
Authorised Yacht Surveyors

Notice to yacht owners, managers, Masters, officers, crew, Recognised Organisations, Yacht Survey Organisations and Approved Nautical Inspectors

1. Purpose

- 1.1. This Yacht Notice (YN) provides details of yacht surveyors authorised by the Bahamas Maritime Authority (BMA).
- 1.2. This YN should be read together with other relevant YNs specific to the size and type of yacht.
- 1.3. If not otherwise specified with yacht it is intended any small or large yacht that is not a passenger yacht.

2. Application

- 2.1. This YN applies to all yachts and passenger yachts that require either surveys or inspections.

3. Authorised Yacht Surveyor

- 3.1. An Authorised Yacht Surveyor can be one of the below:
 - i. A suitably qualified BMA surveyor;
 - ii. A suitably qualified Recognised Organisation surveyor, as specified in this YN;
 - iii. A suitably qualified Yacht Survey Organisation surveyor, as specified in this YN

4. Recognised Organisations

- 4.1. All Bahamas Recognised Organisations, as listed in [Marine Notice 02¹](#), are authorised to conduct statutory surveys and issue statutory certification for all types and sizes of yachts, as per section 5 of YN003, YN004, YN005, YN006 and YN008.
- 4.2. Bahamas Recognised Organisations are authorised to conduct approval and surveys in accordance with the applicable requirements of the Bahamas Yacht Codes and issue

¹ <https://www.bahamasmaritime.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/BMA-Marine-Notice-MN002-Authorised-Classification-Societies-v1.0.pdf>

short term Certificates of Compliance (COC) for small charter yachts, large charter yachts and passenger yachts, as per section 4 of YN005, YN006 and YN008, respectively, and short term Statements of Compliance (SOC) for small private yachts and large private yachts, as per section 4 of YN003 and YN004 respectively.

- 4.3. Passenger yachts and charter yachts of 500 gross tonnage and above are required to have a "Certificate of Class" issued by a Bahamas Recognised Organisation.
- 4.4. Recognised Organisations are **NOT** Authorised to conduct safety inspections for small yachts, as per section 7 of YN003, YN004, YN005, YN006 and YN008.

5. Yacht Survey Organisations (YSO)

- 5.1. Bahamas Yacht Survey Organisations, as listed in Annex 1, are authorised to conduct statutory surveys and issue statutory certification for yachts of less than 500 gross tonnage, as per section 5 of YN003 and YN005.
- 5.2. Bahamas Yacht Survey Organisations are authorised to conduct approval and surveys in accordance with the applicable requirements of the Bahamas Small Charter Yacht Code and issue short term Certificates of Compliance (COC) for small charter yachts and short term Statements of Compliance (SOC) for small private yachts, as per section 4 of YN003 and YN004 respectively.
- 5.3. Yacht Survey Organisation are authorised to conduct safety inspections for Small Yachts, as per section 7 of YN003 and YN005.

Annex 1 – List of Bahamas Yacht Survey Organisations

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