
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 January 2025, subject to ensuring that the keel is laid no later than 01 January 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.

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 January 2025, subject to ensuring that the keel is laid no later than 01 January 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).
 - 1.2.2 **Fire Safety:** Vessels of less than 500GT - Passive fire protection for enclosed spaces containing vehicles with petrol in their tanks (Part A, Table 14A.1 and 14A.2 (3) (b) refer).

2. Next Steps

- 2.1 The REG will be undertaking a full review of the existing requirements with a view to possible amendment. The results of the review will be notified to Industry and the Yacht Code amended, if necessary, at the earliest opportunity. It should be noted that any such amendments will only apply to those vessels whose contract for construction is signed on or after 01 January 2025.

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

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