



Maritime and Coastguard Agency

Approved Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) Small Vessel Certifying Authorities

**Notice to all Owners, Operators and Skippers of Small Vessels in Commercial Use,
Inspection and Certifying Authorities of this Class of Vessel.**

This notice should be read with MGN 280 and supersedes MIN 281(M)

This MIN expires 1st July 2009

PLEASE NOTE:-

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 and you should consider seeking independent legal advice if you are unsure of your own legal position.

Summary

The purpose of this Marine Information Note is to provide the revised contact details of the MCA approved Certifying Authorities undertaking survey and certification work under the small vessel codes or MGN 280 (M).

1. Introduction/ Background

Certifying Authorities undertake survey and certification work under the small vessel codes or MGN 280. The small vessel codes are as follows:

- The Safety of Small Commercial Sailing Vessels – A Code of Practice (Blue Code)
- The Safety of Small Commercial Motor Vessels – A Code of Practice (Yellow Code)
- The Code of Practice for the Safety of Small Workboats and Pilot Boats (Brown Code)
- The Code of Practice for the Safety of Small Vessels in Commercial use for Sport or Pleasure Operating from a Nominated Departure Point (NDP) (Red Code)

MGN 280 (M) – Small Vessels in Commercial Use for Sport or Pleasure, Workboats and Pilot Boats – Alternative Construction Standards is available as an equivalent standard to the small vessel codes, until the new enabling Statutory Instrument has been completed. Once completed, the new code standards will be produced as a Merchant Shipping Notice (MSN) and will supersede the current small vessel codes.

2. Certifying Authorities for all types of vessels, under the small vessel codes or MGN 280

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Royal Yachting Association
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Society of Consulting Marine
Engineers and Ship Surveyors
The Marine Society
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Yacht Designers and Surveyors
Association
The Glass Works
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3. Local Authorities with Certifying Authority status granted by the MCA

In December 2000, the MCA contacted all coastal Local Authorities asking whether or not they wished to become Certifying Authorities under the Code of Practice for the Safety of Small Vessels in Commercial Use for Sport or Pleasure Operating from a Nominated Departure Point (NDP). Agreements were formalised between the MCA and the interested Local Authorities. These Agreements laid down specific criteria that each Local Authority would be required to meet in order to be considered for Certifying Authority status. The following Local Authorities have been granted Certifying Authority status for the NDP Code to issue certificates for vessels operating up to 3 miles from a nominated departure point.

Carrick District Council
The Harbour Office
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Padstow Harbour Commissioners
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Pembrokeshire County Council
County Hall, Haverfordwest
Pembrokeshire
SA61 1TP
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Scarborough Borough Council
Whitby Harbour Office
Endeavour Wharf
Whitby
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Torrige District Council
Environmental Health and
Protection,
Vessel Licensing Team
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