



CASE STUDY

DIGITAL MARITIME REGULATIONS - RESCUE BOAT

A large yacht under construction was at the fitting-out stage following its launch, when a problem arose over the rescue boat arrangements. The flag state surveyor was unhappy with the proposed arrangements which involved stowing the boat under a removable hard cover with the inflatable collar only partially inflated but connected to a high pressure air system.

A number of variations of launch position were proposed to try to achieve flag state acceptance but all required the collar to be only partially inflated. The flag state surveyor's refusal to compromise hinged around the wording of the Life-Saving Appliance (LSA) Code which stated that the collar should be fully inflated. The yacht's project manager turned to Regs4yachts to try to resolve the problem.

Our surveyors objectively reviewed the situation. We investigated the practicalities of the proposed launch arrangements and the response time to any emergency requiring the boat to be made available. We gave support to the project manager's proposals and investigated the regulatory basis for refusal, which we found was based on an out of date version of the LSA Code, the requirement for full inflation had been recently revoked. As a third party we were able to address this problem discreetly and persuade the flag state to accept the rescue boat arrangements.

The ChartCo Regs4yachts team, understand the maritime regulations and the difficulties faced by the yachting industry. We operate the only database of its kind in the world providing an up to date and accurate resource of shipping regulations and technical information. We also have the knowledge and access to information which is comparable to any flag state surveyor and can claim to be among the world's leading experts on yacht regulations.

The build programme for the yacht was concluded without compromise to its completion date. They were grateful they could call upon an independent resource to satisfactorily resolve an apparently intractable problem.

"The correct location of life saving appliances on-board is vital. Significant specialist skill was required to ensure optimal performance of the LSA equipment"

Mark Robinson, Senior Surveyor, Regs4ships

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