

# Small Ships Register

## Guidance Notes for Applicants

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### Purpose of Register

- 1 Is to provide individuals with a simplified method to show where the ship was registered when entering international waters or foreign ports. It does not prove ownership and a marine mortgage cannot be recorded. Owners requiring this should apply for “full” registration under Part 3 Shipping (Jersey) Law 2002.

### Eligibility for Registration

- 2 The ship must be wholly owned by an individual or individuals ordinarily resident in Jersey. The term “ordinarily resident” means the place where the person habitually and normally resides from choice and for a settled purpose apart from temporary or occasional absences.

### Period of Registration

- 3 Registration on the SSR will be for five years from the date of issue of the Certificate of Registry and can be renewed at any time prior to the date of expiry, provided no changes have occurred in the details included on the Certificate of Registry in which case it will terminate immediately. The registration number can be obtained provided application for re-registration is made within three months after expiry.

### Re-registration or Renewal

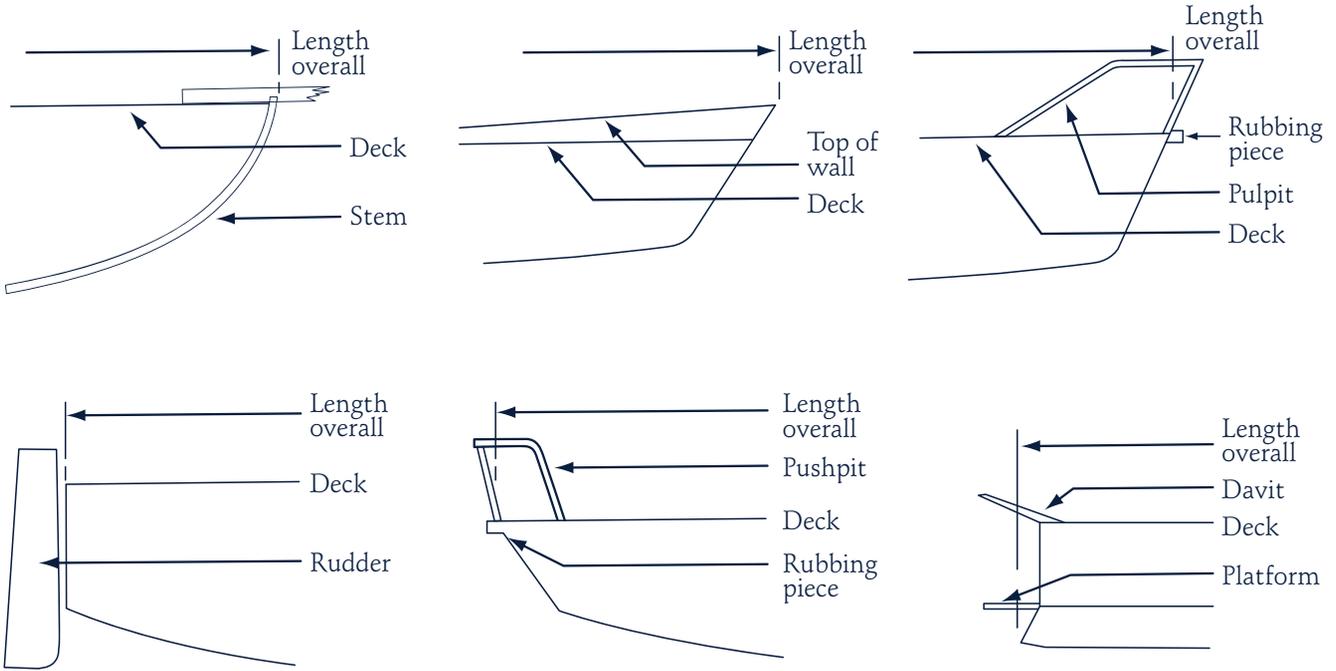
- 4 The Application form should be used only for the first registration of a ship whose registry on the SSR has terminated or expired. A separate form for renewing the registration of a ship is available from the Ships’ Registry.

### Measurement of the Ship

- 5 In most cases the owner may measure the overall length of the ship himself (see Application form, question 5). “Overall length” is the distance between the foreside of the foremost fixed permanent structure and the aftside of the aftermost fixed permanent structure of the ship. The diagrams overleaf show between which points on most ships the measurement should be made. On multihulled craft the longest hull should be measured. If in difficulty or for advice on measuring craft of a novel design, please contact the Ships’ Registry.

### Name of Ship

- 6 Ships bearing undesirable names will not be registered. These include names that might cause confusion in an emergency, e.g. LIFEBOAT, MAYDAY and SOS and prefixes like FV (fishing vessel) and HMS and names that could be regarded as offensive, including names of existing local ships particularly if having a similar size and appearance.



## Previous Registration

- 7** If the small ship is already registered under the law of another country, the owner must take all reasonable steps to terminate the registration.

## Offences & Obligations

- 8** Any person who makes an application containing a statement which is false, reckless or intended to deceive is liable to prosecution. Or any person who fails to ensure the requirement of the ships marking is met, or any person who fails to surrender a certificate of registration when required by the Regulations shall be guilty of an offence. In addition where it appears that there is any doubt as to the right of any ship registered or seeking registration to be registered, the owner may be required to give additional evidence.

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