

## [ MARINA CIRCULAR NO. 2009-05, March 23, 2009 ]

### LEGALIZATION OF UNREGISTERED MOTOR-BANCAS OPERATING IN THE PHILIPPINE WATERS

Pursuant to the pertinent provisions of Presidential Decree (PD) No. 474, Executive Order (EO) No. 125, as amended, and Republic Act (RA) No. 9295.

#### I. OBJECTIVE

This Memorandum Circular aims to ensure that all motor-bancas operating in Philippine waters are properly documented.

#### II. COVERAGE

The provisions in this Memorandum Circular shall apply to all unregistered motor-bancas operating in Philippine waters regardless of size.

#### III. DEFINITIONS OF TERMS

1. **Administration** - refers to the Maritime Industry Authority.
2. **Boat Builder** - refers to a person or entity duly licensed by the Administration to construct/build a motor-bancas.
3. **Builders Certificate** - refers to a certificate issued by the Boat Builder to the boat-owner/operator attesting the complete construction/building of motor-banca.
4. **Motor-Banca** - refers to a traditionally built watercraft, predominantly wooden-hulled and propelled mechanically with or without an outrigger.

#### IV. GENERAL PROVISION

All motor-bancas regardless of their size and utilization shall be required to be registered under this Circular.

#### V. SPECIFIC GUIDELINES

1. Existing motor-bancas shall comply with the following documentary requirements subject to evaluation and approval by this Authority:
  - a. Side view picture with the name of the motor-banca (size: 5"x7");
  - b. Affidavit of Ownership or Deed of Sale; (see Annex 1<sup>[\*]</sup>, as attached)
  - c. Affidavit of Admission; (see Annex 2<sup>[\*]</sup>, as attached)
  - d. Post Construction Plans or Sketch, as applicable; and,