

REGISTRY OF SHIPPING AND SEAMEN

Registering Pleasure Vessels (Part 1)

Introduction

The main reason for registering a ship has always been to prove its nationality. For Merchant/Pleasure ships, Part 1 identification is essential for overseas voyages. Another reason for Part 1 registration is to use the ship as security to obtain a marine mortgage which in turn is registered. Ownership details are fully investigated. Purchasers of UK registered ships can obtain a Transcript of Registry which shows the registered owners of a ship and whether there are any outstanding Mortgages lodged against that vessel. Finally, always apply for registration well before the date you want to sail.

What is needed to register a vessel ?

- Application to register
- Declaration of Eligibility
- Original Documents of sale such as Bills of Sale, Invoices, Builders Certificate, that cover the last five years
- Certificate of Survey for Tonnage and measurement issued by one of our Classification Societies. If the vessel is over 24 meters a UK International Tonnage Certificate (ITC69) is required
- Certificate of Incorporation (if a company is applying)
- Initial Registration fee of £130.00
- If the vessel is coming off a foreign register the deletion certificate and an extract of their register is required
- Any documents that are used to support an application and are in a foreign language must be accompanied by a notarised translation and it must be certified as correct by a notary public

All the above applies to registering Merchant Vessels except that only one Bill of Sale is required.

All applications must be accompanied with the appropriate fee. We can supply all the necessary forms from RSS. When you apply to register your vessel you will have to make a list of nominated names. Unfortunately we can not check names over the telephone. Every ships name must be unique. A Certificate of Registry lasts for five years, then if you wish you can renew the registration for a further five years.

Changes Must Be Notified To The Registry

When a vessel is registered, any changes that would affect the Certificate of Registration must be notified to us at RSS. If registered owners have changed address they must notify us of the new address by written correspondence.

What is required to change the ownership ?

- Declaration of Eligibility
- Original Bills of Sale going back to the last registered owner
- Certificate of Incorporation (if company)
- Statutory fee (see list)

What is needed to change the name or port of a vessel ?

- Application to change the name/port of a vessel
- Fee of £35.00 to change the name
- Fee of £35.00 to change the port

What is needed to change the engine details ?

- Original Receipt or Invoice for the new engine
- If the receipt or invoice is not available a letter from a classification surveyor is required
- Fee of £35.00

What is needed to change the Tonnage/Dimensions or use of a vessel ?

- Original Certificate of Survey issued by one of our classification societies
- Fee of £35.00

If you are unsure or have any queries on the above please do not hesitate to contact our office.

LIST OF PORTS OF CHOICE

PART 1 – PORTS OF CHOICE FOR SHIPS TO BE REGISTERED ON PART 1 OF THE REGISTER

Aberdeen	Kirkcaldy
Aberystwyth	Kirkwall
Alloa	Lancaster
Arbroath	Leith
Ardrossan	Lerwick
Ayr	Littlehampton
Banff	Liverpool
Barnstaple	Llanelli
Barrow	London
Beaumaris	Londonderry
Belfast	Lowestoft
Berwick on Tweed	Maldon
Bideford	Manchester
Blyth	Maryport
Borrowstoness	Methil
Boston	Middlesbrough
Bridgewater	Milford Haven
Bristol	Montrose
Brixham	Newcastle
Buckie	Newhaven
Burntisland	Newport
Caernarfon	Newry
Campletown	North Shields
Cardiff	Padstow
Cardigan	Penzance
Chester	Peterhead
Colchester	Plymouth
Coleraine	Poole
Cowes	Portland
Dartmouth	Port Talbot
Dover	Portsmouth
Dumfries	Preston
Dundee	Ramsgate
Exeter	Rochester
Falmouth	Runcorn
Faversham	Rye
Felixtowe	Salcombe
Fishguard	Scarborough
Fleetwood	Scilly
Folkestone	Shoreham
Fowey	South Shields
Fraserburgh	Southampton
Glasgow	St Ives
Gloucester	Stockton
Goole	Stornoway
Grangemouth	Stranraer
Granton	Sunderland
Great Yarmouth	Swansea
Greenock	Teignmouth
Grimsby	Troon
Hartlepool	Truro
Hartlepool West	Weymouth
Harwich	Whitby
Hull	Whitehaven
Inverness	Wick
Ipswich	Wigtown
Irvine	Wisbech
Kings Lynn	Workington

LIST OF CLASSIFICATION SOCIETIES

AMERICAN BUREAU OF SHIPPING

ABS House
1 Frying Pan Alley
London
E1 7HS
(For all vessels above 13.7 metres and some fishing vessels.)

BUREAU VERITAS

Capital House
42 Weston Street
London
SE1 3QL
(For all vessels above 13.7 metres and some fishing vessels.)

DET NORSKE VERITAS

Palace House
3 Cathedral Street
London
SE1 8DE
(For all vessels above 13.7 metres and some fishing vessels.)

GERMANISCHER LLOYD

Elmcourt
53 Elmcroft Road
Orpington
BR6 0HZ
(For all vessels above 13.7 metres and some fishing vessels.)

LLOYD'S REGISTER OF SHIPPING

100 Leadenhall Street
London
EC3A 3BP
(For all vessels.)

REGISTRO ITALIANO NAVAL

14 Waterloo Place
London
SW14 4AR
(For all vessels above 13.7 metres.)

THE ROYAL YACHTING ASSOCIATION

RYA House
Romsey Road
Eastleigh
Hampshire
SO5 4YA
(For Pleasure and Merchant vessels up to 24 metres in length.)

YACHT BROKERS, DESIGNERS AND SURVEYORS ASSOCIATION

Wheel House
Petersfield Road
Whitehill
Borden
Hampshire
GU35 9BU
(For all Pleasure and Merchant vessels up to 24 metres in length.)