

Isle of Man Ship Registry Manx Shipping Notice



Yacht Survey Regimes

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The yachting industry comprises many different operating profiles, from busy commercial yachts to yachts exclusively for pleasure use. There are also yachts that may only carry out an occasional charter, but the owner wishes to keep their yacht fully compliant in order to be able to accept paying guests at short notice.

A lot of emphasis is therefore placed on the yacht's Certificate of Registry (CoR) as this states whether the yacht is registered on the commercial or pleasure register. Today's yachts will often switch between a commercial CoR and pleasure CoR. In order to clarify and simplify this process, the IoM Ship Registry has four survey regimes to meet the needs of all yacht types.

The following sections provide guidance on the applicability of each of the four regimes, the fees, the survey and certification regime that is applicable, and any limitations on how the yacht may be used. Below is a very brief summary of the four regimes. Please click the links for in depth information:

COMMERCIAL YACHT

The commercial yacht scheme is intended for yachts that will predominantly operate with a commercial CoR, although there is scope for the yacht to spend short periods with a pleasure CoR.

- Yacht must be 24m or over and built to the Large Yacht Code/REG Yacht Code Part A
- Requires full compliance with all commercial regulations at all times
- Permits up to 12 paying passengers when operating under a commercial CoR
- Yacht must be predominantly commercial but may switch to pleasure CoR for short periods

PLEASURE YACHT CHARTER READY

The Pleasure Yacht Charter Ready ('PYCR') scheme is a new survey regime designed to fit the needs of yachts which operate predominantly with a pleasure CoR, but that wish to undertake occasional charter activity that requires quick and easy transfers between pleasure and commercial CoR, often at short notice.

- Yacht must be 24m or over and built to the Large Yacht Code/REG Yacht Code Part A
- Requires full compliance with all commercial regulations at all times



- Permits up to 12 paying passengers when operating under a commercial CoR
- Yacht must be predominantly pleasure but may switch to commercial CoR for short periods

PLEASURE YACHT PLUS

Pleasure Yacht Plus has been developed in response to changes within the yachting industry, whereby Owners are increasingly in favour of the simplicity and flexibility of owning a pleasure yacht. However, this can often have the unintended consequence of reducing levels of safety and crew welfare, since pleasure yachts are not routinely inspected by a third party. Pleasure Yacht Plus allows voluntary compliance with commercial regulations, with third party verification by Ship Registry surveyors.

- Yacht must be 24m or over
- Allows the operator to voluntarily comply and be certificated against the commercial regulations of their choosing. Compliance with certain regulations will only be possible if the yacht is built to the Large Yacht Code/REG Yacht Code Part A
- Does not permit paying passengers
- No ability to switch to commercial CoR

PLEASURE YACHT

A pleasure yacht is not required to comply with any commercial regulations and is not subject to survey by Isle of Man Ship Registry Surveyors.

- Open to yachts of any size
- Does not comply with any commercial regulations; No requirement for vessel to be built to REG Code/Large Yacht Code.
- Does not permit paying passengers
- No ability to switch to commercial CoR



SECTION 1 – COMMERCIAL YACHT

1. Introduction

This scheme requires compliance with the Red Ensign Group's Yacht Code. This scheme is well established, although from the date of this notice, there will be some changes to how the scheme operates if a yacht wishes to hold a pleasure CoR for a short period (see Section 4).

Under the REG Yacht Code Part A, vessels under this scheme are limited to 12 paying passengers when holding a commercial CoR. When holding a pleasure CoR, yachts cannot accept paying guests on board.

2. Application

Commercial Registration is an option for any yacht on the Isle of Man register built to the Large Yacht Code/REG Yacht Code Part A that complies with the relevant operational requirements (e.g. ISM, ISPS, and MLC). The yacht must also be classed with an Isle of Man Recognised Organisation and maintain all class-issued certificates at all times.

3. Certificates / Documents to be Maintained

When operating with a commercial CoR, the yacht must comply with all commercial regulations that apply to a yacht of its description.

Equally, when operating with a pleasure CoR, the yacht should still comply with the relevant regulations/instruments that would apply if it were commercial vessel. Failure to do so will result in delays when the yacht transitions between pleasure and commercial CoRs.

When a yacht is operating under a pleasure CoR, as explained above, the yacht is expected to comply with the Maritime Labour Convention at all times and serious or repeated failures in this regard may result in the yacht losing its Maritime Labour Statement of Compliance and removal from the scheme. However, seafarers should be aware that the Merchant Shipping (Maritime Labour Convention) Regulations 2013 do not apply to yachts holding a Pleasure CoR.

a. Instruments to be Complied With

The following instruments must be complied with at all times (including whilst operating with a pleasure CoR):

- REG Yacht Code Part A
- ISM Code (if 500gt or over)
- ISPS Code (if 500gt or over)
- Maritime Labour Convention



b. Certificates / Documents to be Maintained

The following certificates/documents must be maintained and complied with at all times (including whilst operating with a pleasure CoR). The term 'certificate' shall be taken to mean either a certificate or a statement of compliance:

- Yacht Code Compliance Certificate
- International Ship Security Certificate (if 500gt or over)
- ISM Safety Management Certificate (if 500gt or over)
- Maritime Labour Certificate (if 500gt or over) and DMLC Parts I & II
- Continuous Synopsis Record (if 500gt or over)
- Minimum Safe Manning Document
- Certificate of Classification and all Class issued statutory documentation (e.g. Load Line Certification, Safety Construction and Safety Equipment Certificates if 500gt or over)

Note that certificates, documents and instruments which apply to a yacht irrespective of their commercial/pleasure status are not listed here.

4. Survey and Certification

Yachts will be enrolled in the commercial yacht fees scheme which entitles them to a visit from an IoMSR Surveyor twice in every five years, typically for the second or third annual survey and for renewal surveys. Full details of this scheme and what is included is stated in the Ship Registry's fees Regulations.

Whether the yacht is operating with a commercial CoR or a pleasure CoR, it is essential that all surveys relating to the above instruments are maintained in accordance with the requirements of that instrument. However, when operating with a pleasure CoR, it will be necessary that some vessel certificates will be reissued as statements of compliance. The expiry date and dates of any intermediate or periodical surveys will be unaffected by this change.

Your yacht's RO is authorised to complete surveys and inspections as normal when the yacht holds a Pleasure CoR, and to duly endorse Statements of Compliance issued by the Isle of Man Ship Registry.

The following table shows which certificates/documents will be issued and reissued by the Isle of Man Ship Registry depending on the yacht's CoR.



Certificate/Document	Commercial Registry	Pleasure Registry
Certificate of Registration	Certificate - Commercial	Certificate - Pleasure
Maritime Labour Certificate	Certificate	Statement of Compliance
ISM Safety Management Certificate	Certificate	Statement of Compliance
International Ship Security Certificate	Certificate	Statement of Compliance
Yacht Code Compliance	Certificate	Statement of Compliance
Continuous Synopsis Record	Document	Document (not reissued)
Minimum Safe Manning Document	Document	Document (not reissued)

In addition to the above survey requirements, a brief remote survey is required to be carried out when transitioning from pleasure to commercial (see the following section).

5. Transition Between CoRs

Please see Appendix 1 for the procedure to transition from Commercial CoR to Pleasure CoR and Appendix 2 for the procedure to transition from Pleasure CoR to Commercial CoR.

6. Fees

The following fees will be applicable for yachts enrolled on the commercial scheme:

- Commercial Yacht Annual Registration Fee (Due 1st April)
- Commercial Yacht Survey Fees – this entitles the yacht to two visits from a Ship Registry surveyor in a 5 year period as explained in Section 4.

The above fees apply irrespective of whether the yacht is operating with a commercial or pleasure certificate of registry at any particular time.

When a yacht changes from Commercial CoR to Pleasure CoR and vice versa, the only fee payable will be for the reissuance of the CoR.



SECTION 2 – PLEASURE YACHT CHARTER READY

1. Introduction

The PYCR scheme has been created for yachts which operate predominantly with a pleasure CoR and is based on the principle that such a yacht will maintain commercial certification and comply with the underlying regulatory instruments at all times, including all applicable surveys being kept up to date. Essentially, the yacht must comply with regulations as if it were a commercial yacht even when it holds a pleasure CoR. This offers the advantage that the yacht may switch quickly and easily between pleasure CoR and commercial CoR.

Under the PYCR scheme, yachts are limited to 12 passengers when holding a commercial CoR. When holding a pleasure CoR, yachts cannot accept paying guests on board.

2. Application

The scheme is open to any yacht on Part I of the Isle of Man register, however it is currently registered, which was built to the Large Yacht Code/REG Yacht Code Part A. The yacht must also be classed with an Isle of Man Recognised Organisation and maintain all class-issued certificates at all times.

To apply to join the scheme, please email marine.survey@gov.im with a written request. Please note that yachts wishing to join the scheme may require a pre-registration survey to confirm compliance with the REG Yacht Code – please [contact our survey team](#) to discuss.

3. Certificates / Documents to be Maintained

The PYCR scheme requires that the yacht will comply with the relevant regulations/instruments that would apply if it were commercial vessel irrespective of whether it holds a pleasure CoR or a commercial CoR. Failure to do so will result in delays when the yacht transitions between CoRs. Repeated failures may result in yachts being removed from the PYCR scheme.

In particular, when a yacht is operating under a Pleasure CoR, a yacht is expected to comply with the Maritime Labour Convention at all times and serious or repeated failures in this regard may result in the yacht losing its Maritime Labour Statement of Compliance and removal from the scheme. However, seafarers should be aware that Merchant Shipping (Maritime Labour Convention) Regulations 2013 do not apply to yachts holding a Pleasure CoR.

a. Instruments to be Complied With

The following instruments must be complied with at all times (including whilst operating with a pleasure CoR):

- REG Yacht Code Part A
- ISM Code (if 500gt or over)



- ISPS Code (if 500gt or over)
- Maritime Labour Convention

b. Certificates / Documents to be Maintained

The following certificates/documents must be maintained and complied with at all times (including whilst operating with a pleasure CoR). The term 'certificate' shall be taken to mean either a certificate or a statement of compliance:

- Yacht Code Compliance Certificate
- International Ship Security Certificate (if 500gt or over)
- ISM Safety Management Certificate (if 500gt or over)
- Maritime Labour Certificate (if 500gt or over) and DMLC Parts I & II
- Continuous Synopsis Record (if 500gt or over)
- Minimum Safe Manning Document
- Certificate of Classification and all Class issued statutory documentation (e.g. Load Line Certification, Safety Construction and Safety Equipment Certificates if 500gt or over)

Note that certificates, documents and instruments which apply to a yacht irrespective of their commercial/pleasure status are not listed here.

4. Survey and Certification

Yachts will be enrolled in the commercial yacht fees scheme which entitles them to a visit from an IoMSR Surveyor twice in every five years, typically for the second or third annual survey and for the renewal surveys. Full details of this scheme and what is included is stated in the Ship Registry's fees Regulations.

Whether the yacht is operating with a commercial CoR or a pleasure CoR, it is essential that all surveys relating to the above instruments are maintained in accordance with the requirements of that instrument. However, when operating with a Pleasure CoR, it will be necessary that some vessel certificates will be reissued as statements of compliance. The expiry date and dates of any intermediate or periodical surveys will be unaffected by this change.

Your yacht's RO is authorised to complete surveys and inspections as normal when the yacht holds a Pleasure CoR, and to duly endorse Statements of Compliance issued by the Isle of Man Ship Registry.

The following table shows which certificates/documents will be issued and reissued by the Isle of Man Ship Registry depending on the yacht's CoR.



Certificate/Document	Commercial Registry	Pleasure Registry
Certificate of Registration	Certificate - Commercial	Reissued Pleasure
Maritime Labour Certificate	Certificate	Statement of Compliance
ISM Safety Management Certificate	Certificate	Statement of Compliance
International Ship Security Certificate	Certificate	Statement of Compliance
Yacht Code Compliance	Certificate	Statement of Compliance
Continuous Synopsis Record	Document	Document (not reissued)
Minimum Safe Manning Document	Document	Document (not reissued)

In addition to the above survey requirements, a brief remote survey is required to be carried out when transitioning from pleasure to commercial CoR (see the following section).

5. Transition Between CoRs

Please see Appendix 1 for the procedure to transition from Commercial CoR to Pleasure CoR and Appendix 2 for the procedure to transition from Pleasure CoR to Commercial CoR.

6. Fees

The following fees will be applicable for yachts enrolled on the PYCR scheme:

- Pleasure Yacht Annual Registration Fee (Due 1st April)
- Commercial Yacht Survey Fees – this entitles the yacht to two visits from a Ship Registry surveyor in a 5 year period as explained in Section 4.

The above fees apply irrespective of whether the yacht is operating with commercial or pleasure CoR at any particular time.

Any Pre-Registration Survey required in accordance with Section 2 will be charged additionally.

When a yacht changes from Commercial CoR to Pleasure CoR and vice versa, the only fee payable will be for the reissuance of the CoR.



SECTION 3 – PLEASURE YACHT PLUS

1. Application

The Pleasure Yacht Plus scheme is open to pleasure yachts of 24m and above wishing to apply internationally recognised standards of safety, security or seafarers' rights.

Yachts that wish to voluntarily comply with the REG Yacht Code will require a pre-registration survey to confirm compliance with the Large Yacht Code/REG Yacht Code.

2. Instruments to Comply With

Owners may voluntarily comply with any or all of the following four instruments. Once an Owner has elected to voluntarily comply with an instrument, it is expected that they will comply at all times:

- REG Yacht Code Part A
- ISM Code (if 500gt or over)
- ISPS Code (if 500gt or over)
- Maritime Labour Convention

3. Certificates/Documents to be Maintained

The documents to be maintained will depend upon which of the above instruments a yacht has chosen to comply with.

- a. If complying with the REG Yacht Code Part A:
 - Yacht Code Statement of Compliance
 - Minimum Safe Manning Document
 - Continuous Synopsis Record File
- b. If complying with the ISM Code:
 - ISM Safety Management Statement of Compliance
- c. If complying with the ISPS Code:
 - International Ship Security Statement of Compliance
- d. If complying with the Maritime Labour Convention:
 - Maritime Labour Statement of Compliance (if 500gt or over)
 - Declaration of Maritime Labour Compliance – Parts I & II

Note that certificates, documents and instruments which apply to a yacht irrespective of their voluntary compliance status are not listed here.



4. Survey

All surveys relating any instruments which a vessel has chosen to voluntarily comply with must be maintained in accordance with the requirements of that instrument. Failure to do so may result in a Statement of Compliance being withdrawn.

All surveys relating to the instruments referred to in Section 2 will be undertaken by Isle of Man Ship Registry surveyors.

5. Fees

The following fees will be applicable for yachts enrolled on the PYP scheme:

- Pleasure Yacht Annual Registration Fee (Due 1st April) - Click [here](#) to calculate your annual fee.
- Survey Fees – to be charged as per Fees Regulations



SECTION 4 – PLEASURE YACHT

1. Instruments to be Complied with, Certificates and Surveys

A pleasure yacht is not required to comply with any commercial regulations and is not subject to survey by Isle of Man Ship Registry Surveyors. However it should be noted that there will be other survey requirements (e.g. MARPOL surveys).

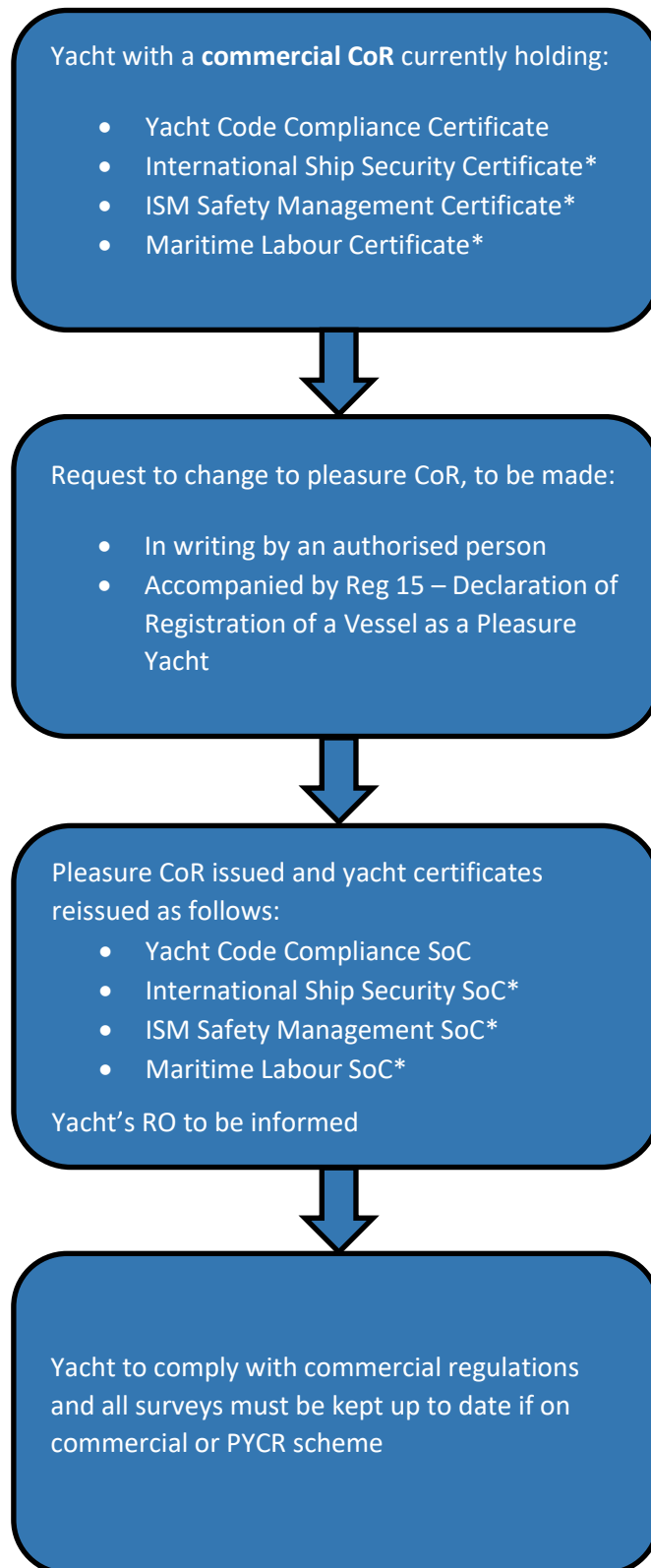
2. Fees

The annual registration fee is payable which depends upon the length of the vessel. Click [here](#) to calculate your annual fee.

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 ship to ship. You should consider seeking independent legal advice if you are unsure of your own legal position.



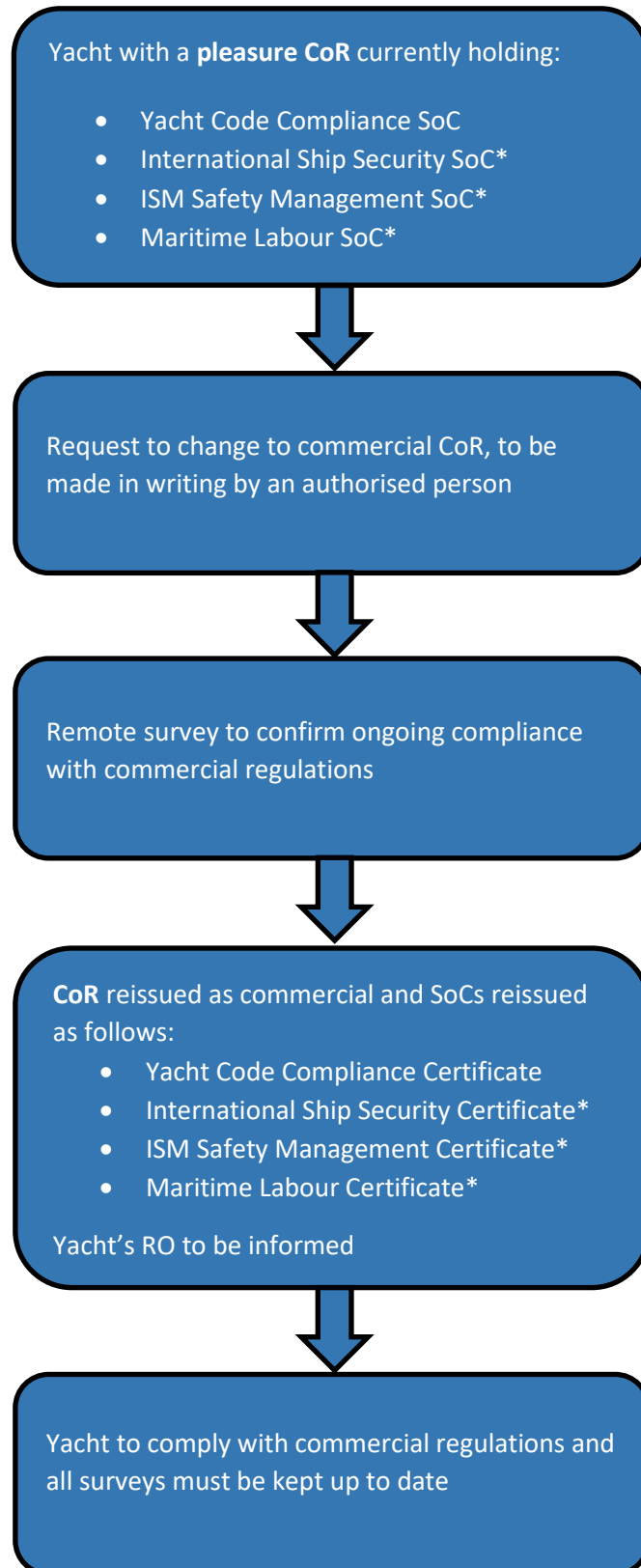
Appendix 1 – Procedure to Change from Commercial CoR to Pleasure CoR



*- Only applicable if
500gt or over



Appendix 2 – Procedure to Change from Pleasure CoR to Commercial CoR



*- Only applicable if
500gt or over

