

Dear Industry Colleagues,

RED ENSIGN GROUP CONSULTATION - THE PASSENGER YACHT CODE (PYC)

As most of you will know, a Code for Yachts carrying 13 to 36 passengers has been under development for some time under the umbrella of the British Red Ensign Group¹ (REG). Some of you will be aware of these developments through being a member of the initial Industry Consultation Working Group (ICWG) formed to facilitate initial feedback from a representative sample of the yacht industry, whilst others will have heard of the Code through word of mouth.

We are now at the stage where it is appropriate to proceed to wider industry consultation and to this end the draft Code (entitled “A Code of Practice for Yachts Carrying 13 to 36 Passengers” or “The Passenger Yacht Code” for short) has been posted on the REG website- <http://www.redensigngroup.org/publications.aspx> and a PDF version is available to you for downloading. The version posted is entitled PYC DV3 (Passenger Yacht Code – Distribution Version 3) and comments are invited from the yacht and passenger industries on the document. A copy is also posted on the Cayman Islands Shipping (CISR) website at www.cishipping.com.

As mentioned, we have already facilitated initial industry comments through the ICWG and the comments received through this exercise are also being posted on the above mentioned websites, which, it is hoped, will assist in preventing duplication.

Following a suitable period to allow for further Industry comment, the PYC DV3 will be discussed amongst the REG members and a final version produced which will become the final published version.

Please channel all comments through Mr. Peter Southgate at:

pycode_comments@cishipping.com.

Subsequent to this, the Maritime Authority of the Cayman Islands (MACI) will prepare the final draft of the Code in readiness for the preparation of the “publication version”, under the REG banner, for distribution at the Global Superyacht Forum (GSF) in November 2010. At about this time the Code will also be deposited with the International Maritime Organization (IMO) for circulation among IMO member States as an equivalent to the applicable Conventions for this type of vessel.

In summary therefore the Timetable is as follows:

ACTIVITY	TIME FRAME (BY OR BEFORE)
Posting of PYC DV3 on the REG Website	Done at same time as distribution of this Email.
Posting of ICWG Comments on REG Website.	<i>Done at same time as distribution of this Email.</i>
Receipt of additional Industry or REG Comments on	<i>Within 10 weeks of posting the PYC DV3 on the REG</i>

¹ The REG comprises the category one registers of Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Bermuda, Cayman Islands, Isle of Man and the United Kingdom; and the category two registers of Anguilla, Falkland Islands, Guernsey, Jersey, Montserrat, St. Helena and the Turks and Caicos Islands.

PYC DV3.	<i>Website.</i>
Preparation of PYC DV4 by MACI based on ICGW comments and additional Industry and REG Comments arising from web posting of PYC DV3.	20 th September 2010.
Consideration of and Agreement on PYC DV4 by REG.	At REG-TF Meeting on 28 th -29 th September.
<i>Preparation of the final "Glossy" version of the PYC for distribution at GSF.</i>	15 th -17 th November 2010.
Presentation to IMO of the PYC by MCA.	November 2010

Your timely response with any additional comments will of course ensure that the momentum gathered so far is maintained through to the successful conclusion of this major and vital exercise. Please therefore submit comments by the **10th September 2010.**