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## TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

### **Danish Requirements for Certificates for Navigators of Pleasure Crafts**

European Authorities with responsibility for national inland waterways have asked for Danish regulations concerning training and competence for pleasure craft, when Danish pleasure sailors during their holidays are crossing European inland waterways.

#### **General remarks**

According to Part 4 of the Act on Manning of Ships (Act no. 15, 13 January 1997), requirements for Certificates of competency for Masters and Mates on board pleasure craft only extend to pleasure crafts of 15 meters or more in length.

Part of the above-mentioned regulation is copied in below. You will see from it that

- a person in possession of a certificate of competency in sailing a pleasure craft is allowed to serve as mate in trade in the North Sea and the English Channel as well as trade at the British Islands, Ireland, Norway and the Faroe Islands, and
- a person in possession of a certificate of competency as Yacht Master, 3<sup>rd</sup> Class, is allowed to serve as master in limited waters as defined in paragraph 10 below.

The passing of an examination in proficiency in yachting is the minimum requirement for obtaining a certificate of competency in sailing pleasure crafts of 15 meters or more in length.

Furthermore, it should be kept in mind that the majority of pleasure crafts flying a Danish flag are ships of less than 15 meters in length. However, a large proportion of those sailing Danish pleasure crafts choose to pass – as a minimum – an examination in proficiency in yachting on a voluntary basis.

#### **Power-boats**

If a pleasure craft of less than 15 meters in length is a so-called “power boat”, it is mandatory for its navigator to pass - as a minimum - an examination in yachting to get a certificate of proficiency in yachting in regard to power boats.

The DMA will suggest the European Authorities when conducting control on inland waterways to take into account the above mentioned qualifications for pleasure sailors.

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**Act No. 15 of 13 January 1997 on Manning of Ships**

as amended by Act No. 902 of 16 December 1998, Act No. 1261 of 20 December 2000 and Order No. 465 of 14 June 2002 on change of tonnage limits for fishing vessels and pleasure crafts.

**Part 4 Pleasure craft**

**10.** - (1) On pleasure craft of 15 meters in length or more, but less than 24 meters, there shall be a master and a mate holding a certificate of competency in accordance with the table below:

Area of operation	Master	Mate
Trade in the Baltic Sea, in the North Sea east of 7 deg. east longitude and trade along the coasts of Greenland at a distance of not more than 30 nautical miles from the coast (base line)	Yacht Master - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Class	
Trade in the North Sea and the English Channel as well as trade at the British Islands, Ireland, Norway and the Faroe Islands	Yacht Master - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Class	Certificate of competency in sailing on pleasure craft
Trade in unlimited waters	Yacht Master - 1 <sup>st</sup> Class	Yacht Master - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Class

(2) The Danish Maritime Authority shall fix the safe manning on pleasure craft of 24 meters in length or more.

(3) For the purpose of operating the engine in pleasure craft navigating in the Baltic Sea and in the North Sea east of 7 degrees east longitude of 15 meters in length or more powered by main propulsion machinery of 100 kW or more, but less than 750 kW, in which the engine can be regulated and propelling operations carried out from the steering place, there shall be 1 person holding a certificate of competency in motor operation on pleasure craft. In other pleasure craft of 15 meters in length or more powered by main propulsion machinery of 100 kW or more the manning of the engine shall be fixed by the Danish Maritime Authority.