

Isle of Man Ship Registry

Registry Advice Note



PERSONS QUALIFIED TO OWN A MANX SHIP	Ref. 02-16 Issued 20/02/2025
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Most Regulations, notices and advice notes are available on the Isle of Man Ship Registry web site: www.iomshipregistry.com or by contacting a Registrar at marine.registry@gov.im

The following persons and organisations are qualified to own a Manx ship under Section 2 of the Merchant Shipping Registration Act 1991:

Individuals.

- British Citizens;
- British Overseas Territory Citizens;
- British Overseas Citizens;
- British Subjects;
- British Nationals (Overseas); or
- A citizen of any of the countries listed in Schedule 1.

Bodies Corporate.

Bodies Corporate incorporated in any of the following countries and having their principal place of business in any of the following countries:

- The Isle of Man;
- The United Kingdom;
- The Channel Islands; or
- Any of the countries listed in Schedule 1.

Limited Partnerships.

1. Limited partnerships must:

a) have their principal place of business in:

- The Isle of Man;
- The United Kingdom;
- The Channel Islands; or
- Any of the countries listed in Schedule 1, **AND**



- b) be registered in any of the countries listed in paragraph 2; **AND**
- c) have a general partner which is:
- i) an individual resident in any of the countries listed in paragraph 2; **OR**
 - ii) a body corporate incorporated and which has its principal place of business in any of the countries listed in paragraph 2.

2. Countries

- The Isle of Man;
 - Belgium;
 - Bermuda;
 - The Cayman Islands;
 - Denmark;
 - Germany;
 - Malta;
 - Norway;
 - Sweden;
 - The Netherlands; or
 - The United Kingdom.
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Please note - The Isle of Man Ship Registry cannot give legal advice. Where this document provides guidance on the law it should not be regarded as definitive. The way the law applies to any particular case can vary according to circumstances - for example, from vessel to vessel. You should consider seeking independent legal advice if you are unsure of your own legal position



Schedule 1

European Union:

- Austria
- Belgium
- Bulgaria
- Croatia
- Cyprus
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Hungary
- Ireland
- Italy
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Malta
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Spain
- Sweden
- Netherlands

European Economic Area:

- Iceland
- Liechtenstein
- Norway

British Overseas Territories:

- Anguilla
- Bermuda
- British Antarctic Territory
- British Indian Ocean Territory
- British Virgin Islands

- Cayman Islands
- Falkland Islands
- Gibraltar
- Montserrat
- Pitcairn Islands
- St Helena, Ascension and Tristan Da Cunha
- South Georgia
- South Sandwich Islands
- Sovereign base areas of Akrotiri and Dhekelia
- Turks and Caicos Islands

Other countries:

- Antigua and Barbuda*
- Argentina*
- Aruba*
- Australia
- Bahamas
- Bahrain*
- Bangladesh*
- Barbados*
- Belize*
- Botswana*
- Brazil*
- Brunei*
- Cameroon*
- Canada
- China
- Dominica*
- Fiji*
- Gabon*
- Ghana*
- Grenada*
- Guyana*
- Haiti*
- Hong Kong
- India
- Israel*
- Jamaica*

- Japan
- Kenya*
- Kingdom of Eswatini*
- Kiribati*
- Lesotho*
- Liberia
- Madeira*
- Malawi*
- Malaysia*
- Maldives*
- Marshall Islands
- Mauritius*
- Monaco
- Mozambique*
- Namibia*
- Nauru*
- New Zealand
- Nigeria*
- Oman*
- Pakistan
- Panama
- Papua New Guinea*
- Qatar*
- Republic of South Korea
- Rwanda*
- Saint Lucia*
- Samoa*
- Seychelles*
- Sierra Leone*
- Singapore
- Solomon Islands*
- South Africa
- Sri Lanka*
- St Kitts and Nevis*
- St Vincent and the Grenadines*
- Suriname*
- Switzerland
- The Canary Islands*
- The Faroe Islands*

- The Gambia*
- Togo*
- Tonga*
- Trinidad and Tobago*
- Turkey*
- Tuvalu*
- Uganda*
- United Arab Emirates
- United Republic of Tanzania*
- United States of America
- Vanuatu*
- Zambia*

*-from 1st March 2025

