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Fleet Memo #22: Waiting for work vs. Layup status

Background:

While the GeoExplorer was in shipyard in November of 2012 an ABS external audit was conducted of the vessel's Safety Management System. One of the findings referred to a logbook entry, "Vessel in Lay-up", during a period when the vessel was inactive.

The word "Lay-up" on a Classed vessel refers to a vessel that has been inactive for more than five (5) months. At this time the owners are required by ABS Rules, Part 7 Rules for Survey After Construction, Section 3 Vessel Lay-up and Reactivation, to notify ABS and the Flag Administration of this status. At this time all certificates are frozen in time until vessel is re-activated.

New Procedure:

From this date forward, if your vessel becomes static due to awaiting work please make entries into the Deck and Engine logbooks daily if possible, minimally monthly that: "Vessel is Inactive, awaiting orders for work to resume." This should also be stated in the Master's handover notes.

If you have any questions relative to the above please contact Captain Patrick Fallwell for clarification.

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