiving and transmitting messages.
 - (ii) port and starboard lights.
- (3) Each item of equipment required by this regulation to be carried on board or fitted to a vessel shall at all times be maintained in good working order.

5. Power to Inspect Vessels. (1) An authorised Officer may at any time board and inspect any vessel for the purpose of ascertaining whether any item of equipment required to be carried on board

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or fitted to the vessel by these Regulations :—

- (a) is so carried or fitted.
- (b) is in good working order.

(2) Any person who, within 10 minutes of being required by an authorised officer to allow that officer to board a vessel, fails to allow the officer on board the vessel is guilty of an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$1,000.00.

6. **Obstruction of officers.** (1) Any person who assaults, threatens, obstructs, hinders or delays or allow any other person to assault, threaten, obstruct, hinder or delay any authorised officer in the performance of powers, functions or duties under these Regulations is guilty of an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$2,000.00.

(2) Where a person is convicted of an offence against this regulation the Magistrate may, in addition to any penalty order the offender to pay by way of compensation a sum sufficient to cover any damage which any authorised officer or other person has suffered as a result of such assault, threat, obstruction, hindrance or delay and any sum so awarded may be recovered in the same manner as the penalty.

7. **Minimum number of crew.** Every vessel shall at all times have not less than two crewmen.

8. **Failure to Carry Prescribed Equipment or Minimum Number of Crew.** (1) The master of any vessel which fails at any time—

- (a) to carry on board or have affixed any item of equipment required to be carried or affixed by regulation 4;
- (b) to keep any such item of equipment in good working order;
- (c) to have on board the minimum number of crewmen required by regulation 7;

is guilty of an offence and is liable on conviction to a penalty not exceeding \$1,000.00.

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(2) It is a defence to a prosecution under this regulation to prove that the vessel has not been and will not be used at any time for fishing within fishery waters at a distance greater than three miles from the nearest land.

Made by the Minister this 31st day of October, 1989.

MARJORIE BUDHOO
Secretary to the Cabinet.

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