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Navigation bridge visibility to ship's side

(Chapter V, Regulation 22.1.6)

Regulation

SOLAS regulation V/22.1.6 reads:

"1 Ships of not less than 55 m in length, as defined in regulation 2.4, constructed on or after 1 July 1998, shall meet the following requirements:

.6 The ship's side shall be visible from the bridge wing;"

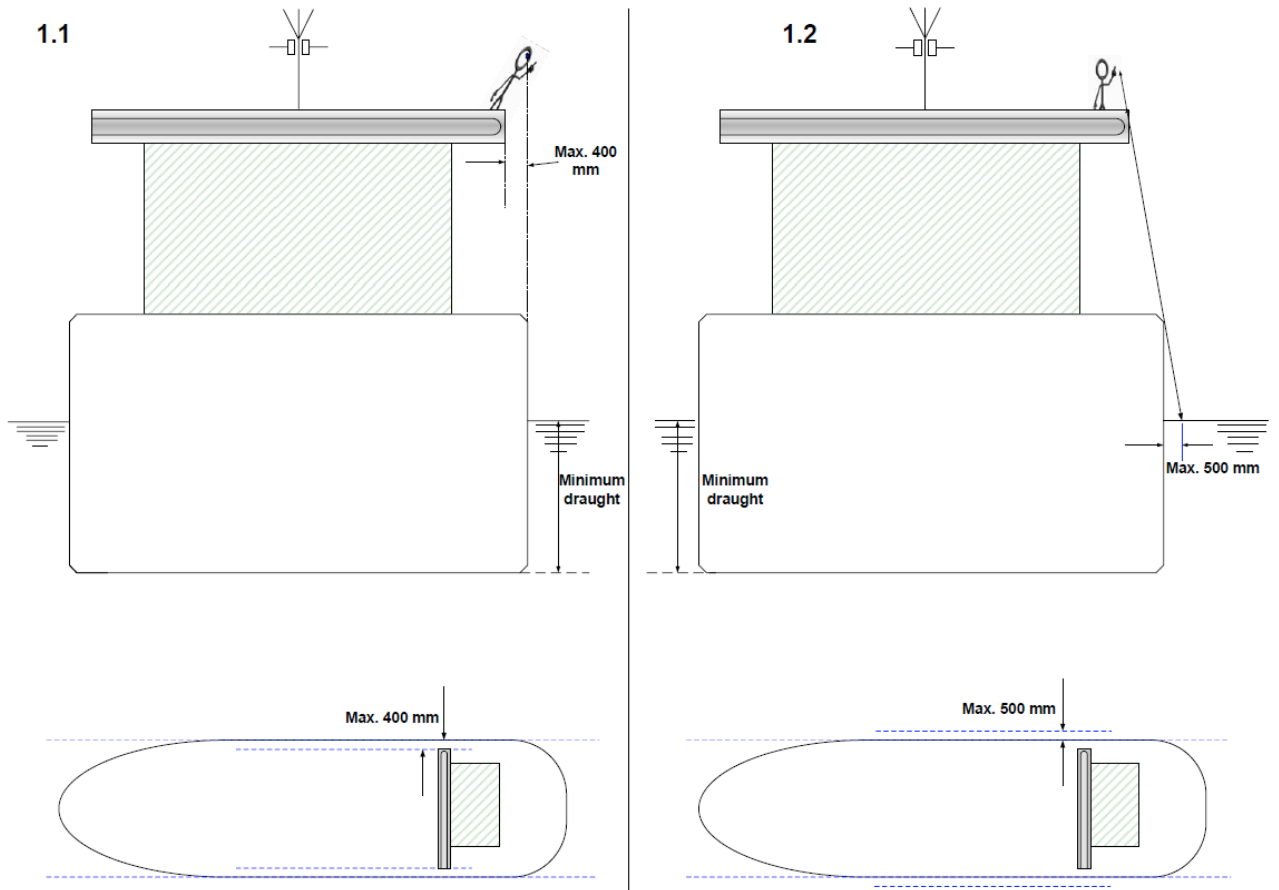
Interpretation

1. The requirements of SOLAS regulation V/22.1.6 are accomplished when:
 - .1 a view from the bridge wing plus a distance corresponding to a reasonable and safe distance of a seafarer leaning over the side of the bridge wing, which needs not to be more than 400 mm, to the location vertically right under the maximum beam of the ship at the lowest seagoing draught is not obscured; or
 - .2 the sea surface at the lowest seagoing draught and with a transverse distance of 500 mm and more from the maximum beam throughout the ship's length is visible from the side of the bridge wing.
2. A schematic diagram depicting the unified interpretations is also attached herewith.
3. For particular ship types, such as tug/tow boat, offshore supply vessel (OSV), rescue ship, work ship (e.g. floating crane ships), etc., that are designed such that, in normal operations, they come along side, or operate in close proximity to, other vessels or offshore structures at sea, SOLAS regulation V/22.1.6 is met provided the bridge wings extend at least to a location from which the sea surface, at the lowest seagoing draught and at a transverse distance of 1500 mm from the maximum beam throughout the ship's length, is visible. If this ship type is changed to a type other than those addressed in this paragraph, then the interpretation in this paragraph would no longer apply.

Notes:

1. This Unified Interpretation is to be applied by IACS Societies on ships contracted for construction on or after 1 January 2011.
2. The "contracted for construction" date means the date on which the contract to build the vessel is signed between the prospective owner and the shipbuilder. For further details regarding the date of "contract for construction", refer to IACS Procedural Requirement (PR) No. 29.

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