



Small Vessel Update

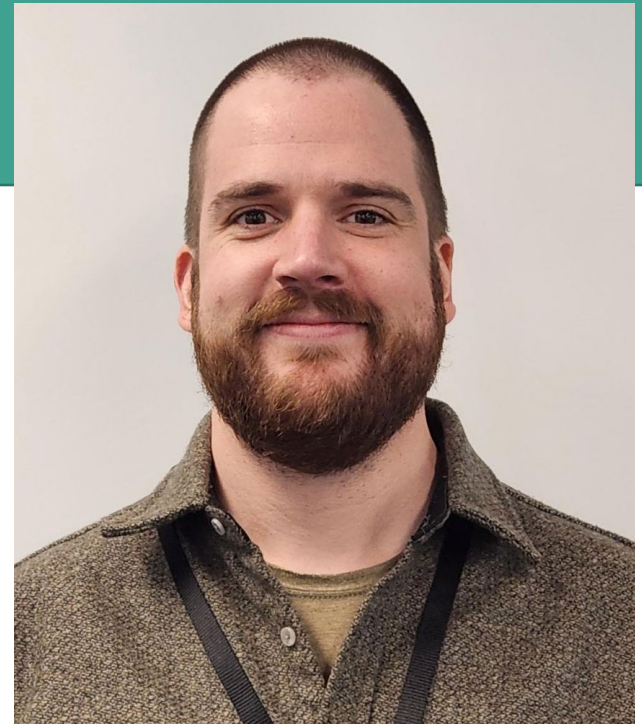
25th BC Towboat Conference and Tradeshow

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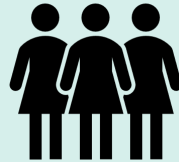
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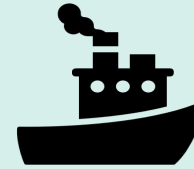
Transport Canada continues focus on small vessel safety



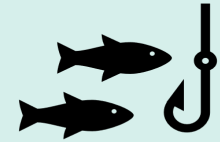
Workboats less than 15GT



Passenger vessels less than 15GT and carrying 12 passengers or less



Tugs less than 15 GT



Fishing vessels less than 15GT

While TC does not certify small vessels <15GT, the Act requires compliance with CSA, 2001 s.106(1) and its regulations. Therefore, these vessels are subject to a risk-based inspection system.

Tools to Support Small Vessels

-  Dedicated team
-  MSS Toolbox
-  Vessel list
-  Aerial Surveillance



Small Vessel Oversight Program

1. Small Vessel Compliance Program (SVCP)

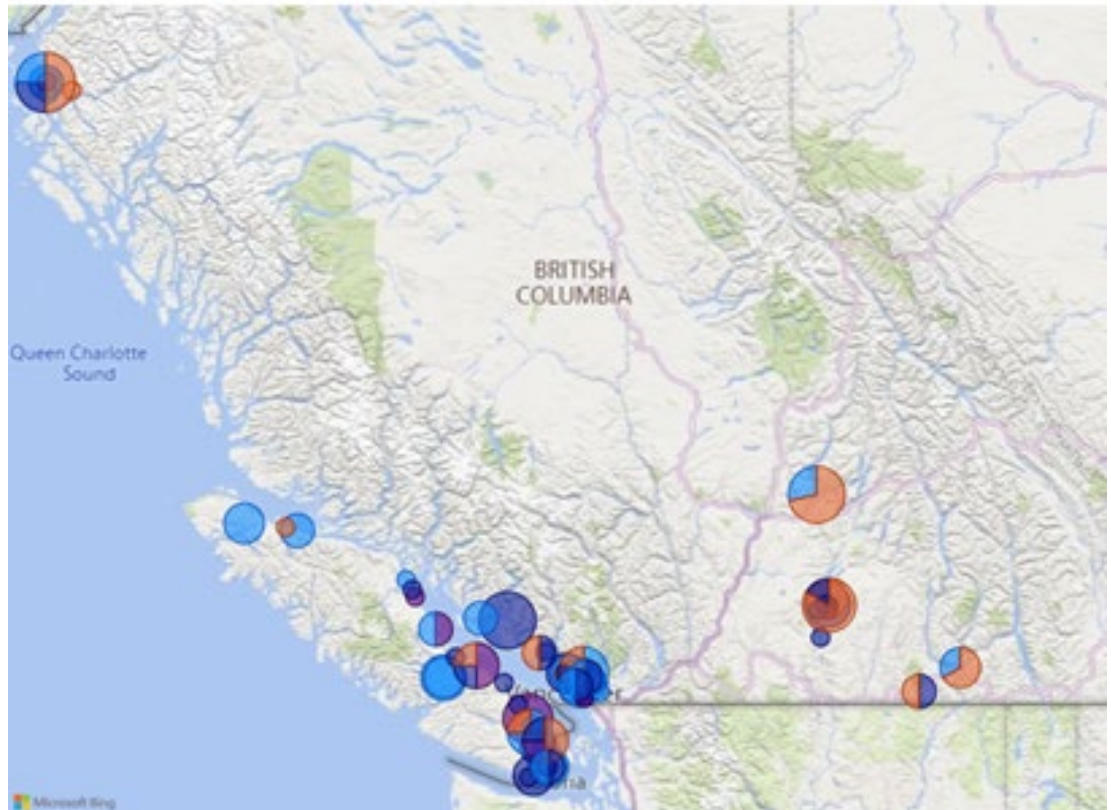
- Voluntary tool to support compliance and safety
- Applies to small passenger vessels, workboats, small tugs, and small fishing vessels
- 672 total active enrollments, 247 this year

2. Inspections

- Marine Safety Inspectors conduct compliance inspections on small vessels
- Spring and fall inspection campaigns in 2023, and a regular inspection program

FY2023-2024 Inspections

- Focused effort on inspecting small commercial vessels
- Marine Safety Inspectors from Vancouver, Prince Rupert, Nanaimo and Victoria focused on small vessel inspections
- RCMP & TC joint inspections in Milbanke Sound, Fraser River
- Dangerous goods inspections



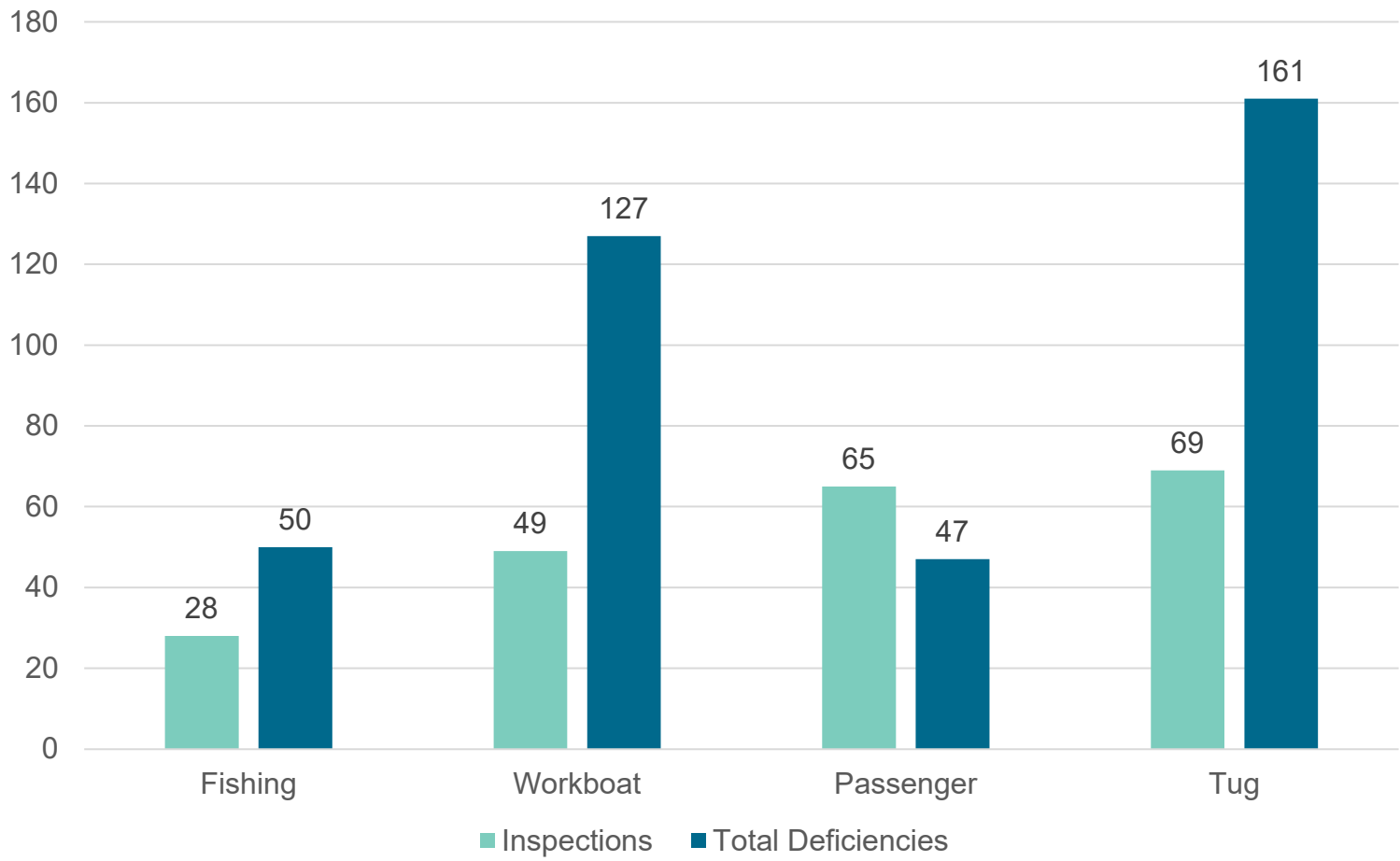
Inspection by Vessel Type

212 inspections

105 deficient

438 deficiencies

2.1 deficiencies per inspection



Total Deficiencies

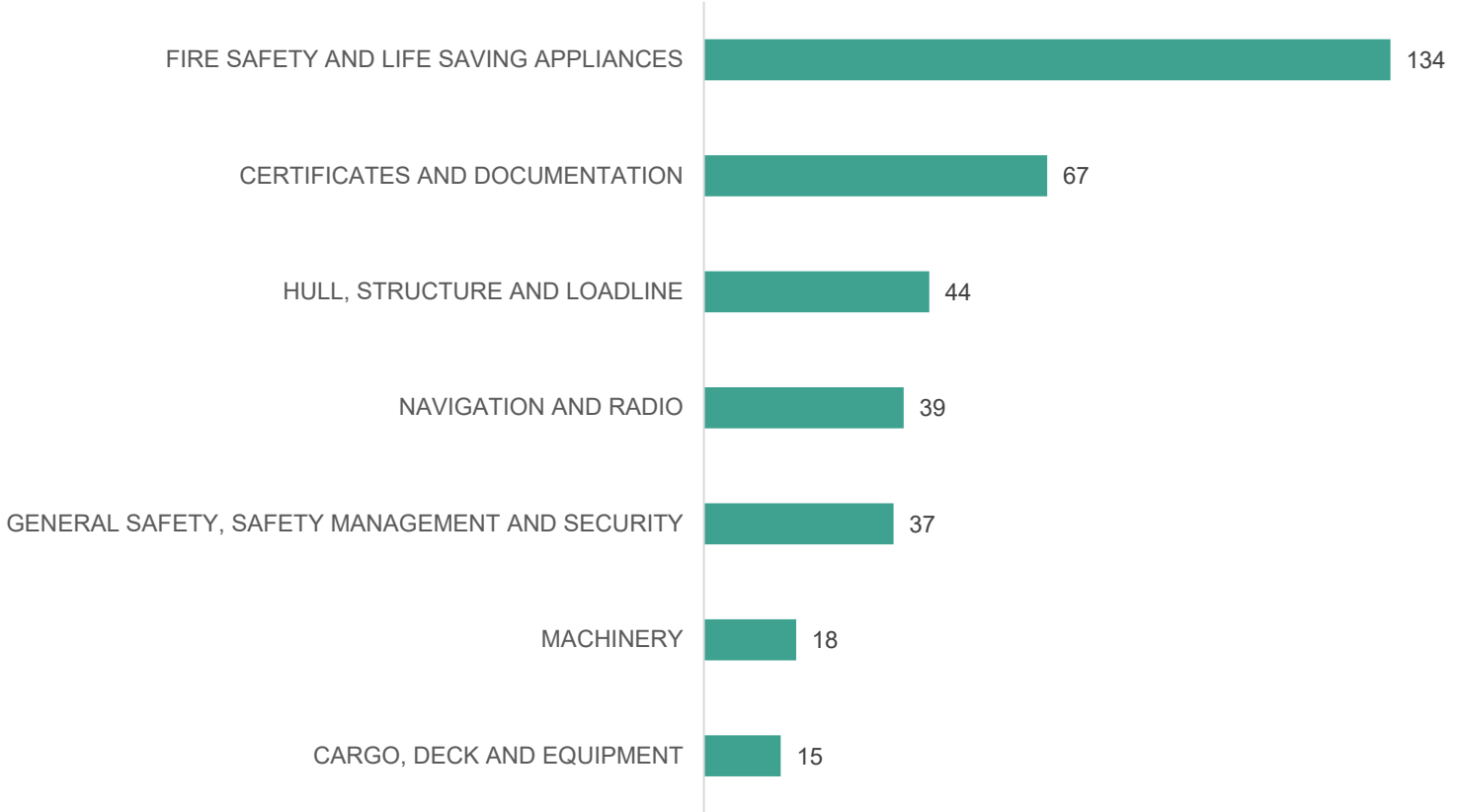
438
deficiencies

212
inspected

50%
deficient

2.1
Deficiencies/
inspection

4.2
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Tug Deficiencies

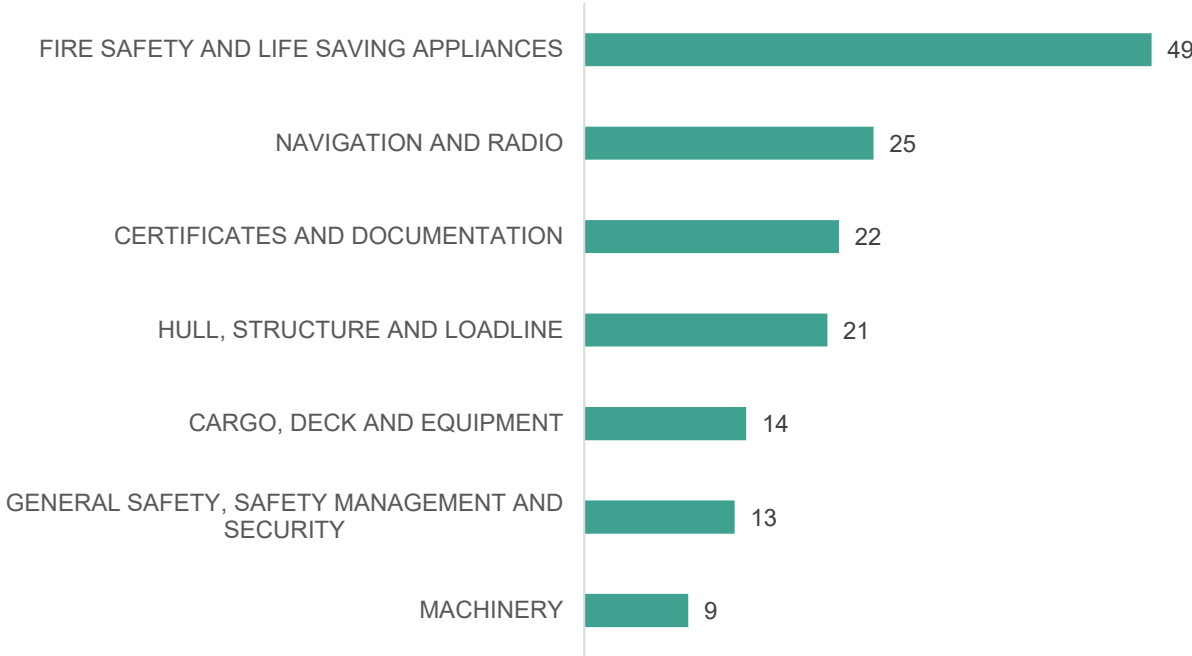
189
deficiencies

70
inspected

65%
deficient

2.8
Deficiencies/
inspection

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Deficiencies/
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vessels with
deficiencies



Workboat Deficiencies

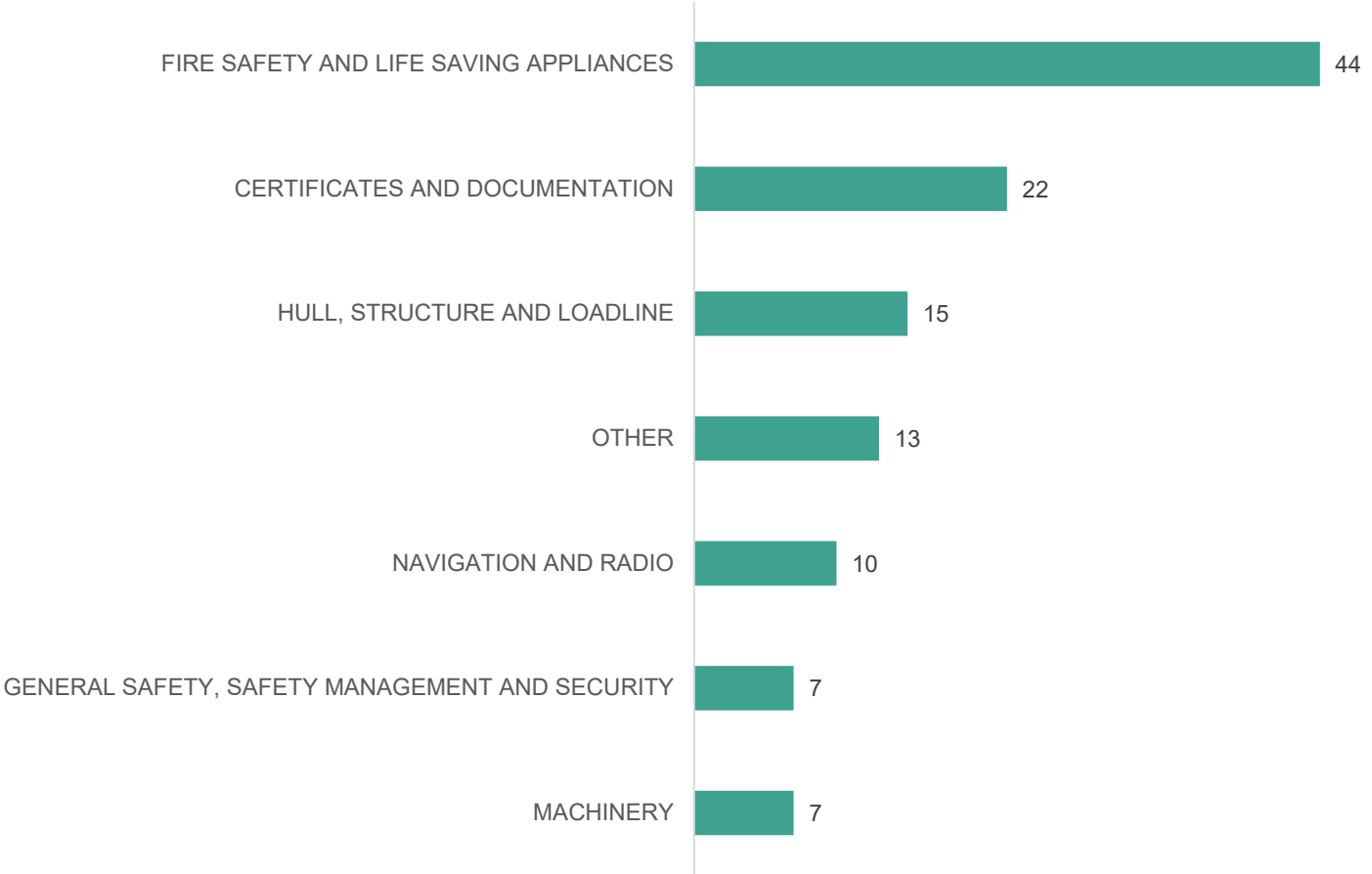
127
deficiencies

48
inspected

57%
deficient

2.7
Deficiencies/
inspection

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Deficiencies/
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deficiencies



Fishing Vessel Deficiencies

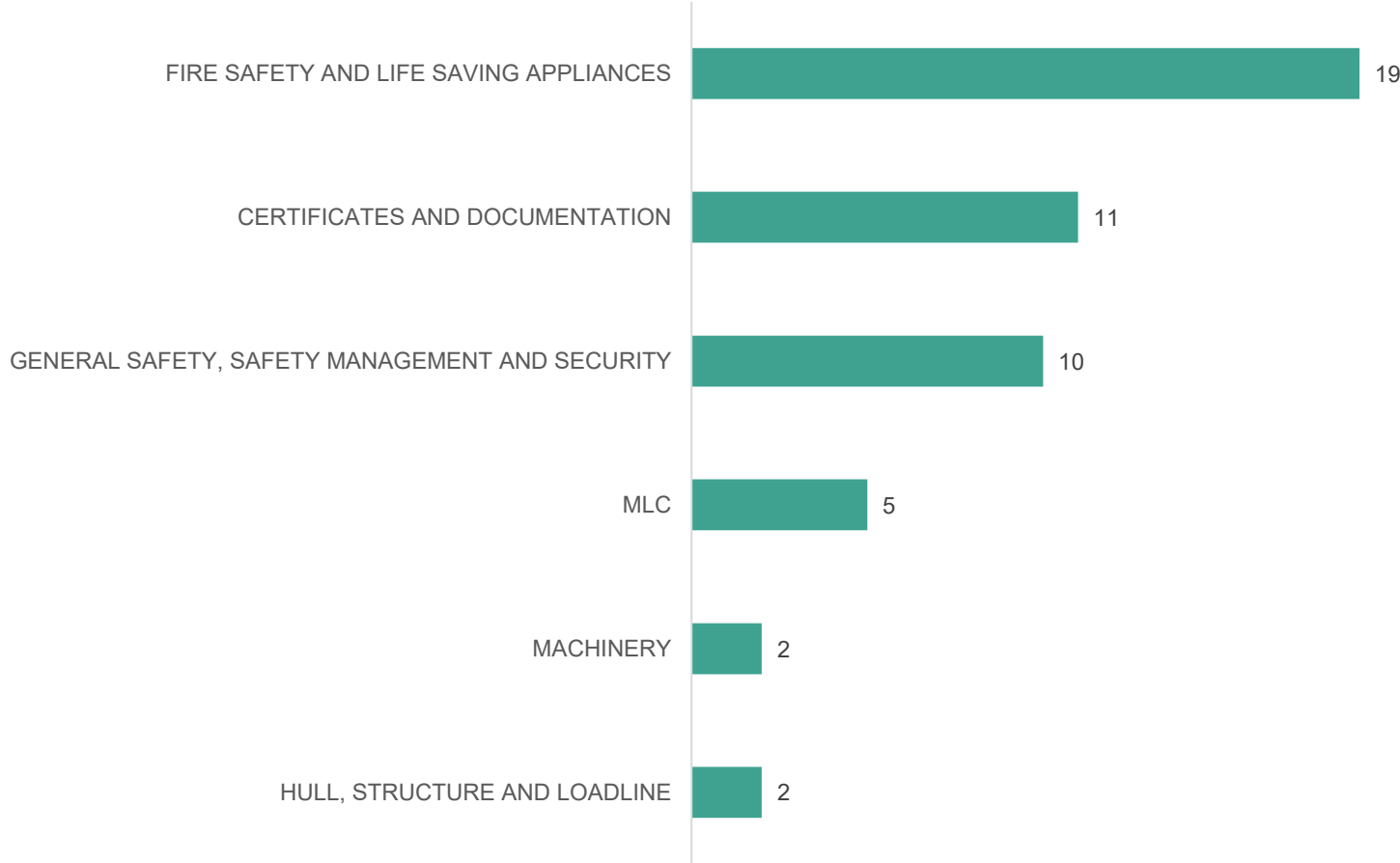
60
deficiencies

28
inspected

67%
deficient

2.1
Deficiencies/
inspection

4.3
Deficiencies/
inspection for
vessels with
deficiencies



Passenger Vessel Deficiencies

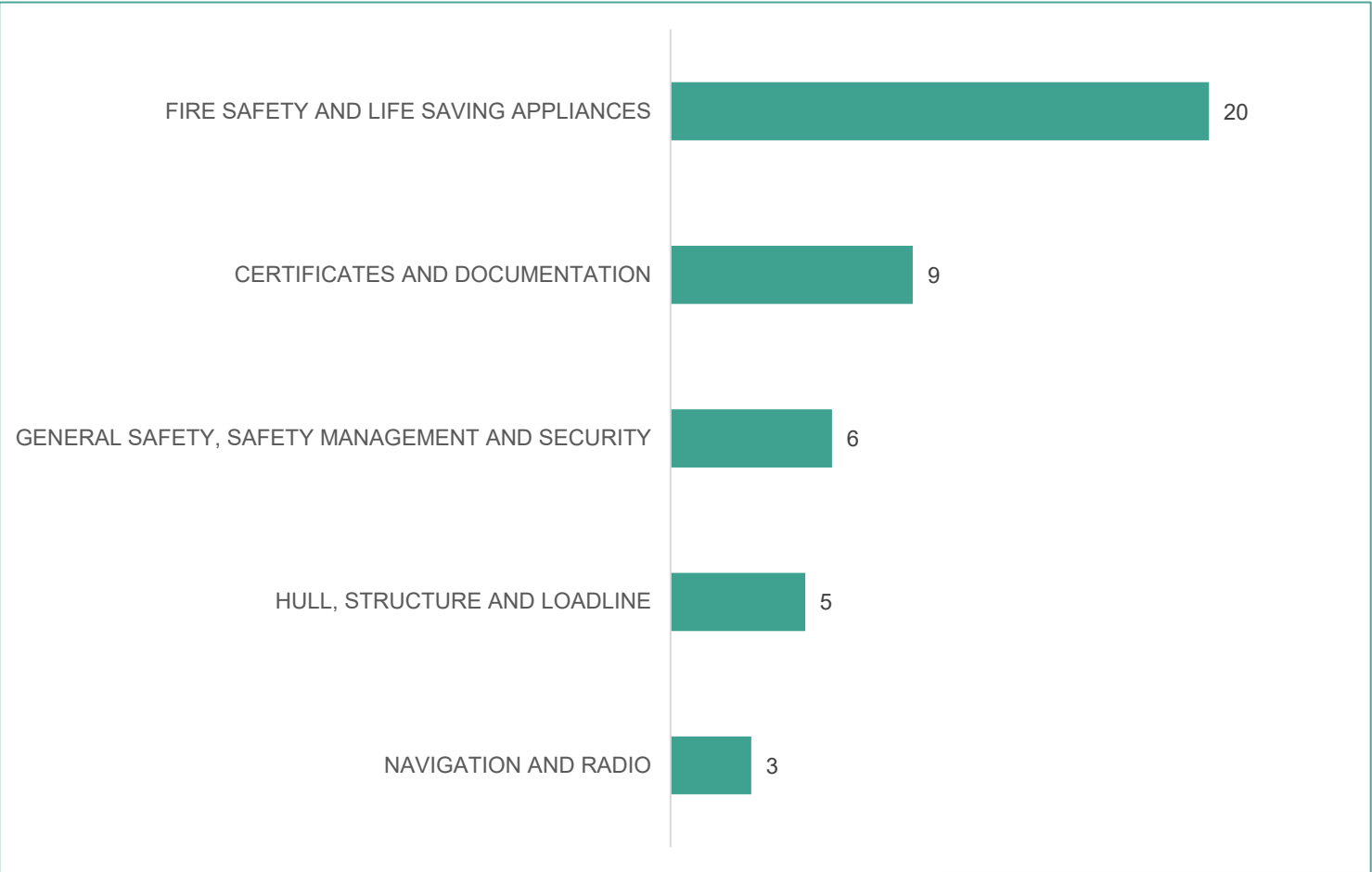
56
deficiencies

65
inspected

29%
deficient

0.8
Deficiencies/
inspection

4.2
Deficiencies/
inspection for
vessels with
deficiencies



Looking Ahead

SVCP Enrolments and Inspections

Promotion of SVCP enrolments, continue to increase inspection numbers

Onboarding of New Inspectors

Hiring dedicated small vessel inspectors to meet inspection targets for the region.

Building a culture of safety on our coast

Continuing to work together for the safety of all mariners

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