

SECTION 1

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS AND APPLICATION

1 General

1.1 Application

1.1.1 The requirements of these Rules are specific to ships intended for pleasure cruising, engaged or not engaged in commercial sailing, and with a length not exceeding 100 m.

Such ships are assigned the service notation **yacht** and **charter yacht**, as presented in Ch 1, Sec 2 .

The wording yachts currently used in the present Rules cover both service notations, except otherwise indicated in the relevant Chapters.

Note 1: Yachts hired without crew are not considered as engaged in commercial sailing.

1.1.2 For the purpose of the present Rules, the following definitions apply:

- passengers: every person other than the Master and the members of the crew or other persons employed or engaged in any capacity on board the ship on the business of that ship, or a child under one year old,
- crew: persons employed or engaged in any capacity on board the yacht on the business of that yacht.

1.1.3 The requirements of these Rules cover sailing ships and motor vessels, of monohull type or catamaran type, built in steel, aluminium, composite materials or wood.

The requirements of these Rules do not cover racing yachts.

1.1.4 The present Rules cover the Classification and the Certification processes.

1.1.5 The regulations set forth in the present Rules apply to ships operated in a proper manner by competent and qualified crew according to the environmental, operating and other criteria on which classification is based.

1.1.6 The Society will consider alternatives to the provisions of the Rules provided that they can be demonstrated, through satisfactory service experience or sound engineering analysis, to be equivalent to the overall strength and safety standards set forth in the Rules.

1.1.7 The Society will consider the classification of ships incorporating novel design principles or features, to which the provisions of the Rules are not directly applicable, on the basis of experiments, calculations or other supporting information provided to the Society.

2 Content of Rules

2.1 Summary table

2.1.1 The Parts and Chapters of these Rules containing the requirements specific to yachts are indicated in Tab 1.

Table 1 : Summary Table

Main subject	Reference
Classification notation and processes - Certification	Part A, Chapter 1 to Part A, Chapter 2
Stability and Subdivision	Part A, Chapter 2 (definitions) Part B, Chapter 2 and Part B, Chapter 3
Structure	Part A, Chapter 2 (definitions) Part B, Chapter 4 to Part B, Chapter 10
Machinery	Part A, Chapter 2 (definitions) Part C, Chapter 1
Electricity and Automation	Part A, Chapter 2 (definitions) Part C, Chapter 2 and Part C, Chapter 3
Fire protection, detection and extinction	Part A, Chapter 2 (definitions) Part C, Chapter 4
Materials, welding and working process	Part B, Chapter 11 and Part B, Chapter 12

2.1.2 Whenever necessary or justified, the Society may modify any requirement of the present Rules, lay down new ones and change the application of the Rules.

2.2 Other Regulations

2.2.1 The attention of Owners, designers, builders and other interested parties is drawn to requirements of applicable International Conventions (e.g Load Line, Solas, Marpol, as defined in Ch 2, Sec 1), National Rules and Regulations and other instruments. (Refer to Part A, Chapter 2).

2.2.2 Ship Rules

When “Ship Rules” are mentioned in the present rules, reference is made to the Rules for the Classification of Steel Ships” of the Society. The designer has to contact the Society for information about any amendments to these Rules.