



Department of Transportation and Communications
TANOD BAYBAYIN NG PILIPINAS
PUNONGHIMPILAN PANGANIM PUROK TANOD BAYBAYIN
(HEADQUARTERS SIXTH COAST GUARD DISTRICT)
Zone 2, Bo.Obrero, Iloilo City

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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
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ILOILO RIVER SPEED REGULATION

I. AUTHORITY:

1. Republic Act 5173
2. Philippine Merchant Marine Rules and Regulation

II. PURPOSE:

To prescribe the speed limit, policy, and procedure for vessels, watercraft and fast craft entering and leaving Iloilo River in order to enhance safety.

III. SCOPE:

This Memorandum Circular applies to all vessels, water craft and fast craft entering and leaving Iloilo River.

IV. DEFINITION OF TERMS:

1. **Iloilo River** – Navigable portion of Iloilo River from Quirino-Lopez Bridge to the mouth of the river at Farola.
2. **Vessel/Watercraft** – Power driven ships and boats.
3. **Fast Craft -Power** driven watercraft for commercial or recreational purposes with a cruising speed exceeding 20 knots.
4. **Restricted Zone** – Navigable portion of Iloilo River from back of Iloilo Custom Building to vicinity of Petron POL (Petroleum/Oil/Lubricants) Pier.

V. POLICIES:

1. All vessels / watercraft, especially fast craft when entering or leaving Iloilo River are required to slow down to attain a speed made good of 4 knots or less.
2. Except during emergency, vessels / watercraft and fast craft transiting the river shall maintain traffic, steer right or port to port in a meeting situation.

VI. PROCEDURES:

1. Vessel /Watercraft and fast craft entering Iloilo River shall approach perpendicular to the mouth of the river and give way to the outgoing vessel/watercraft and fast craft if there is any.
2. Radio contact must be maintained at all times at Channel 14 (Marine Band) between vessels/watercraft and fast craft entering and leaving Iloilo River on a meeting situation or until such time that they have cleared the restricted zone or berthed.
3. Vessels/watercrafts and fast craft anchor, sound and light signal shall be ready at all times when entering and leaving Iloilo River.
4. Tugboats towing 1 or more tow shall take extra precautions when entering or leaving Iloilo River.

VII. RESPONSIBILITY:

1. Master/Patron of ships/watercraft and fast craft shall be held responsible for any loss of life and property that may be caused by deviation or non-compliance to any of the provision of this Memo – Circular.
2. Owner/Operator shall ensure that master/patron of their vessels/watercraft and fast water craft must comply with the provisions of this Memo – Circular.
3. This District and Coast Guard Station Iloilo shall strictly enforce this regulation.

VIII. PENALTY PROVISIONS:

All vessels/watercraft and fast craft violating any of the provisions of this Memo – Circular after due process shall be imposed with the following penalty/fine.

1. **First Offense** – The master/patron shall be issued a written stern warning if violation does not cause damage or lose of limb, life and property.
2. **Second Offense** – The master/patron shall be issued a written reprimand and admin fine of P 2,000.00.
3. **Third Offense** – The PCG will recommend the suspension/cancellation of the Special Permit for Unlicensed Officer/Patron (SPUO) or license issued by PRC and impose double amount of admin fine.
4. **Fourth Offense** – The PCG will recommend for the cancellation of the vessel's Certificate of Inspection (CI) and Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC).
5. **Loss of life or damage to property** – As a result of the vessels/watercraft and fast craft violations of the provisions of the Memo – Circular shall be the responsibility of the master/patron of vessels/watercraft and fast craft concerned.

IX. PRECISION CLAUSE:

All memorandums in conflict with this Memo – Circular are hereby rescinded.

X. EFFECTIVITY:

This Memorandum – Circular shall take effect upon publication.

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