

Revised 12/05/2023 – Final! MES Scheduled for Thursday 2/07 at 09:00 – Checkin at 08:30

## MEMORANDUM

### STATE OF ALASKA DOT/PF - ALASKA MARINE HIGHWAY SYSTEM

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**COURSE: MARINE EVACUATION SLIDE DRILL & DEPLOYMENT**

**LOCATION: M/V COLUMBIA | KETCHIKAN | SOUTHBERTH - in the vicinity of the Ferry Terminal/Vigor**

**DATE | TIME: DECEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 | 09:00 - ATTENDEES CHECK-IN AT 08:30 – MES DRILL & DEPLOYMENT BEGINS AT 09:00!** *MES events are subject to cancellation due to weather and other factors; please check your SOA webmail prior to the event for updates/cancellations...*

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**MES DRILL:** The M/V Columbia will conduct a marine evacuation slide (MES) drill and deployment exercise in Ketchikan. **Please arrive at the ship to check-in about 08:30 - the vessel will be deploying the MES at 09:00!** This drill is an exercise in the procedures for deployment of the system and includes the release of the slide into the water! *Due to weather conditions attendees may not practice evacuation down the slide.*

**CONTACT/REGISTRATION:** For more information, and to notify the M/V Columbia of “who to expect”, contact Amy Wilson, AMHS Training Specialist, via email [amy.wilson@alaska.gov](mailto:amy.wilson@alaska.gov). See information below on attending/pre-registration.

1. Crew members 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. However, please contact Amy Wilson prior to the event, if possible, to sign up. Please check in at the Vigor gate office prior to entering the shipyard.
2. Crew members working on-board vessels in layup/overhaul must receive permission from their supervisor to attend. Vessel masters or designees please email a list of pre-approved crew members to Amy Wilson, include the M/V Columbia master account on the email.
3. The M/V Columbia crew assigned to the vessel on the day of the deployment do not need to pre-register. Crew on-board a vessel deploying the system typically participate in the drill as part of their workday – contact your shipboard supervisor with questions/concerns about attending.
4. **All attendees must sign the “MES Sign in Sheet”** at the deployment to receive credit for attending. It will be on board the M/V Columbia. Please bring your picture I.D. This drill and deployment shall also be documented in the new AMHS Online Training Center as ‘instructor led training’.

**AMHS MARINE EVACUATION CERTIFICATION:** Crew members should attend a marine evacuation system drill and deployment at intervals of at least once every (3) three years.

- Marine Evacuation System Certificates of Completion will be available to attendee in their account on the AMHS Online Training Center.

**TRAVEL RELATED EXPENSES NOT AUTHORIZED:** Receipted travel and lodging/meal per diem (*for travel associated with this event*) are **not** authorized.

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