

Isle of Man Ship Registry Technical Advisory Notice



Red Ensign Yacht Code & Commercial Yacht Master's Handbook

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Red Ensign Yacht Code

Together with our Partners in the Red Ensign Group, Isle of Man Ship Registry is pleased to announce the development of a new regulatory code for yachts, to be known as 'the Red Ensign Yacht Code' ('the Code'). The Code will be developed by Red Ensign members in conjunction with industry working groups, and will be completed in time for an official launch at the 2017 Monaco Yacht Show. The Code is anticipated to enter into force on 1st January 2019, just over a year after publication in September 2017. This is intended to give the industry time to prepare for its entry into force.

The Code will consolidate two existing codes into a single, more user friendly format. As with the existing yacht codes, the Code represents an equivalence to the SOLAS, STCW and Loadline conventions. The new Code will consist of the following sections:

- Part A, an updated version of LY3 (for commercial yachts >24m, certified to carry 12 passengers or less)
- Part B, an updated version of the Passenger Yacht Code (for yachts of any size, certified to carry 13-36 passengers)
- a set of common annexes, to cover subjects such as helicopter landing areas

The aim of the updated Code is to bring Regulations up to date with the latest industry practices, whilst ensuring continuity with the existing codes. For instance, the Code makes increased use of 'Goal Based Standards' and 'Alternative Design and Arrangements' to allow builders to make use of more innovative design features.

After the Code enters into force, it will replace the existing LY3 and PYC for new build yachts. For existing yachts, the Code will contain grandfather clauses that exempt such vessels from certain regulations; this allows existing yachts to be certified under the Code.

Commercial Yacht Master's Handbook

Please be advised that Version 7 of the Commercial Yacht Master's Handbook has been published and is available for download from our website [here](#).

Please note - The Isle of Man Ship Registry cannot give legal advice. Where this document provides guidance on the law it should not be regarded as definitive. The way the law applies to any particular case can vary according to circumstances - for example, from vessel to vessel. You should consider seeking independent legal advice if you are unsure of your own legal position.

