

## Yacht Registration

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### UK Ship Register - Part 1

#### Eligibility

To be eligible to register a yacht on the UK Ship Register the owner must be one of the following:

- British Citizen
- British Dependent Territories Citizen
- British Overseas Citizen
- company incorporated in one of the EEA countries
- citizen of an EU member state exercising rights under articles 48 or 52 of the EU Treaty in the UK
- company incorporated in any British overseas possession which have its principal place of business in the UK or those possessions
- European Economic Interest Groupings

#### Documents

- Copy Certificate of Incorporation
- For secondhand yachts, evidence of title going back at least 5 years (original documents) - if not in English these should be translated and notarised
- Builder's Certificate (notarised translation if not in English)
- Bill of Sale (in MCA format)
- Tonnage Certificate
- International Tonnage Certificate if over 24m
- Certificate of Deletion, if applicable
- Coding Certificate (commercial yachts only)

### Isle of Man

#### Eligibility

To be eligible to register a yacht on the Isle of Man Ship Register the owner must be one of the following:

- British Citizen
- British Dependent Territory Citizen

- Citizens of EU or EEA states
- Citizens of certain prescribed countries

Corporate bodies incorporated in:

- Isle of Man
- United Kingdom
- Channel Islands
- European Union
- EEA (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway)
- The prescribed countries

## Documents

- Copy Certificate of Incorporation
- Evidence of any change in company name
- Builder's Certificate (notarised and a notarised translation if Certificate not in English)
- Bill of Sale (in MCA/Isle of Man format - notarised if signed outside of the Isle of Man)
- Tonnage Certificate
- International Tonnage Certificate if over 24m
- Certificate of Deletion, if applicable
- Coding Certificate, Class survey and Loadline (commercial yachts only)
- Any other International Convention Certificates that apply to the commercial yacht

## Gibraltar

### Eligibility

To be eligible to register a yacht on the Gibraltar Ship Register the owner must be one of the following:

- Citizens resident in Gibraltar or companies incorporated in Gibraltar
- British citizens
- Nationals of EEA member states
- Bodies incorporated in an EEA member state

### Documents

- Copy Certificate of Incorporation
- Copy passport
- Builder's Certificate
- Bill of Sale (in MCA format - notarised if executed outside Gibraltar)
- Tonnage Certificate
- International Tonnage Certificate if over 24m
- Certificate of Deletion, if applicable
- High quality JPEG photograph of the yacht
- Undertaking that the yacht is to be used for pleasure purposes only (if a pleasure yacht)
- Evidence of appointment of the representative person

## Jersey

### Eligibility

To be eligible to register a yacht on the Jersey Ship Register the owner must be one of the following:

- Jersey Residents
- British citizens
- British nationals (overseas)
- British Commonwealth citizens
- European Community citizens
- Corporate bodies incorporated in any of the above

### Documents

- Tonnage Certificate (if over 24m the survey must be organised by the Registrar)
- Builder's Certificate (if not in the approved Jersey form it must contain all information set out in the form)
- Bill of Sale (if applicable to new yacht), and if a secondhand yacht, bill(s) of sale going back at least 5 years
- Copy Certificate of Incorporation
- Coding Certificate, from MECAL (for commercial yachts only)

Note: Apply for approval of name on the relevant form before submitting the application forms and supporting documents.

## Guernsey

### Eligibility

To be eligible to register a yacht on the Guernsey Ship Register the owner must be one of the following:

- British subject
- Company registered in and having its principal place of business in a British Crown Dependency or Overseas Territory.

### Documents

- Copy Certificate of Incorporation
- Builder's Certificate, for newly built yachts
- Bill of sale (in the MCA/Guernsey form) and previous bill(s) of sale for second-hand vessels going back to a person or company not qualified to own a yacht registered in Guernsey, or the Builder's Certificate.
- Certificate of Deletion
- Tonnage measurement survey
- Coding Certificate (if a commercial yacht)

## Cayman Islands

### Eligibility

To be eligible to register a yacht on the Cayman Islands Ship Register the owner must be one of the following:

- Nationals or holders of passports of an EU or European Economic Area (EEA) country, including their overseas countries (such as Madeira) and territories (such as Cayman) or dependencies (such as the Isle of Man)

- A company formed in an EU or EEA country including their overseas countries and territories (such as Bermuda) and dependencies (such as the Channel Islands), and having a place of business in any of these countries, overseas countries and territories or dependencies
- Companies formed in other countries (and not qualifying as set out above) but registered in Cayman as *foreign companies* and having a place of business in the Cayman Islands may also qualify to own Cayman-flagged vessels

## Documents

- Original (or certified copy) Builder's Certificate (new yacht's)
- Original (or certified copy) of the Bill of Sale
- Original (or a certified copy) Cayman Islands Certificate of Good Standing (or equivalent if owning company is incorporated in another country)
- Certified (or notarised) copy of the individual's or individuals' passport pages that shows the individual or joint-owners' picture, nationality, and signature.
- Secondhand yacht 24m plus - Copy International Tonnage Certificate
- Secondhand yacht - "National" Tonnage Certificate for all vessels less than 24 metres, issued under the respective national legislation of the current Flag
- Copies of all of the other Convention or statutory Certificates (such as Load Line, MARPOL, SOLAS) may be provided as information to assist the registration process but are not mandatory as these Certificates become invalid upon change of Flag. The submission to Cayman of copies of these certificates will however greatly facilitate the change to Cayman, particularly in the context of completing the Flag-in surveys. These copies would include the Company Document of Compliance under the ISM Code for an existing Company already operating a ship or ships of the type being registered and an International Oil Pollution Prevention (IOPP) certificate for all oil tankers over 150 GT and for all other vessels over 400 GT.
- Deletion Certificate

## British Virgin Islands

### Eligibility

To be eligible to register a yacht on the British Virgin Islands Ship Register the owner must be one of the following:

- Citizens of and companies incorporated in the BVI
- Citizens of and companies incorporated in the UK, its Crown Dependencies and Overseas Territories
- Nationals of and companies incorporated in Member States of the EC or EEA and Overseas Territories of such member states
- Companies incorporated in a Member State of the Caribbean Community or Organisation of the Eastern Caribbean States and registered in the BVI

### Documents

- Certificate of Incorporation
- Certificate of Good Standing
- Copy Passport
- Builder's Certificate (new yacht's)
- Bill of Sale (BVI form), and previous Bill(s) of Sale if a secondhand yacht
- Tonnage Certificate
- Coding Certificate (if a commercial yacht)
- If pleasure vessel - declaration of use
- Evidence of appointment of the representative person

## Malta

### Eligibility

To be eligible to register a yacht on the Maltese Ship Register the owner must be one of the following:

- EU citizen
- Company, irrespective of country of incorporation

### Documents

- Certificate of Incorporation
- Copy Memorandum and Articles of Association
- Tonnage Certificate (if under 24m)
- International Tonnage Certificate 69 (if over 24m)
- Coding Certificate (and any other statutory certificates required for a commercial yacht)
- Builder's Certificate (new yacht)
- Bill of Sale
- Deletion Certificate

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