

## Circular 315 – AMERC Ltd

As of May 12th, 2025, AMERC will no longer be the governing body for UK GMDSS. This follows the MCA decision to assume all responsibility directly for GOC, ROC, and LRC course approvals, examinations, course and exam audits, quality control, certification, conversions, and ENEM/ETO.

The MCA have released MIN 716 - "Changes to the GMDSS Process in the UK", which can be found here:

[MIN 716 - Changes to the GMDSS Process in the UK](#)

Any queries you may have regarding these changes, please direct to [exams@mcga.gov.uk](mailto:exams@mcga.gov.uk) in the first instance.

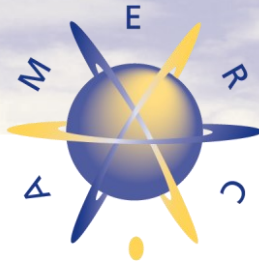
For more than twenty-five years, AMERC has overseen UK GMDSS processes on behalf of the MCA. This has been AMERC's primary purpose as a Company Limited by Guarantee and a registered Charitable Trust.

After lengthy discussions, and taking into account the opinions given by our full and associate members, the Executive Committee have reached the difficult decision that without this work, there is no viable future for AMERC (in its present form) after the handover to the MCA. Therefore, as of 12th May 2025, AMERC Ltd. will cease business operations, and begin necessary proceedings to go into dissolution as an organisation.

As a registered charity we are obligated to distribute any financial assets to other charities with similar objectives to our own (after necessary payments of any Charity debts, liabilities and "winding-up costs", e.g. legal fees.) These charities must be chosen by the Membership. Please see para. 8 of the Memorandum of Association for more details.

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(FOR FULL OR ASSOCIATE MEMBERS OF AMERC ONLY: If you have any suggestions for appropriate existing charities which may be suitable to share in the transfer of any outstanding assets, please email [amercsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:amercsecretary@gmail.com))

From now until May 12th, AMERC will continue "business as usual" as much as possible. Course and Exam audits for centres will go ahead as planned, as will the introduction of the new series of Examination Papers from January 1st, 2025. The Executive Committee and Maritime Consultation Group will continue quarterly meetings as scheduled, and there will be an AGM event for our full and associate members (date and location tbc.) No membership fees will be collected for 2025.

A new and final version of the AMERC Handbook will be made available to all in due course. We hope that this will serve as a useful resource in future, as a guide for GMDSS best practice.

On behalf of all of us at AMERC, we'd like to say a heartfelt thank you for working with us over the years. UK GMDSS is renowned world-wide for high quality and rigorous standards. This could not have been done without your hard work; our centres, our examiners, our Membership, and the experts and enthusiasts who have supported AMERC along the way. AMERC has built a reputation as a leading association within our industry. This reputation is owed entirely to the dedication of a large number of people committing their time and resources to furthering the quality of marine education.

We are proud of what we have achieved together, and it has been a pleasure working with all of you.

Best wishes,

The AMERC Executive Committee

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