



**DEPARTMENT OF TRADE & INDUSTRY  
MARINE ADMINISTRATION**

The Merchant Shipping Registration Act 1991

**Declaration of Ownership on Behalf  
of a Body Corporate**



**Notes**

1. This form is to be completed by an authorised officer for the Company, who must be appointed using Form REG 3.
2. Please ensure that you complete all three parts of this form.
3. After completion of Part 3, send this form, together with the documents specified in that part to the Marine Administration, Department of Trade and Industry.
4. A ship is entitled to be registered if 33 of the 64 shares are legally and beneficially owned by qualified persons (defined in Part 2). Joint owners of a share must all be qualified persons for that share to count towards the 33 shares required.
5. If the vessel is currently registered abroad you must take all reasonable steps to remove the vessel from the foreign register before completing registration under the above Act. Failure to comply with this requirement can result in a fine.

**Part 1**

Official Number	Name of Ship	Number, Year and Port of Registry

	Feet/Metres	Tenths/cms	Sailing, steam or motor	Horse power of engines (if any)
Length				
Breadth			Gross tonnage	Register/Net tonnage
Depth				

(for dual tonnages, state the higher)

The ship was built at \_\_\_\_\_ Year of build \_\_\_\_\_  
and as described in more detail in the Certificate of Survey

**Part 2**

Full name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ authorised officer  
 \_\_\_\_\_

of (Company name) \_\_\_\_\_ company Ltd/PLC  
 Individual Owner - The Company is \_\_\_\_\_ shares in the ship  
 the legal and beneficial owner of

OR  
 Joint Owner - The company is the \_\_\_\_\_ shares in the ship together with  
 legal and beneficial owner of \_\_\_\_\_ the person(s)/Companies listed  
 below

Full name(s)	Address(es)

(Each joint owner must complete a separate Form REG 4)

Is the Company a qualified person? (see below)	
If NO, what is the country of incorporation and principal place of business?	
Is the vessel under 24 metres (78.7 feet)?	
You must appoint a manager. Specify details (name and address).	
If the vessel is over 24 metres and the owning company not an Isle of Man resident, you must appoint a representative person unless manager is an Isle of Man resident. Specify details (name and address)	

A qualified person is a citizen/subject/body corporate as defined in the categories below:

- A A British citizen;
- B A British Dependent Territory citizen;
- C A British Overseas citizen;
- D A British citizen under the 1981 Act;
- E A British National overseas;
- F A Citizen of the Republic of Ireland;
- G A Citizen of the EU or EEA
- H Bodies corporate incorporated in the Isle of Man or in any relevant country and having their principal place of business in the Isle of Man or any other relevant country.

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Joint owners must appoint the same Representative Person and Manager.

A Manager can be an owner, the representative person, or some other individual or body corporate.

The Department must be kept informed of all changes of Representative Person and Manager including changes in name, address and new appointments.

The relevant country is Anguilla, Bermuda, Cayman Islands, Channel Islands, Falkland Islands and Dependencies, Gibraltar, United Kingdom, Montserrat, Pitcairn Islands, St Helena and Dependencies, Turks and Caicos Islands, Virgin Islands, the Republic of Ireland, EU Member States and EEA countries.

An Isle of Man Resident in the case of an individual is a person residing, that is living and sleeping, in the Isle of Man for a significant part of the year. If a person is resident in the Isle of Man for tax purposes, they will be regarded as resident for the purposes of the Merchant Shipping Registration Act 1991. An Isle of Man Resident in the case of a body corporate is a company incorporated in, and having its principal place of business in the Isle of Man

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Insert for example:  
 “An Act of Parliament of the United Kingdom” (cite year in which Act was passed, its chapter and title)  
 OR  
 “A charter granted by her Majesty and dated .....  
 OR  
 An Act of Ordinance of the legislation of ..... “(cite year in which Act of Ordinance was passed, its chapter and title)

on  Insert date of incorporation of the Company

And is subject to the laws of  Insert “The Isle of Man” or as the case maybe

And its registered office is at		To be completed in the case of a Company Incorporated by virtue of the Companies Acts
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And its principal place of business is at (insert address)	
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Where all the important business of the Company is, infact, controlled and managed at meetings of Directors or managers of the Company

**Part 3**

I declare that:-

<p><b>WARNING</b>                  There are heavy penalties for making a false declaration and under section 72 of the Merchant Shipping Registration Act 1991 the ship or share may be subject to forfeiture.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* the information given by me in this form is true to the best of my knowledge and belief;</li> <li>* the ship is not fishing for profit</li> <li>* the ship is not registered under Part II of the Merchant Shipping Registration Act 1991 (Small Ships Register);</li> <li>* the ship is not registered under Part III of the Merchant Shipping Registration Act 1991 (Fishing Vessel Register);</li> <li>* the company is entitled to be registered as owner/joint owner of the shares specified in Part 2 of this form;</li> <li>* to the best of my knowledge and belief a majority interest in the ship is owned by persons qualified to be owners of British ships and the ship is otherwise entitled to be registered under Part I of the Merchant Shipping Registration Act 1991;</li> <li>* if the ship is registered under the law of any country outside the Isle of Man and still so registered when it becomes registered under Part I of the Merchant Shipping Registration Act 1991, the company will take all reasonable steps to secure termination of the ship’s registration outside the Isle of Man.</li> </ul>						
	<table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 40%;">Signature of authorised officer</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Full name (in BLOCK LETTERS)</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Date</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Signature of authorised officer		Full name (in BLOCK LETTERS)		Date	
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Please send this completed form to the Department together with:-	
For initial registry	For a change of ownership
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Formal Application to Register (FORM REG 1)</li> <li>* Title documents.</li> <li>* Closed transcript / Deletion Certificate</li> <li>* The fee.</li> <li>* Appointment of authorised officer (FORM REG 3)</li> <li>* Copy Certificate of Incorporation</li> </ul> <p>In addition, you must have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* A survey of vessels’ particulars by an approved classification society surveyor.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Bill of Sale.</li> <li>* Certificate of registry.</li> <li>* The fee</li> <li>* Appointment of authorised officer (FORM REG 3)</li> <li>* Copy Certificate of Incorporation</li> </ul>