

Notes for applying for a name approval of a ship Shipping (Registration) (Jersey) Regulations 2004

If you wish to register a vessel as a ship under Part 3 of the Shipping (Jersey) Law 2002, you are required to apply for name approval. This should be done by completing 'Application to Register' form **JR01/JR01A**.

The chosen name should not begin with the word "The".

The following is an extract from the current Regulations regarding Names of a Ship:

1. An application for the registration of a ship must include a proposed name for the ship that uses Roman letters with any numerals being in Roman or European numerals.
 2. The proposed name must not be a name that –
 - (a) is already the name of a registered ship;
 - (b) is so similar to that of a registered ship as may cause confusion;
 - (c) may be confused with a distress signal;
 - (d) has a pre-fix or suffix that could be taken to indicate a type of ship; or
 - (e) has a pre-fix or suffix that might cause confusion as to the name of the ship.
 3. The proposed name must not be a name that –
 - (a) is likely to cause offence or embarrassment; or
 - (b) has a clear and direct connection with the Royal family.
 4. The Registrar must give the applicant written notice if a proposed name is approved or not approved, stating, if it is not approved, the grounds for the Registrar not approving it.
 5. The Registrar's approval of a name for a ship is initially valid for 12 months from the time notice is given under paragraph (4) but may be extended or further extended by the Registrar on the written request of the applicant.
 6. The name of a registered ship cannot be changed except with the written approval of the Registrar.
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If you wish to continue to use the name of a ship you are selling onto a new one you are buying, you must either officially change the name of the ship you are selling, or make it a condition of sale that the new owner changes the name. In either case, the name of the new ship cannot be approved until the Registrar has been officially notified that the name of your former ship has in fact been changed.

If you are changing the Registration of the vessel from Jersey to another Port in the UK please remember that the name may not be available and, in this case you will need to submit an alternative choice(s) with your application.
