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Dear [REDACTED]

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence dated 6 July 2014 requesting information on yachts owned or run by the MOD to include "...yachts purchased directly and through charities for MOD use (public and non-public funding, please specify type of purchase for each yacht). I would like the location, service and unit /regiment responsible for each yacht with the name, type and age of each yacht". Your enquiry has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and I can confirm that the Department holds information within the scope of your request.

The MOD owns and operates the 34 yachts detailed below that are used exclusively for Core Maritime Skills professional training or Adventurous Sail Training by uniformed members of the three Services. All of the yachts were purchased directly by the MoD using public funding and are maintained to the appropriate standards for Commercially Coded Small Craft iaw MGN 280(N) using public funds. All of the yachts belong to Defence Equipment & Support; the two in Cyprus are paid for by the Army and the remainder funded by Navy Command.

The Joint Services Adventurous Sail Training Centre (Gosport) operates 23 yachts:

Type	MoD Hull Number	Date Built
Challenge 67	91101	1991
Challenge 67	91102	1991
Challenge 67	91103	1991
Nicholson 55	359701	1973
Nicholson 55	365200	1975
Nicholson 55	365249	1974
Nicholson 55	1006491	1975
Sigma 38	9106	1991
Victoria 34	8972	1990
Victoria 34	8973	1990

Victoria 34	8974	1990
Victoria 34	8976	1990
Victoria 34	8977	1990
Victoria 34	8978	1990
Victoria 34	8979	1990
Victoria 34	8980	1990
Victoria 34	8981	1990
Victoria 34	8983	1990
Victoria 34	8984	1990
Victoria 34	8985	1990
Victoria 34	8986	1990
Victoria 34	9080	1990
Victoria 34	07002	2007

Royal Marines (Poole and Plymouth) operates three yachts:

Type	MoD Hull Number	Date Built
Contessa 38	8270	1982
Contessa 38	8271	1982
Hallberg Rassey	9317	1993

HMS Raleigh (Jupiter Point) operates one yacht:

Type	MoD Hull Number	Date Built
Westerly 33 –	9001	1990

HMS Neptune (Faslane, Scotland) operates one yacht:

Type	MoD Hull Number	Date Built
Contessa 38	8274	1982

The Cyprus Joint Adventurous Training Centre (Cyprus) operates two yachts:

Type	MoD Hull Number	Date Built
Jeanneau 36i –	FRSPBNJ370C909	2009
Jeanneau 36i –	FRSPBNJ372C908	2009

Additionally the MoD owns four yachts operated by Britannia Royal Naval College (Dartmouth). These are used for core professional training and Adventurous Training:

Type	MoD Hull Number	Date Built
Contessa 38	8269	1982
Contessa 38	8272	1982
Contessa 38	8273	1982
Contessa 38	8275	1982

Servicemen and women also have access to a number of yachts owned and operated through the Service Sailing Associations that are non-publicly funded. As these are

members only clubs, all their activities, including the purchase and operation of their yachts, are managed directly by the associations. To obtain specific details of these yachts you will need to contact the Service Sailing Associations as follows:

Royal Navy Sailing Association:	depgensec@rnsa.org.uk
Army Sailing Association:	hockeysailing@ascb.uk.com
Royal Air Force Sailing Association:	secretary@rafsa.org.uk

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, 1st Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.ico.gov.uk>.

Yours sincerely



