



Small Vessel Compliance Program (Non-Pleasure Craft) (SVCP)

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OVERVIEW

- **Background:**
 - **Current Legislative & Regulatory Framework**
 - **Recent Developments**
 - **The Canadian Fleet**
- **The voluntary Small Vessel Compliance Program (Non-Pleasure Craft) (SVCP)**
 - **Review the process of the SVCP**
- **Plans for the Future – Regulatory Framework**



CURRENT LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK

- New *Canada Shipping Act, 2001* came into force July 1, 2007
 - Introduced section 106:
 - (1) The authorized representative of a Canadian vessel shall*
 - (a) ensure that the vessel and its machinery and equipment meet the requirements of the regulations made under this Part;*
 - (b) develop procedures for the safe operation of the vessel and for dealing with emergencies; and*
 - (c) ensure that the crew and passengers receive safety training.*



TCMS SAFETY OBJECTIVES

- (a) protect the health and well-being of individuals, including the crews of vessels, who participate in marine transportation and commerce;
- (b) promote safety in marine transportation and recreational boating;
- [...]
- (i) establish an effective inspection and enforcement program.

(Section 6 of the *Canada Shipping Act, 2001*)



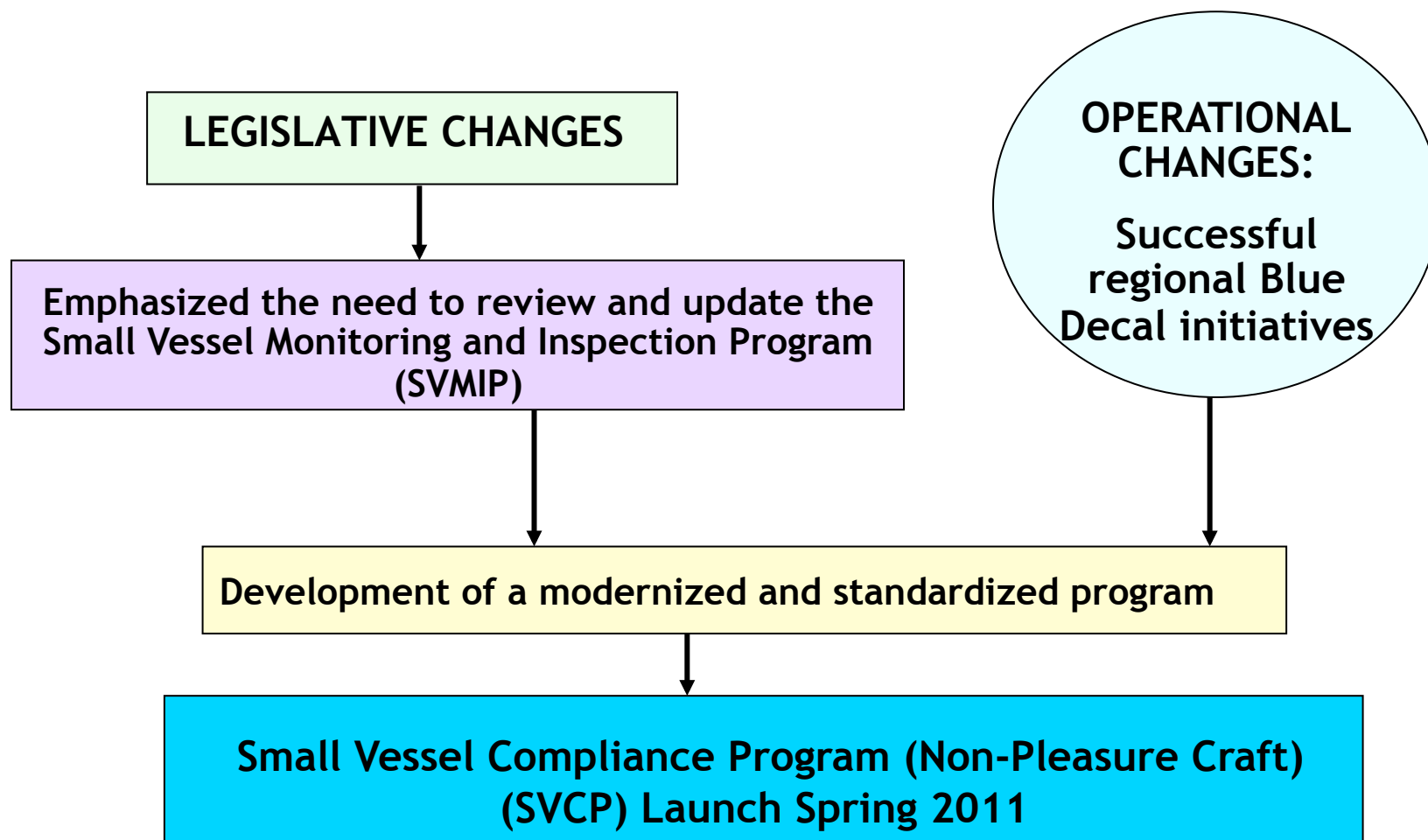
CURRENT REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

- *Small Vessel Regulations* reviewed as part of the regulatory reform to align with the *CSA 2001*
- New *Small Vessel Regulations* came into force Spring 2010
 - Introduced sections 405, 406, 502 and 503:
 - 405* : The owner of a passenger-carrying vessel shall not operate or permit another person to operate the vessel unless, before it is first put in service, the owner has informed the Minister, in a form determined by the Minister, of***
 - (a) the intention to operate the vessel or permit its operation;***
 - (b) the physical characteristics of the vessel; and***
 - (c) the nature of its operation.***
 - 406* : The owner of a passenger-carrying vessel shall submit to the Minister, on request, information respecting the physical characteristics of the vessel and the nature of its operation.***

***Note that sections 502 and 503 are similar to sections 405 and 406 but apply to workboats.**



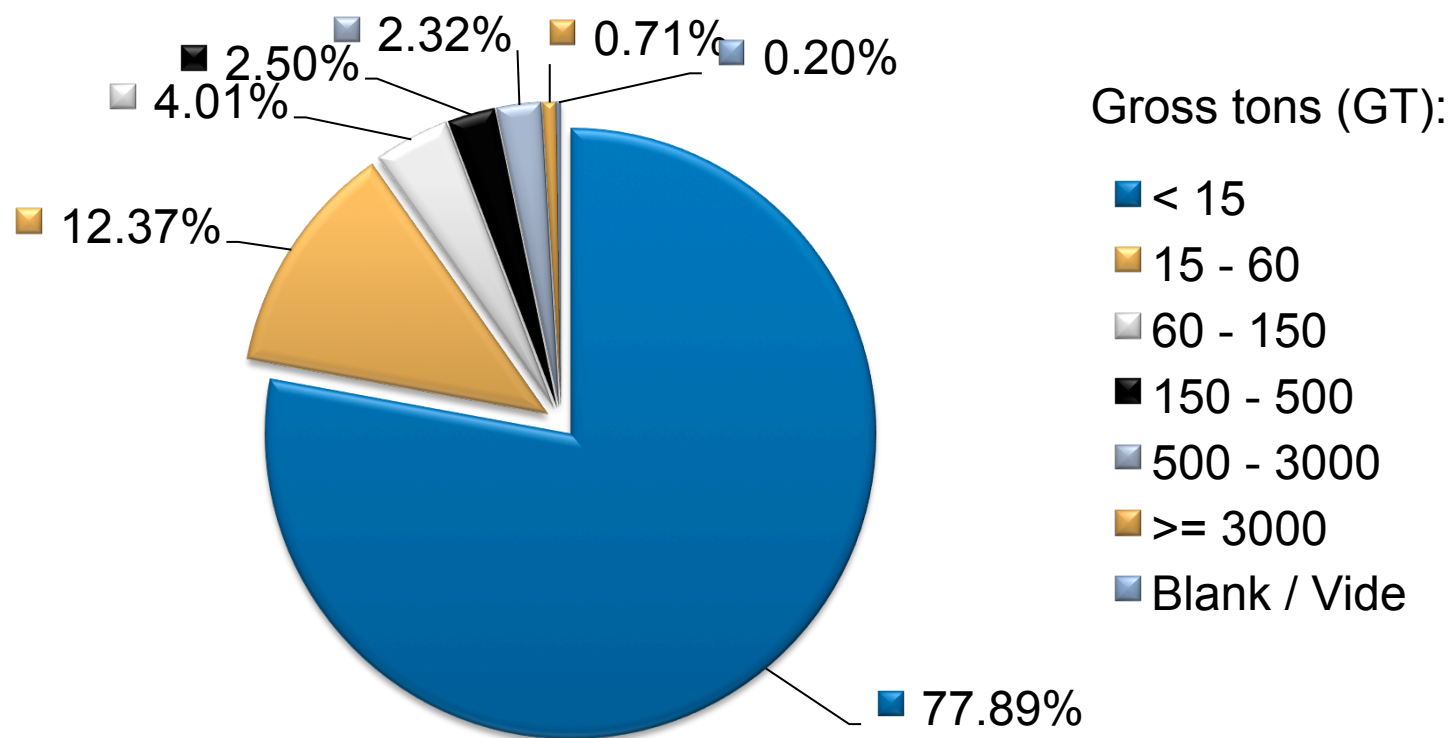
RECENT DEVELOPMENTS





THE CANADIAN FLEET

Registered Non-Pleasure Vessels





SMALL VESSEL COMPLIANCE PROGRAM (NON-PLEASURE CRAFT)

Objective of the Program:

- To enhance safety in the small vessel community by emphasizing the importance of compliance and better understanding of legal requirements

Strategy of the Program:

- Provide guidance and easy-to-use tools for small vessel owners/operators
- Help small vessel owners/operators understand and meet all of their obligations under the *Canada Shipping Act, 2001*
- Monitor the compliance of small vessel operations

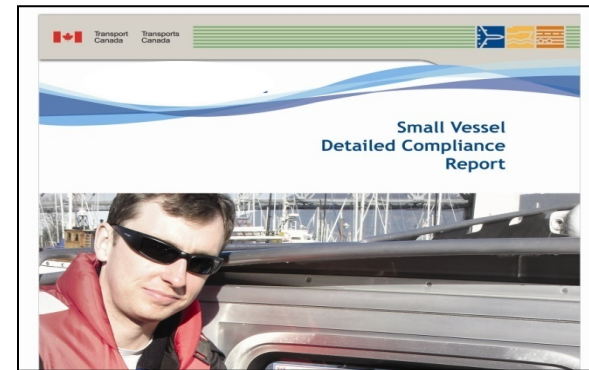
Open to vessels that:

- Measure 0-15 GT
- Carry 0-12 passengers
- Are not pleasure craft

Note: Although the SVCP is not currently available for fishing vessels, work has begun to develop a similar approach for the fishing vessel community

SVCP PROCESS

- Every five years, the owner/operator of a small non-pleasure vessel completes a Detailed Compliance Report and sends it to Transport Canada



- If the report is properly completed, the owner/operator will be sent a Blue Decal to display on board their boat
- Every year, the owner/operator completes an Annual Compliance Report and keeps these reports in their records

*Small non-pleasure vessels may be inspected at any time by Transport Canada



BENEFITS OF THE SVCPC APPROACH

- ✓ Communicates regulatory requirements
- ✓ Consolidates regulatory requirements in an easy-to-use tool
- ✓ Helps operators maintain continual compliance
- ✓ Aims to improve the overall safety of enrolled vessels and to minimize the likelihood of incidents and accidents



PLANS FOR THE FUTURE - REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

	Stage One	Stage Two	Stage Three
Timeframe	2011 & 2012 Boating Seasons	2013 (approx.)	2014 (approx.)
Program applies to...	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vessels that are: <u>0-15 GT, carry 0-12 passengers, are not used solely for recreational purposes</u>• Does NOT apply to fishing vessels	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All vessels from Stage One <u>PLUS fishing vessels</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All non-pleasure vessels of <u>24 m or less</u>, including fishing vessels• May include tugs and barges as well
Applicable Regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2010 Small Vessel Regulations (Phase I)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2010 Small Vessel Regulations (Phase I)• Fishing Vessel Safety Regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Small Vessel Regulations (Phase II)• Fishing Vessel Safety Regulations



QUESTIONS?

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