

# Marine Surveys & Consultancy International



## SMALL COMMERCIAL VESSELS

### CODES OF PRACTICE

#### A Guide to Costs and Requirements for Certification With the YDSA



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**REGULATIONS** - In 1994 new Legislation came into force requiring all UK vessels in commercial use to comply with the Merchant Shipping (Vessels in Commercial Use for Sport or Pleasure) Regulations, 1993. These apply to all vessels in commercial use, up to 24 m loadline length, which go to sea carrying no more than 12 passengers and no cargo. The details of the requirements are set out in two Codes of Practice, published by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency, one for Motor Vessels and one for Sailing Vessels.

In 1998 the Code of Practice for Small Workboats and Pilot Boats was published, covering vessels up to 24 m loadline length which are in commercial use for the carriage of cargo and/or not more than 12 passengers or neither cargo nor passengers. This category of vessels must now comply with the new Regulations.

In 2000 the Code of Practice for the Safety of Small Commercial Vessels in Commercial Use for Sport or Pleasure operating from a Nominated Departure Point came into force. This covers vessels under 24 metres in length which carry no more than 12 passengers, do not carry cargo and go to sea only in favourable weather and daylight from a Nominated Departure Point. This category of vessels was previously licensed by the Local Authorities.

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**CERTIFYING AUTHORITIES** - The Maritime and Coastguard Agency has authorised a number of Certifying Authorities to operate the Codes on their behalf and the YDSA is one of them.

**YBDSA** - The Yacht Brokers, Designers & Surveyors Association was founded in 1912 to regulate the related professions operating in this area of the marine industry. The Association has developed into a well established professional body and is now the largest organisation of its kind in Europe. The YBDSA has members throughout the UK, Europe and beyond. Its purpose is to set high professional standards among its members and to provide a top quality service to the public. It is the preferred choice for most leading Insurance Companies and Finance Houses, yet remains fiercely independent.

YDSA Surveyors have been carrying out Compliance Examinations under the Codes of Practice since their inception, and the Association has become one of the largest Certifying Authorities in terms of the number of vessels on its Register.

**CHOICE** - With most Certifying Authorities you will have no choice who your Compliance Examiner will be. This is not true with the YDSA. Our Surveyors are Members of the Association, not employees, and you are free to choose from over 60 Authorised YDSA Surveyors around the Country.

If you are already registered with another Certifying Authority, you can easily transfer to the YDSA at no extra cost.

**VESSELS OVERSEAS** - YDSA Surveyors travel all over the world, so if there is not a Surveyor based locally, one of our Members can attend to a Compliance Examination in conjunction with other work overseas.

**INFORMATION** - **If you would like more information, phone the YBDSA office on 01730 710490. Our full-time staff will answer your queries and send you the forms you need. They can also put you in touch with a choice of Authorised Surveyors so you can speak to your Examiner from the outset.**

## **COSTS:**

For the issue of a Compliance Certificate:	<b>Vessels under 15 metres</b>	<b>£100.00</b>
	<b>Vessels 15 metres and over</b>	<b>£150.00</b>
Annual Renewal Fee for vessels not Requiring Annual Examination.	<b>£60.00</b>	
Annual Renewal Fee for vessels requiring Annual Examination:	<b>£120.00</b>	
To obtain a Stability Category: (also applies to vessels over 15m and not requiring stability booklet)	<b>£60.00</b>	
YDSA CA Administration Fees	<b>from £45.00</b>	

### **Charges for Checking of Stability Books for vessels where required**

Intact Stability	<b>£300.00 deposit*</b>
Damaged Stability	<b>£300.00 deposit*</b>
Multihulls	<b>£250.00*</b>

(All Stability Books attract an Admin Fee as above for processing.)

- If further correspondence is required, further fees may be charged.

**(all fees + VAT where applicable)**

**COMPLIANCE EXAMINATION FEES** – are paid directly to the Surveyor. A guide estimate for this for an under 15 metre vessel would be **£45 per metre length overall + VAT** where appropriate. This assumes that the vessel is presented for examination complying in full with the Code requirements. An additional charge may be required for a return visit. The fees do not include the costs of providing stability data required to obtain a stability category.

### **OTHER SERVICES**

*In addition to Compliance Examinations, YBDSA Surveyors can undertake Condition Surveys, Valuation Surveys, Insurance and Damage Surveys, Tonnage Measurement for British Registry on vessels up to 24m and supervision of repairs, refits and new building. YBDSA Designers can prepare Stability Booklets to the required format.*