



## RAN 03

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### **CERTIFICATES OF SURVEY AND TONNAGE MEASUREMENT OF PLEASURE YACHTS UNDER 24 METRES OVERALL LENGTH**

*(Advice Note to Owners and Builders of Pleasure Yachts of under 24 metres)*

**Most regulations, notices and advice notes are available on The Isle of Man Government web site: [www.iomshipregistry.com](http://www.iomshipregistry.com) or by contacting [marine.registry@gov.im](mailto:marine.registry@gov.im)**

This notice describes the procedure and arrangements for tonnage measurement of yachts of under 24 metres overall length. The measurement for tonnage and issue of a Certificate of Survey (tonnage measurement) of such yachts is a requirement prior to registry in accordance with the Merchant Shipping Registration Act 1991.

The Registrar will require a Certificate of Survey (tonnage measurement) indicating the tonnage measurement and parameters of the pleasure yacht. Arrangements have been made with several approved organisations, listed below, to undertake the measurement for tonnage purposes of pleasure yachts of under 24 metres overall length and the issue of the requisite Certificate of Survey (tonnage measurement) to the Registrar. It is to be noted that should a pleasure yacht for registration in the Isle of Man have been previously measured by a Builder or other organisation, it will still be necessary for it to be measured by an approved organisation.

Application for the tonnage measurement of any such yacht which is intended for registry in the Isle of Man should be made to one of these organisations who will then make the necessary arrangements for the measurement to be carried out. For that purpose the pleasure yacht must be made available at an easily accessible place and someone must be on board to open the yacht for the measurer if this is necessary for the purpose of measurement. Failure to do so may occasion a further visit and in that event an additional fee may be charged.

The fees payable for the measurement of pleasure yachts dealt with under these arrangements should be sent to the organisation to which application is made. The fees to be charged will be determined by the organisations

themselves. Information of fees is also obtainable from the organisations concerned. In determining the appropriate fee the organisation will take into account factors such as the time spent and expense incurred for travelling to and from the place where pleasure yachts are located, and circumstances in which a number of identical pleasure yachts are dealt with by the measurer at a single visit. However, where the pleasure yacht is measured abroad additional charges may be made if the yacht is not made available at a place convenient for the measurer.

When the owner of a pleasure yacht registered in the Isle of Man carries out alterations, other than a change of name or a change in its port of registry, so that it no longer corresponds to the particulars relating to its tonnage or description as recorded in the Certificate of Registry, he/she is required to apply to one of the organisations for re-measurement or verification of the change in description, as the case may be. If the alterations are such as to alter the tonnage of the pleasure yacht, it will be necessary for it to be re-measured under the simplified system of measurement introduced in June 1975 (now contained in the Merchant Shipping (Tonnage)(Isle of Man) Regulations 1984 (GC 234/83) irrespective of whether the previous tonnage measurement was carried out under that system or under regulations in force prior to June 1975. For other alterations involving changes to the Certificate of Registry, except a change of name or port of registry, it will still be necessary for the measurer to issue a new Certificate of Survey (tonnage measurement) on which the new details will be recorded. The fee for re-measurement will be assessed within the current maximum fee in the same way as for initial measurement under the arrangements described in this notice. The fee for the issue of a Certificate of Survey (tonnage measurement) in respect of alterations not affecting tonnage will be assessed having regard to the amount of work involved within the above maximum.

Where the owner intends to change (a) the name of the pleasure yacht or (b) its port of registry he/she should apply to the Department for details of procedure.

The provision of this measurement service is in no way dependent on whether the pleasure yacht to be measured is to be surveyed for classification or any other purposes or whether the owner of the yacht is or intends to become a member of the Royal Yachting Association.

Furthermore the measurement of a pleasure yacht for tonnage purposes and the issue of a Certificate of Survey (tonnage measurement) is not to be

regarded as signifying that the yacht has been inspected for seaworthiness, structural strength or condition.

Addresses of the offices of the recognised Organisations are:

American Bureau of Shipping  
ABS House  
No.1 Frying Pan Alley  
London E1 7HR  
(Telephone: 0207 7377 4486)

Germanischer Lloyd AG  
Vorsetzen 32/35  
D-20459 Hamburg  
Germany  
(Telephone: 0049 40361 49 3334)

Bureau Veritas  
Suite 1, Keel House  
Tyne Dock  
South Shields  
Tyne & Wear NE34 9PY  
(Telephone: 0191 427 8177)

Lloyds Register of Shipping  
71 Fenchurch Street  
London  
EC3M 4BS  
(Telephone: 0207 423 2799)

Det Norske Veritas  
14 Mitchell Point  
Ensign Way  
Southampton SO31 4RF  
(Telephone: 02380 745 940)

The Royal Yachting Association  
RYA House, Ensign Way  
Hamble  
Southampton SO31 4YA  
(Telephone: 0845 345 0400)

Yacht Brokers, Designers and  
Surveyors Association  
The Glass Works, Penn's Road  
Petersfield  
GU32 2EW  
(Telephone: 01730 710425)

RINA UK  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Kingston House  
29-31 Kingston Crescent  
Portsmouth  
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Class NK UK (London)  
Consultants  
Finsbury Circus House  
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(Telephone: 020 7628 5102)

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