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## OFFICIAL MESSAGE – CIRCULAR

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<b>To:</b> Dynamic Positioning Accredited Training Centres			
<b>Referent to:</b> Definition of a DP Day			
<b>Subject:</b> Clarification of the NI's agreed definition of a 'DP Day'			
DEFINITION OF A DP DAY			
<p>The NI DP sea time days allow for many different DP vessel types and operations. The scheme Standard specifies the minimum number of hours that must be completed to count as a 'DP Day'. If the ship and trainee DPO are engaged in DP operations for a minimum of 2 hours per day then a DP Day may be claimed.</p> <p>The purpose of this circular is to clarify what should be included when determining whether or not sea time counts as 'engaged in DP operations'.</p> <p><b>The following activities can legitimately be used towards a DP sea time day:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Time on watch as a member of the DP watch;</li><li>• Using the DP system to control the ship;</li><li>• Preparing, planning and setting up on DP;</li><li>• Completing training task sections, combined with DP operations;</li><li>• Conducting and participating in formal trials, including:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ FMEA trials</li><li>○ Annual trials</li><li>○ Class trials</li><li>○ Charterer trials</li><li>○ Field arrival trials</li><li>○ DP proving trials;</li></ul></li><li>• Using joystick (DP or IJS) to control the position of the vessel; and,</li><li>• Emergency shiphandling training using manual controls to maintain position.</li></ul> <p>When two DPOs are on watch together, each is eligible to claim the watchkeeping time. In circumstances where more than two DPOs are required on an operational watch, the Master should make appropriate logbook remarks to explain the circumstances. Masters can count monitoring or being a part of DP watch towards a DP sea time day for their own record of experience for <i>revalidation</i>, but should be part of the DP watch to accumulate experience for <i>initial</i> certification.</p> <p><b>DP sea time cannot be counted under any circumstances when using the DP autopilot mode.</b></p> <p>The time on board a vessel with the classification of POSITION MOORING or THRUSTER-ASSISTED MOORING (TAM) and DP class notation can be counted as DP sea time for initial DP training. The Nautical Institute will require the candidate to present evidence that the anchors were not deployed for the DP sea time claimed during DP operations when applying for a DP Certificate.</p>			
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