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**San Marino Policy Letter** 

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Recreational Craft below 10 metres in Load Line length

TO: Recognised Organisations, Shipowners, Managers, Masters, Seafarers, SMSR partners, SMSR brokers, Surveyors, and the general public.

# Recreational Craft Below 10 metres in Load Line length

#### 1. Introduction

In principle, the San Marino Small Yacht Safety Code includes units below 10 metres in Load Line length, for which registration is not mandatory as per article 62, para 2 of San Marino Maritime Law n. 120 from 2 August 2019.

However, considering that such units are normally constructed according to EU directive 2013/53/CE, and related class of construction (A-B-C-D), the Administration has established the below safety requirements.

## 2. Requirements

- i. Construction requirements shall follow the provisions of aforementioned EU directive 2013/53/CE, exception made for those below 2.5 meters in length.
- ii. If a vessel does not comply with directive 2013/53/CE, equivalent requirements may be accepted by the Administration in consultation with a Recognised Organisation or an Authorised Surveyor.
- iii. For this category, a Small Yacht Safety Certificate of Compliance is not mandatory. However, a copy of construction conformity certification, issued by the manufacturer, shall be kept on board at all times.
- iv. Safety equipment in compliance with the Code (survival and radio) is strongly recommended. The master/skipper shall remain responsible for the safety of the boat and persons on board.
- v. Where radio equipment is present on board, a Ship Radio Station License shall be issued by the Administration.
- vi. A boat license is not required; however, it is strongly recommended for units of 50 KW or more and/or category A and B. Moreover, Masters/skippers shall gain basic knowledge of the rules of navigation at sea.

### 3. Registration

In cases where the owner decides to apply for registration with San Marino, as per article 62, para 2 of San Marino Maritime Law n. 120 from 2 August 2019, the unit will be surveyed by a Recognised Organisation or an Authorised Surveyor according to the requirements of the San Marino Small Yacht Safety Code as well as the recommendations with regard to the safety equipment on board units in private use contained in San Marino Policy Letter SMPL – 2021-TEC-010<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In the case of new private yachts below 24 m in load line length, in possession of a CE certificate not older than 6 months, the inspection carried out to issue the CE certificate shall be considered by the Administration as an equivalent to the initial inspection to verify compliance with the San Marino Small Yacht Safety Code. In such

# 4. Tenders and watercraft carried on board yachts for private (recreational) use

At the request of vessel Owners, recreational craft carried on board yachts flying a different flag, can be registered under the San Marino Flag Administration, according to the procedure referred to in paragraph 3.

Recreational craft carried on board San Marino registered vessels can be registered under a different Administration if requested by the Owner.

Such recreational craft shall not be considered part of the yacht's lifesaving appliances.

These units shall be considered for all intents and purposes as an independent unit, and all San Marino technical and financial requirements with regard to registration, safety compliance, civil liability insurance, must be fully complied with.

cases, a copy of the CE certificate shall be submitted to the Administration for review and a San Marino Small Yacht Safety Certificate of Compliance for vessels in private use shall be issued with no initial safety inspection required.