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### Seafish Construction Standards: Bilge pumping systems

*This notice should be read in conjunction with the Seafish Construction Standards for New Fishing Vessels 15m Length Overall to 24m Registered Length (January 2017 edition). Where information in this notice contradicts the Standards, this notice is to take priority.*

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#### Summary

This Seafish Information Note provides notification of an amendment to the way in which Seafish enforces the bilge pumping rules stipulated in the Seafish Construction Standards for New Fishing Vessels 15m Length Overall to 24m Registered Length.

#### Bilge pumping systems

With reference to Section 7.5 of the Seafish Construction Standards for New Fishing Vessels 15m Length Overall to 24m Registered Length, the option allowed for peak compartments - to have a drain cock fitted for drainage in lieu of a bilge suction - shall only apply to actual fore peak compartments forward of the foremost watertight bulkhead. In a typical vessel with a transom stern, the aftermost compartment in the hull shall not be classed as a peak compartment in respect of the bilge pumping requirements.

#### Explanation

*Historically, Seafish has accepted the aftermost compartment below the weather deck (often the accommodation space) to be a peak space, thereby only requiring a drain cock to be fitted to allow bilge drainage into an adjacent compartment. However, this is no longer to be the case. In a typical vessel with a transom stern arrangement, the aftermost compartment below the weather deck will no longer be classed by Seafish as a peak compartment in relation to the bilge pumping requirements. These compartments will now require bilge pumping facilities, and*

*bilge level alarm facilities, in accordance with the Seafish Standards (and relevant MCA code of practice), just as other similar non-peak compartments below the weather deck are required to have.*

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