

# GUIDELINES

## ON THE CLASSIFICATION AND SURVEY OF YACHTS

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### RULE CHANGE NOTICE

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## **GUIDELINES ON THE CLASSIFICATION AND SURVEY OF YACHTS**

The present Rule Change Notice to the Guidelines on the Classification and Survey of Yachts (hereinafter — RCN) has been approved in accordance with the established approval procedure and contains information on amendments and additions, except for editorial amendments. RCN amendments come in force on 1 July 2025.

**REVISION HISTORY**

Item	Applicability	Description	Remarks
<a href="#">Para 1.1.3</a> (deleted)	Classification of yachts Yachts flying the RF flag	Para has been deleted following the transfer of its provisions to para 2.8.2. References to para 1.1.3 have been replaced by the references to para 2.8.2. Existing paras 1.1.4 and 1.1.5 have been renumbered 1.1.3 and 1.1.4 accordingly	
<a href="#">Para 2.8.1</a>	Classification of yachts Yachts flying the RF flag	Reference to paras 2.8.2 — 2.8.4 has been replaced by the reference to para 2.8.2 which, as amended, incorporates the provisions of deleted paras 2.8.3 and 2.8.4	
<a href="#">Para 2.8.2</a>	Classification of yachts Yachts flying the RF flag	Provisions have been introduced confirming the possibility of classifying yachts under the RF flag without assignment of the RS class and regardless of the length	
<a href="#">Paras 2.8.3 and 2.8.4</a> (deleted)	Classification of yachts Yachts flying the RF flag	Paras have been deleted following the transfer of their provisions to para 2.8.2. Existing paras 2.8.5 and 2.8.6 have been renumbered 2.8.3 and 2.8.4 accordingly	
<a href="#">Para 3.1</a>	Classification of yachts Initial survey	The requirement regarding the necessity to receive the RHO authorization to commence the initial survey of yachts has been deleted	

## 1 GENERAL

### 1.1 APPLICATION

Para 1.1.3 is deleted. References to para 1.1.3 are replaced by the references to para 2.8.2.

Existing paras 1.1.4 and 1.1.5 are renumbered 1.1.3 and 1.1.4 accordingly.

## 2 PRINCIPLES OF YACHT CLASSIFICATION

Para 2.8.1. Reference to para 2.8.2 — 2.8.4 is replaced by the reference to para 2.8.2.

Para 2.8.2 is amended as follows:

~~"2.8.2 Yachts of length  $L > 20$  m used for non-commercial purposes falling under the definition of pleasure craft<sup>1</sup> in accordance with Article 7 (Item 4) of the RF MSC and, at the shipowner's discretion, may be classed without assignment of the RS class (refer to 1.1.3 of these Guidelines).~~

This classification is aimed at assessment of the yacht actual compliance with the applicable requirements of the RS rules and establishing a category that takes into account probable wind and wave conditions of navigation and a distance to the place of refuge or the shore.

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<sup>1</sup> According to the RF MSC, pleasure craft means a ship, the total number of persons on board of which shall not exceed 18 people, including a maximum of 12 passengers, and which is used for non-commercial purposes and intended for recreation in water bodies."

Paras 2.8.3 and 2.8.4 are deleted.

Existing paras 2.8.5 and 2.8.6 are renumbered 2.8.3 and 2.8.4 accordingly.

## 3 PREPARATION FOR SURVEYS

Para 3.1 is amended as follows:

~~"3.1 The RHO Location/RS Branch Office which, according to 2.1, considers the issue of classification shall notify the shipowner in written form of the classification procedure specified in 2.7 taking into account 2.8, and upon receipt of the written consent of the shipowner in accordance with the established procedure arranges the performance of the initial survey of the yacht.~~

The initial survey of a yacht may be commenced only upon receipt of the shipowner's written consent in accordance with the classification procedure required by the RS rules.

~~In cases where consideration of the issue of the yacht classification is within the RHO competence, the initial survey may be commenced only upon receipt of the RHO authorization."~~

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