

MEMORANDUM


**STATE OF ALASKA
Department of Transportation and Public Facilities
Alaska Marine Highway System**

~ MARINE EVACUATION SYSTEM (MES) ANNOUNCEMENT ~

CLASS: MARINE EVACUATION SLIDE DRILL & DEPLOYMENT

LOCATION: M/V COLUMBIA– Ketchikan/VIGOR DOCK (*Next to the AMHS Ferry Terminal*)

DATE/TIME: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4TH ~ ATTENDEES CHECK-IN AT 12:30 – MES DRILL & DEPLOYMENT BEGINS AT 13:00

 *MES events are subject to cancellation due to weather and other factors; please check your SOA webmail prior to the event for updates/cancellations...*

MES DRILL: The M/V Columbia will conduct a marine evacuation slide (MES) drill and deployment exercise on Thursday October 4th, 2018 in Ketchikan. Please arrive and check-in no later than 12:30 p.m. This drill is an exercise in the procedures for deployment of the system, and includes the release of the slide into the water.

CONTACT/REGISTRATION: For more information, contact Amy Wilson, AMHS Training Specialist, preferably via Email amy.wilson@alaska.gov or phone (907) 228-7254.

- Crewmembers in Ketchikan, at the time of the MES deployment - *who are not working on-board a vessel in the shipyard, etc.* - may attend without pre-registering*.
- Crewmembers working on-board vessels in the shipyard must receive permission from their supervisor to attend*.
- **Important:** * In order to notify the Columbia of “who to expect”: 1) vessel masters or designees please email a list of pre-approved crewmembers to Amy Wilson, 2) in-town crewmembers planning on attending - who are not working on-board a vessel at the time of the MES exercise -please contact Amy Wilson prior to the event if possible.
- All attendees must sign the “MES Class Roster Sign in Sheet” (typically at the Pursers Counter) to receive credit for attending; i.e., receive a certificate of completion. Please bring your picture I.D.; certificates will be mailed directly to you within two to three weeks following the training event.
- Crewmembers should attend a marine evacuation system drill and deployment at intervals of at least once every (3) three years. Note: for AMHS MQ/Bid purposes, the certificate does not have an expiration date. (*The MES on-board written course or the MES Drill & Deployment are accepted and receive the same certificate*).
- Receipted travel and lodging/meal per diem (*for travel associated with this event*) are **not** authorized.

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