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Statements of Voluntary Compliance Status for NOAA Ships

Currently the American Bureau of Shipping (ABS) is not authorized by the United States Coast Guard (USCG) to issue Statements of Voluntary Compliance (SOVC) for the NOAA Fleet. Statements of Voluntary Compliance are issued to demonstrate compliance with specific International Maritime Organization – Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) Convention requirements for U S vessels which are not required to comply. The USCG Office of Commercial Vessel Compliance has outlined required steps for OMAO to undertake in order for USCG to reauthorize ABS to issue SOVCs on their behalf. Execution of these steps is the responsibility of the Marine Operations Center in consultation with OMAO Operations, and the Safety and Environmental Compliance Division. It is not the responsibility of individual ships to pursue SOVCs.

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