



Government of The British Virgin Islands

MERCHANT & PLEASURE VESSELS DECLARATION OF ELIGIBILITY



TO REGISTER A BRITISH SHIP THE MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT 2001

*For registration, the property in a ship is divided into 64 shares

*A share can be jointly owned by no more than 5 people

SECTION 1: DETAILS OF THE SHIP (to be completed in all cases)

IS THIS AN APPLICATION TO REGISTER: A MERCHANT VESSEL? **OR** A PLEASURE VESSEL? (please tick the appropriate box)

Name/proposed Name of ship Official number (if any) Length (metres)

SECTION 2: LEGAL OWNERSHIP (The 64 shares in the ship are legally owned as follows)

*For ships to be registered, please list the qualified owners first and draw a line under them, before entering the unqualified owners.

*A ship can be registered if the majority interest (ie 33 shares) is owned by persons qualified to be owners of British ships. Please refer to the **Notes** overleaf.

*Owner No.	Mr, Mrs, Miss, Other	Surname/ Company Name	Forename(s)/ Registered Office	Address/ Companies incorporated in the UK and British Overseas Territories must enter their principal place of business, all other companies must enter their place of business in the BVI.	Nationality/ Country of Incorporation	Status see # over leaf & state which applies	No of shares held outright	No of shares held jointly	With owner number

*Please number each owner consecutively

Continue on a separate page if necessary and tick the box

SECTION 3: REPRESENTATIVE PERSON/ MANAGING OWNER

* If none of the owners making up the majority interest is resident in the BVI, a representative person must be appointed. (A body corporate is treated as resident if it has a place of business in the BVI)

* A representative person is either an individual resident in the BVI, or a body corporate incorporated in an EEA country which has a place of business in the BVI

* If more than 1 owner is resident in the BVI, 1 of them must be appointed as the managing owner. This must be one of the owners in the majority interest

Either: I/we appoint the following to be the ship's Representative person

Full Name/Company Name
Address/ Place of Business in BVI

NB: If there is a change to the details in this section, the Registrar must be informed within 7 days of the change occurring.

Or: I/we appoint the following to be the ship's managing owner

Name in full

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SECTION 4: DECLARATION (must be signed by all those named in section 2)

I/we declare that:

- the information given by me/us in this form is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
- I am/we are the legal owner(s) of the shares as set out in section 2 of this form;
- To the best of my/our knowledge and belief, a majority interest in the ship is owned by persons qualified to be owners of British ships, and the ship is otherwise entitled to be registered.
- Any national of an EEA country other than the BVI, who are represented in the majority interest are established (within the meaning of Article 48 or 52 of the EEC Treaty or Article 28 or 31 of the EEA Agreement) in the BVI);

N.B. For companies and European Economic Interests Groupings, an authorised officer of each of the companies or groupings must sign this form.

Owner No	Signature	Date

Notes – qualified owners are:

#a British citizens or non-United Kingdom nationals exercising their right of freedom of movement of workers or right of establishment under Article 48 or 52 of the EEC Treaty or Article 28 or 31 of the EEA Agreement;	#d Persons who under the British Nationality Order 1981 are British subjects;	#g Bodies corporate incorporated in any relevant British Possession and having their principal place of business in the UK or any such possession;
#b British Dependent Territories citizens;	#e Persons who under the Hong Kong (British Nationality) Order 1986 are British Nationals (Overseas);	#h European Economic Interest Groupings formed in pursuance of Article 1 of Council Regulation (EEC) no 2137/85 and registered in the BVI.
#c British Overseas citizens;	#f Bodies corporate incorporated in an EEA State	

When completed please return application, together with the appropriate fee and supporting documents to: Virgin Islands Shipping Registry, 1st Floor, Ritter House, Wickham's Cay II, Road Town, Tortola, Virgin Islands

Tel: 284-393-0000 Email: vishipping@bvimaritime.vg

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