



Maritime and Coastguard Agency

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## **Approved Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) Small Vessel Certifying Authorities**

**Notice to all Owners, Operators and Skippers of Small Vessels in Commercial Use,  
Inspection and Certifying Authorities of this Class of Vessel.**

*This notice should be read with MGN 280 and supersedes MIN 234*

*This MIN expires 1st July 2008.*

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**PLEASE NOTE:-**

Where this document provides guidance on the law it should not be regarded as definitive. The way the law applies to any particular case can vary according to circumstances - for example, from vessel to vessel and you should consider seeking independent legal advice if you are unsure of your own legal position.

**Summary**

The purpose of this Marine Information Note is to provide the revised contact details of the MCA approved Certifying Authorities undertaking survey and certification work under the small vessel codes or MGN 280 (M).

### **1. Introduction/ Background**

Certifying Authorities undertake survey and certification work under the small vessel codes or MGN 280. The small vessel codes are as follows:

- The Safety of Small Commercial Sailing Vessels – A Code of Practice (Blue Code)
- The Safety of Small Commercial Motor Vessels – A Code of Practice (Yellow Code)
- The Code of Practice for the Safety of Small Workboats and Pilot Boats (Brown Code)
- The Code of Practice for the Safety of Small Vessels in Commercial use for Sport or Pleasure Operating from a Nominated Departure Point (NDP) (Red Code)

MGN 280 (M) – Small Vessels in Commercial Use for Sport or Pleasure, Workboats and Pilot Boats – Alternative Construction Standards is available as an equivalent standard to the small vessel codes, until the new enabling Statutory Instrument has been completed. Once completed the new code standards will be produced as a Merchant Shipping Notice (MSN) and will supersede the current small vessel codes.

**2. Certifying Authorities for all types of vessels, under the small vessel codes or MGN 280**

American Bureau of Shipping \*  
ABS House  
1 Frying Pan Alley  
London  
E1 7HR  
Tel: 020 7247 3255  
Fax: 020 7247 4084

Bureau Veritas  
1 Keel House  
Tyne Dock  
South Shields  
NE34 9PY  
Tel: 0191 427 8170  
Fax: 0191 427 8171

Burness Corlett - Three Quays  
(Southampton) Ltd.  
Beresford House  
Town Quay  
Southampton  
SO14 2AQ  
Tel: 023 8033 9449  
Fax: 023 8033 9440/80339565

Department for Transport  
Maritime and Coastguard Agency  
Bay 2/05  
Spring Place  
105 Commercial Road  
Southampton SO15 1EG  
Tel: 02380 329139  
Fax: 02380 329 161

Det Norske Veritas  
14 Mitchell Point  
Ensign Way  
Hamble  
Southampton SO31 4RF  
Tel. 02380 745940  
Fax. 02380 745941

International Institute of Marine Surveying  
Administration Office  
3 Stone Lane  
Gosport  
PO12 1SS  
Tel: 023 9258 8000  
Fax: 023 9258 8002

Lloyd's Register EMEA  
Ground Floor  
3 Town Quay  
Southampton  
SO14 2PF  
Tel: 023 8052 5718  
Fax: 023 8052 5736

MECAL Ltd  
First Floor Offices  
Pearl Assurance House  
Duke Street  
Tavistock  
Devon PL19 0BA  
Tel: 01822 615500  
Fax: 01822 615588

RINA UK Ltd  
4th Floor  
Kingston House  
29-31 Kingston Crescent  
Portsmouth  
Tel: 023 9266 6320  
Fax: 023 9266 6845

Royal Yachting Association  
RYA House  
Ensign Way  
Hamble  
Southampton SO31 4YA  
Tel: 08453 450400  
Fax: 023 80604289

Seafish Marine Services  
Seafish House  
St Andrew's Dock  
Hull  
HU3 4QU  
Tel. 01482 327837  
Fax: 01482 223310

Society of Consulting Marine  
Engineers and Ship Surveyors  
The Marine Society  
202 Lambeth Road  
LONDON SE1 7JW  
Tel: 020 7261 0869  
Fax: 020 7261 0871

Yacht Designers and Surveyors  
Association  
The Glass Works  
3b Penns Road  
Petersfield GU32 2EW  
Tel: 01730 710490  
Fax: 01730 710423

\* American Bureau of Shipping does not carry out survey and inspection work under the NDP Code

### **3. Local Authorities with Certifying Authority status granted by the MCA**

In December 2000, the MCA contacted all coastal Local Authorities asking whether or not they wished to become Certifying Authorities under the Code of Practice for the Safety of Small Vessels in Commercial Use for Sport or Pleasure Operating from a Nominated Departure Point (NDP). Agreements were formalised between the MCA and the interested Local Authorities. These Agreements laid down specific criteria that each Local Authority would be required to meet in order to be considered for Certifying Authority status. The following Local Authorities have been granted Certifying Authority status for the NDP Code.

Carrick District Council  
The Harbour Office  
Town Quay, Truro  
Cornwall  
TR1 2HJ  
Tel: 01872 272130  
Fax: 01872 225346

Padstow Harbour Commissioners  
Harbour Office, Padstow  
Cornwall  
PL28 8AQ  
Tel: 01841 532239  
Fax: 01841 533346

Pembrokeshire County Council  
County Hall, Haverfordwest  
Pembrokeshire  
SA61 1TP  
Tel: 01437 775450  
Fax: 01437 776494

Scarborough Borough Council  
Whitby Harbour Office  
Endeavour Wharf  
Whitby  
YO21 1DN  
Tel: 01947 602354  
Fax: 01947 600380

Torrige District Council  
Town Hall  
Bideford  
Devon  
EX39 2HS  
Tel: 01237 428806  
Fax: 01237 474407

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105 Commercial Road  
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