

*These notes refer to the Marine Navigation Act 2013
(c.23) which received Royal Assent on 25 April 2013*

MARINE NAVIGATION ACT 2013

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Manning Requirements and Marking Wrecks

Section 10: Manning requirements for ships

30. **Section 10** provides for an amendment of section 47 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995 relating to manning requirements on ships. The amendment allows regulations made under section 47, or provision made by the Secretary of State under such regulations, to prescribe or specify conditions by reference to documents prepared by other people, including amended versions of such documents where the Secretary of State has approved the amendments for the purposes of section 47. The policy intention is to allow greater flexibility in drafting the provisions in regulations which determine the standards which must be met by seafarers in order for them to be qualified for the purposes of section 47.

Section 11: Marking Wrecks

31. This section amends section 252 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995 under which harbour authorities and conservancy authorities have power to mark wrecks which are or are likely to become a danger to navigation. The amendment allows for locations to be marked either by physical devices (such as buoys or lights) or by broadcasting relevant information. Such broadcast information can be used to show locations on electronic devices and charts. The amendment will also affect the GLAs who, by virtue of section 253(1), have the same powers as those conferred by section 252.