

Submission of Plans and Documents for the Approval of GBS Ships

Amended Rules and Guidance

Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part B
Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part B

Reason for Amendment

IACS Unified Requirement (UR) Z23, which specifies requirements related to hull surveys during construction, requires that a surveyor witness and verify the alignment, fit up, gaps or weld configurations of structural areas when said areas are defined as critical.

Structural areas defined as critical are, in principle, those areas of a ship which require special attention be given throughout the ship's life, and information regarding such areas is one of the things to be included in the Ship Construction File required for GBS ships. Such areas are to be examined by the Society during plan approval prior to the commencement of any fabrication or construction.

Accordingly, relevant requirements are amended to clarify the above.

Outline of Amendment

- (1) Specified requirements related to the submission of drawings showing areas requiring special attention throughout the ship's life, including critical structural areas, for approval by the Society for GBS ships which are contracted for construction on or after 1 January 2018.
- (2) Specified requirements that drawings of "areas requiring special attention throughout the ship's life, including critical structural areas" are to be consistent with information included in the Ship Construction File as well as to contain critical structural areas indicated in the ship structural access manuals.

Amended Requirements

Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships
Part B: 2.1.2
Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships
Part B: B2.1.2