Main Changes
NR600 Hull Structure and Arrangement for the Classification of Cargo Ships less than 65 m and non-Cargo Ships less than 90 m

The main changes in Bureau Veritas NR600 *Hull Structure and Arrangement for the Classification of Cargo Ships less than 65 m and non-Cargo Ships less than 90 m,* March 2026 edition with respect to the previous edition (October 2024) are as follows.

Rules history

March 2026 edition entry into force on March 1, 2026 Contents	Previous edition: October 2024 entry into force on October 1, 2024 Contents
NR600 Hull Structure and Arrangement for the Classification of Cargo Ships less than 65 m and non-Cargo Ships less than 90 m [NR 600 DT R08 March 2026]	**NR600 Hull Structure and Arrangement for the Classification of Cargo Ships less than 65 m and non-Cargo Ships less than 90 m** [NR 600 DT R07 October 2024]

Chapter 1 – General

Topic	Description	Reference
Crew transfer vessel	Former service notation **crew boat** replaced by **crew transfer vessel**	Ch 1, Sec 1, [1.2.3]

Chapter 2 – Structure design principles, general arrangement and scantling criteria

Topic	Description	Reference
Ladder width	Alignment of ladder width requirements with MSC.133(76) & MSC.158(78)	Ch 2, Sec 2, [5.3.4]

Chapter 3 – Design loads

Topic	Description	Reference
Slamming loads for sailing vessels	Update of the requirement in line with NR500 formulae with NR600 parameter and taking into account the heel angle during navigation in the deadrise angle	Ch 3, Sec 3, [3.4.1]
Roll period for catamaran and swath	Update of the roll radius of gyration for catamaran and swath	Ch 3, Sec 4, [2.1.7]
Deck load for primary supporting members and pillars assessment	Update of the definition of deck load for primary supporting members and pillars assessment	Ch 3, Sec 4, [4.3.1]

Chapter 4 – Hull scantling

Topic	Description	Reference
Hull girder load assessment	Extension of hull girder assessment to outside the midship area when necessary	Ch 4, Sec 2, [2.1.1]
Secondary stiffeners attached plating	Update of effective breadth of attached plating for secondary stiffeners	Ch 4, Sec 4, [1.3.1]

Chapter 5 – Other structures

Topic	Description	Reference
Lifting appliances	Update of the safety coefficient for lifting appliances supporting structure made of composite materials	Ch 5, Sec 2, [13.1]
Mooring for ships fitted with wind propulsion systems	Update of the requirements related to anchoring and mooring for ships fitted with wind propulsion systems	Ch 5, Sec 4, [1.3.7] and [5.1]
Chain cables for anchoring	Clarification for stud less link chain cables and reference to NR216	Ch 5, Sec 4, [3]

Chapter 6 – Additional requirements in relation to the service notation or service feature assigned to the ship

Topic	Description	Reference
Anchoring equipment for dredgers	Update of the requirements for anchoring equipment of dredgers with non-conventional hull design	Ch 6, Sec 1, [13.6.1]
Hydrogen fuelled ships	New article for portable tanks of hydrogen fuelled ships	Ch 6, Sec 1, [31]

Chapter 7 – Construction and testing

Topic	Description	Reference
Double continuous fillet weld	Clarification of double continuous fillet weld requirements at ends of primary and secondary stiffeners	Ch 7, Sec 2, [2.6.2] and Tab 3.
Non-destructive testing	Update of non-destructive testing requirements in line with IACS UR W33 and UR W35.	Ch 7, Sec 4, [3.5]