



Minimum requirements for expert's assessment

Certificates for yachts that are to be entered in the Swiss Register of Yachts must contain the following information:

- 1. Contact details (full name and address) and professional qualification of the person writing the report** (e.g. shipbuilding or marine operations engineer, nautical engineer, boat builder, surveyor of a classification company or an insurance company, inspector of a navigation authority).
- 2. General information on the inspection of the yacht** (place and date, in the water or in dry dock, participation).
- 3. General description of the yacht** (make, shipyard, shell/hull number, construction material, length, width, draught, displacement, sail surface, engine type, engine number and performance, fuel, registration – if any – in country of manufacture).
- 4. Technical description of the yacht** (hull, rigging, sails, deck equipment, anchor setting, engine, navigation instruments, electrical equipment, gas equipment, steering, pumping equipment, sea valves, tanks, interior construction, fire-extinguishing equipment, etc.).
- 5. Report on the condition of the yacht at the time of inspection and list of defects, if any.**
- 6. Yacht equipment** (completeness, state of general equipment and equipment for emergencies).
- 7. Statement by the expert that in its present condition the yacht is suitable without reservations for maritime navigation** (if the ship is not absolutely seaworthy, state the restriction, i.e. coastal sailing, with statement of the maximum distance from the coast in miles).
- 8. Liability insurance** (the specialist must possess liability insurance cover; the SMNO may request a copy of the policy).
- 9. Date of issue of the certificate, signature of expert and company stamp and commercial register/registration number if applicable.**

The seaworthiness of a yacht must be maintained at all times. If a yacht becomes permanently unseaworthy, the owner must request that it be removed from the yacht register.

When renewing a certificate of flag registration (valid for three years), proof of seaworthiness must be provided again. Formally, the expert report must meet the minimum requirements set out here; objectively, continued seaworthiness may be confirmed by referring to previous expert assessments and describing the proper maintenance carried out in the meantime.

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