

Regulating for a safer maritime operation:

Changes to the New Zealand Safe Ship Management System



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Regulatory Reform

- Better Regulation : Less Regulation
 - Government Statement issued 17 August 2009

‘outdated, poorly conceived and poorly implemented regulation can significantly hinder individual freedom, innovation and productivity.’

Regulatory Reform (continued)

- Introduce new regulation only when
 - required
 - reasonable
 - robust
- Review existing regulation to identify, remove requirements that are
 - unnecessary
 - ineffective
 - excessively costly

Future Regulatory Schemes

- More outcomes based – significant industry involvement in development of guidance material
- Reward positive compliance through low cost, less adversarial, voluntary mechanisms
- Compliance schemes supported with strong educational and information programmes
- Focus on voluntary willing compliance

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Maritime Transport Act (1994)

“An Act to ensure that participants in the maritime transport system are responsible for their actions”

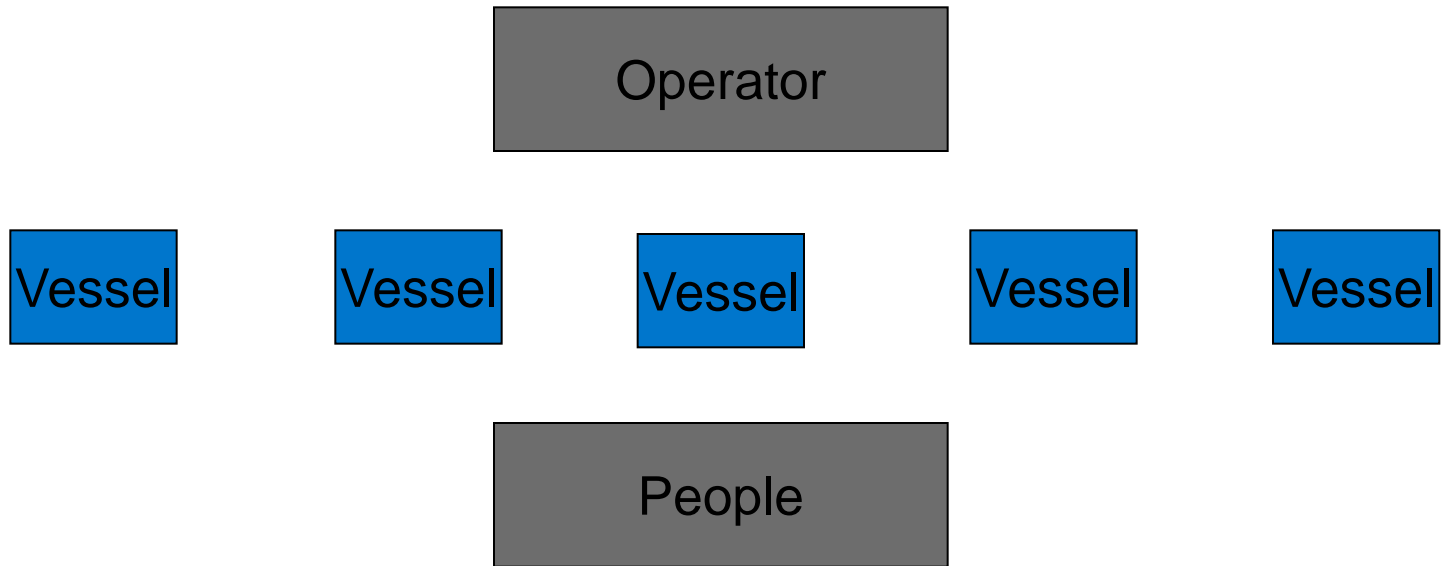
Safety Regulatory Framework

- Operators – appropriate safety management systems (safe operational plans) in place – key people are fit and proper
- Vessel/equipment appropriate to the task – properly maintained
- Employees appropriately qualified and trained



Nature of Operation

← simple → complex



Risk

← low → high

Safety Regulatory Framework (continued)

- Simple, flexible framework across the industry
- Focus on operator being responsible
- Remove duplication and layers of bureaucracy
- Reduce paperwork
- Focus on consistency of application of standards

An example



White - water boarders



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River Boarding

- MNZ jurisdiction?
- Definition of a 'ship'
- High profile activity – tourist death
- Fit within proposed scheme?
- Industry-led safety guidelines

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The future

- International push to simplify maritime regulation
- More focus on the human elements rather than the ship/vessel
- Recognition that producing manuals does not always improve safety outcomes – also requires cultural change
- Focus on information, education and guidance



Standards must be met

Maritime Operations

Operating rules

Rules & Standards Development

Regulatory Safety Boundary

Applicant →

Entry Control

Maritime Participants and Document Holders in Action

Monitoring

Provides assurance, improvements identified, and actions taken

Information & education

safety information & advice

Enforcement

investigation & appropriate response

← Ex-participant

Exit Control

Orderly exit

Analysis

Analysis of risk, trends, changes recommended

Policy Advice

System reviews



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