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REG YACHT CODE GUIDANCE INFORMATION

Notice to all Administrations, Recognised Organisations, Industry Associations, Naval Architects, Yacht Builders, and other Interested Parties.

This notice should be read in accordance with Red Ensign Group Yacht Code Revision 2024 Edition Part A.

This Guidance Information applies to all vessels, whose contract for construction is signed prior to 01 July 2025, subject to ensuring that the keel is laid no later than 01 July 2026.

Summary

The purpose of this Guidance information is to ensure all Maritime Administrations, Recognised Organisations, Industry Associations, Naval Architects, Yacht Builders and, any other Interested Parties are aware of the change to the implementation dates for those items in Part A of the code as outlined below, after Industry clarifications and consultation regarding the stability and fire safety chapters of the REG Yacht Code Edition 2024, Part A.

This Amendment replaces REG YC GI2024/1 Amendment 01, previously published in October 2024.

1. Introduction & Background

1.1 Further to the publication of the 2024 edition of the Red Ensign Group (REG) Yacht Code, the REG has received a number of questions from Industry. In response to the questions raised, a REG working group meeting took place with Industry stakeholders on the 27th of March 2024.

1.2 Following a review of the discussions that took place, the REG has taken the decision to disapply the following requirements of the 2024 Edition of the Code to those vessels, whose contract for construction is signed prior to 01 July 2025, subject to ensuring that the keel is laid no later than 01 July 2026:

1.2.1 **Stability Criteria:** Stability criteria for vessels with openings in the hull, the lower edge of which is less than 600mm above the uppermost load line and floodable tender garages (Part A, Chapter 11, sections 11.5 & 11.6 refer).

1.3 Following the inspection of several sub 500GT yachts specifically to examine the technical feasibility of installing structural fire protection in tender garage spaces and larger lockers containing Personal Watercraft (PWC's), due consideration being given to the damp and sometimes wet environment within such spaces and a further review of incident data in relation to fires in such spaces, the REG has taken the decision to remove the following requirement from the 2024 edition of the Code:

1.3.1 **Fire Safety:** Vessels of less than 500GT - Passive fire protection for enclosed spaces containing vehicles with petrol in their tanks (REG Yacht Code 2024, Part A, Table 14A.1 and 14A.2 (3) (b) refer).

1.4 Spaces containing lithium-Ion batteries in isolation or lithium-Ion batteries in combination with petrol shall still need to be provided with passive fire protection in accordance with the requirements of the REG Yacht Code 2024, Part A, Chapter 14A, Table 14A.1 and MGN 681 (M) Fire Safety and storage of small electric powered craft on yachts.

2. Next Steps

2.1 The REG is currently undertaking a full review of the existing requirements (including independent stability modelling) referenced in paragraph 1.2.1 above with a view to possible amendment. The results of the review will be notified to Industry, at the earliest opportunity. Any regulatory amendments resulting from this review will be subject to an industry consultation process. It should be noted that any such amendments will only apply to those vessels whose contract for construction is signed on or after 01 July 2025.

2.2 The amendment referenced in paragraph 1.3 above is effective immediately.

2.3 Upon completion of the process referenced in paragraph 2.1 above, Part A of the REG Yacht Code will be suitably amended and re-issued.

3. Useful Links

3.1 REG Yacht Code Edition 2024, Part A: <https://www.redesigngroup.org/media/yzlbtkyi/reg-yc-july-2024-edition-part-a.pdf>

3.2 MGN 681 (M) Fire safety and Storage of small electric powered craft on yachts (published 02 June 2023): <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mgn-681-m-fire-safety-and-storage-of-small-electric-powered-craft-on-yachts>

3.3 REG Publications Library: <https://www.redesigngroup.org/publications/>

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