SOLAS CHAPTER III, LIFE SAVING APPLIANCES & ARRANGEMENTS
PART B, SECTION I, REGULATION 20:
OPERATIONAL READINESS, MAINTENANCE & INSPECTIONS;
Section 11 - PERIODICAL SERVICING OF LAUNCHING APPLIANCES
AND ON-LOAD RELEASE GEAR

With regard to the above SOLAS Regulations, owners should be reminded of the importance of periodical servicing & maintenance of lifeboats, launching appliances & on-load release gear and the Guidelines for this contained in IMO Circular MSC.1/Circ.1206 of May 2006.

Please also note that for compliance with Regulation 20, Section 11.2.2, this Administration will recognise "properly trained personnel" as follows:

- Employees of Service Companies who have undergone training & received the authorisation of manufacturers of lifeboat davit equipment
- Employees of Companies who have received Certification from a Classification Society to carry out such examination & testing
- Employees of an Owner or Management Company (the Company as per ISM code), who have undergone training & received the authorisation of manufacturers of lifeboat davit equipment.

Such training and authorisation will need to be shown to this Administration in writing e.g. certification.

Yours truly,

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