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To	All Surveyors/Auditors
Applicable to flag	All Flags
Title	Tailshaft/Tubeshaft Surveys
Reference	CONARINA - Instructions

Tailshaft/Tubeshaft Surveys

It is the intent of the Rules that the Tailshaft Survey be brought in line with the Special Survey drydocking.

Tailshaft/tubeshaft extensions are granted directly by the Surveyor for specified intervals in accordance with the Rules.

Requests for extensions should be in writing from the vessel's Owner and contain the following information:

- Vessel's present name and Class number
- Full identity of party initiating the request (actual Owner, Operator, prospective buyer, etc.)
- Port and date of requested attendance
- Extension period requested
- Details of other surveys presently at hand or intended to be requested concurrently with the Extension Survey

Where the Rules require verification of the effectiveness of the outboard seal for Extension Survey credit, this is to be understood as a satisfactory examination of the seal by UWILD.

1 Water-Lubricated Bearings (Open System)

For all types of propeller connections, the interval between two consecutive Tailshaft Surveys may be extended after the execution of an extension survey in accordance with the Rules. The maximum extension is one (1) year.

If an additional extension is requested after a 3-month extension has been granted, the requirements of the "Extension up to One (1) Year" are to be carried out and the Tailshaft Survey due date extension is to be based on the original due date, prior to the previous extension.

2 Oil-Lubricated Bearings and Closed Loop System Fresh Water Lubricated Bearings

The Rules allow for Tailshaft Survey extension of oil-lubricated and closed loop system fresh water lubricated bearings at three different intervals:

- Extension up to three (3) months
- Extension up to one (1) year
- Extension up to two-and-a-half year (2.5) years

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For Closed Loop System Fresh Water Lubricated Shafts, the maximum interval between two surveys carried out according to Method 1 shall not exceed 15years. An extension of not more than three (3) months can be granted.

In all other cases, the maximum total extension is 2.5-years.

If an additional extension is requested after a 3-month extension has been granted, the requirements of the "Extension up to One (1) Year" or "Extension up to Two-and-a-half (2.5) Year" are to be carried out and the Tailshaft Survey due date extension is to be based on the original due date, prior to the previous extension.

REFERENCES:

- CONARINA – Instructions. Courtesy of ABS.

- ATTACHMENTS: No

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