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DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Pleasure Vessel Manning

The aim of this notice is to clarify the Isle of Man Ship Registry's position regarding safe manning of pleasure vessels not engaged in trade.

Documents referred to in this notice:

Merchant Shipping (Pleasure vessel)(Manning) Regulations, 1989 (GC121-89)

SOLAS Ch.V (2004 Consolidated Edition)

The Large Commercial Yacht Code MSN 1792(M), Edition 2

Most regulations and notices are available on the Isle of Man Government web site:

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Introduction

This MSN advises the position adopted by the Isle of Man Ship Registry on the provision of safe manning of pleasure vessels.

Applicable Regulations and Statutory Requirements

SOLAS Chapter V is applicable to pleasure vessels. Regulation 14 requires that a vessel's flag administration adopt measures for the purpose of ensuring that all ships are sufficiently and efficiently manned.

The Merchant Shipping (Pleasure Vessel)(Manning) Regulations, 1989 (GC121-89) apply to pleasure vessels which are 80 gross tons and above *or* registered as having 750kW propulsion power or more. Schedules 1 and 2 of the regulations define required manning levels for vessels depending upon size and range of operation. A review of these Regulations is currently under way as the regulations now refer to certificates of competency no longer recognised internationally.

Provisions for Exemption

Until this review is complete, the Isle of Man Ship Registry, in accordance with Regulation 3(3) of the Pleasure Vessel Manning Regulations, exempts all classes of pleasure vessel to which those Regulations apply from:

- those parts of Regulation 4 which require that every vessel of 80GT and above shall carry such numbers of qualified deck officers as required by Schedule 1, *and*
- those parts of Regulation 5 which require that every vessel of 750kW and above shall carry such qualified marine engineer officers as required by Schedule 2.

This exemption is granted provided that:

- Vessels $\geq 24\text{m}$ Load Line length are manned in accordance with the requirements of the Large Commercial Yacht Code, Annex V.
- Vessels less than 24m in Load Line length shall be manned in accordance with the requirements of the MCA's Marine Guidance Note MGN 280(M) (Small Vessels in Commercial Use for Sport or Pleasure, Workboats and Pilot Boats – Alternative Construction Standards), Annex 3.

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