



TECHNICAL CIRCULAR No. 632 of 6th June 2020

To	All Surveyors/Auditors
Applicable to flag	All Flags
Title	Sea Valves
Reference	CONARINA - Instructions

Sea Valves and Rudder Clearances

The Vessel's Safety Construction certificate is to be endorsed, if applicable, for inspection of the outside of the ship's bottom upon satisfactory completion of the Drydocking Survey. The dates used for the last two inspections of the ship's bottom on the Safety Construction certificate are the credit dates (last visit date of work orders crediting the Drydocking Surveys).

Docked & Undocked Dates

Surveyor is to enter the vessel "Docked Date" and "Undocked Date" which are for record only purposes. These dates do not affect the determination of the Drydocking Survey credit date or the due date of the next Drydocking Survey.

Sea Valves

If the sea valves are not completed at the time of drydocking or UWILD and will come due before the next scheduled drydocking, the Surveyor must advise the Owner. If the Owner declines to survey the coming due items, this must be noted in the survey report as a statement/observation. Similarly, if the sea valves are not completed at the time of drydocking and the vessel may be eligible for a UWILD at the next scheduled drydocking, the Surveyor is to advise the Owner that these items will need to be surveyed at that time if a UWILD is requested. If the Owner declines to survey these items while the vessel is in dry-dock, this must be noted in the survey report as a statement/observation.

When inspected, sea valves shall be credited under the Continuous Machinery Survey task in the survey reporting system or documented as a Statement/Observation for Special Periodical Survey Machinery. The Statement/Observation is to note any items, such as sea chests, overboard discharge valves and rudders examined, to be credited for Special Survey when the vessel is within the 15-month Special Survey window.

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Pintle/Rudder Clearances

When pintle clearances are found in the range between the acceptable clearance and the maximum acceptable pintle clearance for renewal, an Additional Requirement is to be created and made do at the next Drydocking Survey stating the following:

“The rudder pintle clearance was found nearing the renewal limit. At the time of the next drydocking or where acceptable means of access is available during a UWILD, the attending Surveyor is to confirm the pintle clearance.”

REFERENCES:

- CONARINA – Instructions. Courtesy of ABS.
- ATTACHMENTS: No

Kindest Regards,

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