

# MSC Guidelines for Review of Stability for Catamaran Power Passenger Vessels (T)

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## References

- a. 46 CFR Subchapter S, Parts 170, 171
  - b. 46 CFR Subchapter T, Part 178
  - c. COMDTINST M16000.9, Marine Safety Manual, Vol. IV, Section 6.E.3, Section 6.E.12.c,d
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## General Review Guidance

If the vessel's stability is being reviewed under Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circular (NVIC) No. 3-97, "Stability Related Review Performed by the American Bureau of Shipping for U.S. Flag Vessels" (<http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/nvic/index90.htm#1997>), then MSC review of stability items is not required.

Check that the following items are included in the submittal package:

General Arrangement, and profiles (with compartmentation)

Lines plan or model on computer disc (GHS is preferred)

Hydrostatics or Curves of Form

Tank Capacity Tables

Fixed Ballast Plan or Listing (if applicable)

- Ensure that fixed ballast shown on ballast plan or listing matches fixed ballast used in light ship calculation.

Calculation of light ship values from stability test data

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## Intact Stability

Check that the following items are included in the submittal package:

- ❑ Calculations demonstrating compliance with 46 CFR 170.170 (Weather Criteria)
- ❑ Calculations demonstrating compliance with 46 CFR 170.173 (Righting Energy Criteria)
- ❑ Calculations demonstrating compliance with 46 CFR 171.050 (Passenger Heel Criteria)
- ❑ Location of downflooding points

Ensure drainage of weather decks in accordance with 46 CFR 178 Subpart D

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## Damage Stability/ Subdivision

Check that the following items are included in the submittal package:

- ❑ Calculations demonstrating catamaran equivalence to subdivision (Only if vessel is over 65 feet or carries more than 49 passengers)
- ❑ Calculations demonstrating compliance with catamaran one-compartment damage stability (Only if vessel is over 65 feet or carries more than 49 passengers)

Ensure that the correct compartments have been damaged for one-compartment damage in the damage stability analysis.

Ensure watertight bulkhead spacing is in compliance with 46 CFR 179.212.

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## Hull Model

The MSC will generate a hull model from the lines, offsets or provided computer disk using GHS to verify the stability of the vessel.