
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 Recognised Organisation surveyor, as specified in this YN;
 - ii. A suitably qualified Yacht Survey Organisation surveyor, as specified in this YN;
 - iii. A suitably qualified surveyor appointed by the BMA, not covered by points i. or ii..

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.

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

- 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 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 YN03, YN04, YN05 and YN06.
- 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. Bahamas Yacht Survey Organisations are authorised to conduct approval and surveys in accordance with the applicable requirements of the Bahamas Large Charter Yacht Code and issue short term Certificates of Compliance (COC) for large charter yachts of less than 500 gross tonnage and short term Statements of Compliance (SOC) for private yachts of less than 500 gross tonnage, as per section 4 of YN005 and YN006 respectively.
- 5.4. Yacht Survey Organisation are authorised to conduct safety inspections for Small Yachts, as per section 7 of YN003 and YN005.
- 5.5. Owners/managers of any yacht that was previously surveyed and certificated by a Yacht Survey Organisation that is no longer listed in Annex 1 should contact the BMA for advice and instructions on conducting future surveys and maintaining valid certification. Such requests shall be made to yachts@bahamasmaritime.com with copies of all statutory certificates that require issue or endorsement.
- 5.6. For the avoidance of doubt, any certificate issued or endorsed by a Yacht Survey Organisation that was previously listed in Annex 1 remains valid until the next

scheduled survey – future surveys must, however, be carried out by an authorised yacht surveyor as outlined in this Notice.

6. Other surveyors

- 6.1. Where a Bahamas Yacht Survey Organisation, as listed in Annex 1, is not available, the BMA may appoint individual surveyor(s) to conduct surveys as required for yachts of less than 500 gross tonnage.
- 6.2. The BMA will accept applications from relevant surveyors as required. To apply, the surveyor(s) should send full details of their qualifications and experience to yachts@bahamasmaritime.com with details of the yacht(s) to be surveyed and type(s) of survey, port(s) and dates(s).
- 6.3. The BMA will review the application and, if approved, will issue an appointment letter for the yacht(s) to be surveyed.
- 6.4. Surveyors appointed under this section are authorised to conduct approval and surveys in accordance with the applicable requirements of the Bahamas Small Charter Yacht Code, but are NOT AUTHORISED to issue any certificates.
- 6.5. On completion of survey(s), the surveyor shall forward their survey report(s) along with copies of the existing statutory certificates to yachts@bahamasmaritime.com – the BMA will review the report and issue or endorse the certificate(s) as applicable.
- 6.6. Surveyors appointed under this section are not authorised to conduct safety inspections for Small Yachts, unless this is specified in the appointment letter.

7. Queries

- 7.1. Any queries on this Notice should be addressed to yachts@bahamasmaritime.com or any BMA office.

Annex 1 – List of Bahamas Yacht Survey Organisations

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