



Liability insurance for yachts sailing under the Swiss flag

The existence of valid liability insurance cover in Switzerland is a prerequisite for entry of a yacht into the Swiss register. Liability insurance cover is required for the entire period of registration. The applicable provisions relating to liability insurance are laid down in the Ordinance of 15 March 1971 governing Swiss seagoing yachts. **The relevant provisions stipulate that the necessary insurance cover may only be provided by insurance companies that have been authorised by the Federal Council to conduct business in Switzerland.** The minimum amount of liability insurance cover is currently 5 million Swiss francs per case for injury and material damage. Insurance cover in Switzerland therefore has to be taken out in Swiss francs.

Liability insurance must be valid for one of the two **geographical regions** cited below:

World-wide (also referred to as Zone C)

or

Western Europe (also referred to as Zone B), i.e. the Baltic Sea, the Kattegat and Skagerrak bays, the North Sea, the English Channel, the Irish Sea and the adjoining areas of the Atlantic Ocean within 60° north, including Bergen, 20° west, 25° north, and the Mediterranean, including straits and connected inland seas.

Proof of liability insurance cover must be submitted to the Swiss Maritime Navigation Office by completing the **Insurance Certificate for Yachts** form (same form as for domestic shipping), indicating the key data of the vessel and the applicable **geographical region** (B or C – see above).

The name and address on the insurance certificate must correspond to the name and address entered in the flag certificate.

We cannot register your vessel until you have concluded valid liability insurance cover.