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## **BSS EXAMINER NEWS – COVID-19 Suspension Extension**

### **COVID-19 News BSS Examinations Temporary Suspension Extended**

The joint owners of the Boat Safety Scheme (BSS) are extending the temporary extension to safety certificates for those craft requiring an examination to 30<sup>th</sup> April supporting the government guidance on social distancing.

Navigation Authorities and licensing bodies will continue to maintain a record of those boats having extended BSS recognition.

Navigation authorities will still expect that owners of boats with BSS extensions to have a BSS Examination as soon as possible once restrictions are lifted.

We will continue to remind boat owners that the BSS requirements remain in place and that they always need to keep their boats compliant. We are continuing to encourage owners to check their boat against the requirements using the BSS Examination Checking Procedures. Boat owners should also check any implications for their boat's insurance cover with the broker or underwriter linked to the temporary waiver of BSS Certification by the Scheme's owners.

Some examiners have been in touch in the past few days saying they have customers waiting. This is good news for you, and we advise maintaining those customer relationships and keep them up to date with developments.

Please contact me with any questions. Thank you for your patience and forbearance and please continue to stay safe during these unprecedented times.

Kind regards,

**Kevin Tyson**  
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