

Recommendation paper

Title: Compassionate 'v' Part Fishing Day

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1. Background:

- 1.1. Standard practice is that if a fishing vessel fishes part of a day, regardless of the number of hours and catch involved, they would technically use 1 fishing day.
- 1.2. In the event of a medical emergency on board, where a crew member has been injured or is ill, we actively encourage the vessel to return to port as quickly as possible or if the emergency is such that requires a CASEVAC (helicopter assistance) that the vessel reduce the distance that the helicopter would have to fly, to render assistance.

2. Presentation and consultations:

- 2.1. Earlier this week a crew member on a vessel sustained an injury and in order for him to receive urgent medical treatment, the vessel started the journey to Stanley. After a few hours, the Master decided that the injury warranted more urgent attention and a request for a CASEVAC was received and actioned by the duty FO.
- 2.2. The Master logged it as a fishing day, as he had been fishing for approximately 1 hour and 20 minutes.
- 2.3. Following email exchanges between the DONR, Duty FO and LO, it was decided that the catch and fishing time for this particular day, would be added to the subsequent day, so that the vessel/Master wasn't penalised for his prompt attention in the care of his crew member.

3. Recommendation:

- 3.1. In order to establish a criteria for subsequent incidents involving crew members requiring urgent medical attention, we would recommend that we apply the same rule if a vessel satisfies the following 2 criteria:- has been fishing for less than 3 hours **and** has a catch of less than 3 tons.



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