



- Maximum scheduling flexibility
- Reduce off-hire times
- Improve vessel's energy efficiency



Extended Dry Dock Scheme

The Liberian Registry offers owners and operators the option to extend the mandatory dry dock period for ships (other than bulk-carriers and oil tankers) from five to seven-and-a-half-years. This option provides maximum scheduling flexibility while maintaining the highest standards of quality and safety. The Extended Dry Dock Scheme will reduce off-hire times and improve a vessel's energy efficiency.

The scheme would initially be applied to a vessel that is new or, at the latest, to a vessel's 10-year dry dock survey and would continue until the ship reaches 15 years of age. The program could possibly be extended until a vessel reaches 20 years of age, subject to satisfactory service experience. Flag Administration and Classification Society approval is required in each case.

2.5
years dry dock
period extention



Scheme for Extended Dry Dock Intervals



Extended Dry Dock Scheme requirements:

- Must be registered under the Liberian Flag
- Vessel cannot be an oil tanker or bulker
- Vessel is less than 10 years of age
- Special consideration may be applied, on case-by-case basis, for vessels between 10 and 15 years of age
- Vessel must comply with the in-water survey provisions

Initial and subsequent approval requirements by the Administration:

- Submission of an extended dry dock survey planning questionnaire, relevant previous damage and repair history, description and history of the coating and corrosion protection system (if any), previous in-water survey reports, and next in-water survey plan
- Positive recommendation from vessel's Classification Society
- Successful review of class survey status and survey history
- Successful review of vessel's history regarding International Safety Management Code requirements, including Safety Management System

- Review of vessel's history regarding ISM Code requirements, including safety management system non-conformities relating to hull maintenance and the associated corrective action(s)
- Review of vessel's flag safety inspections and non-conformities, including Port State Control reports of inspections containing hull related deficiencies

Requirements of the in-water surveys:

- An application and planning document must be prepared in advance of the survey and agreed upon with the Classification Society
- A copy of the agreed upon plan will be submitted to the Administration for review and comment
- The plan should include details of internal structural examinations, cargo tank internal surveys, and all incidents and defects affecting underwater components

Compliance with statutory and classification requirements:

- Liberian Administration approves Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) extension
- Liberia and Classification Society collaborate to extend classification requirement

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