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## Which yachts are eligible to the RIF?

Yachts which are:

- more than 15 meters length overall (LOA)
- operated for commercial purposes
- not sailing only on national cabotage

***Register your yacht with RIF and have access to a wide range of benefits!***



## How to register your yacht with RIF? It's simple and free

The team in charge of the RIF Office is your preferred contact point for all steps of the process. A detailed website is available to assist you: **[www.rif.mer.gouv.fr](http://www.rif.mer.gouv.fr)**

All formalities are free (registration, safety survey<sup>(1)</sup>, etc.), with a quick response and handling of cases. The RIF Office also offers **registration of maritime mortgages** for ships under the French flag. A guarantee of quality appreciated by banks.

**Contact the RIF Office before initiating formalities.**

For assistance with your project, the team at the RIF Office remains fully available for any information on taxation, crew management or process to register your yacht.

*(1) The travel and accommodation costs of the RIF Office's ship safety surveyor abroad are charged to the yacht owner.*

## An attractive tax regime

### Choose the RIF and boost your competitiveness!

Commercial yachts registered with the RIF may benefit from:

■ **VAT and customs duties exemptions<sup>(2)</sup>:**

- on the vessel when imported;
- on all supplies;
- on deliveries of vessel-incorporable goods including catering;
- on maintenance, transformation, repair, chartering and hire operations.

■ **Exemption from annual flag fee**

■ **Exemption from excise duty fuels<sup>(2)</sup>** (for vessels used directly for transportation)

Seafarers may benefit from:

■ **A specific income tax exemption<sup>(2)</sup>**

Seafarers working at sea more than 183 days/year on RIF-registered ships may benefit from an income tax exemption (time in a French harbor is excluded).

*The RIF Office team is available to assist you with your projects and provide more information about the requirements to benefit from these tax exemptions.*



(2) If requirements are met.

## Improved working conditions offering protection

The international Maritime Labour Convention (MLC 2006) provides international basic standards and recommendations for all aspects of maritime labour law. Compliance with these international standards by your Flag ensures quality and well-being at work, for crew-members and their employers.

Seafarers on board ships registered with the RIF benefit from supervised work arrangements, guaranteed resting periods, employment agreements with a verified content, etc. It is possible to use manning agencies, in accordance with the framework set by the international Maritime Labour Convention.

Note: with regard to maritime labour law, a distinction is made between seafarers who reside in France and those who reside elsewhere. For the latter, the applicable minimum wages are set by French regulations.

## Premium social protection

The French social protection system for seafarers (known as ENIM) is applicable to seafarers who reside in a European Union (EU) or European Economic Area (EEA) state or in Switzerland.

Unlike private insurance, it protects not only the seafarer but also the family for all social risks (illness, disability, maternity, old-age, death).

It is a very protective system for seafarers but it remains competitive for employers. For seafarers residing in France and affiliated to ENIM, there are reduced employer contributions (11.6% instead of 35.6%)\*.



*\*N.B: the «ENIM share» represents only a part of total social contributions paid by employers and seafarers.*

## Service by the RIF: Quality is a must

The security of your crew and your customers is guaranteed thanks to the presence of French Navy vessels and French Coast Guard units all over the world.

The French flag ranks among the best flags in the world, in terms of compliance to ship safety standards. Choosing the RIF means safer navigation and operations.

Finally, the RIF offers unique assistance in difficult situations. For example, crew changes on French-flagged ships have been supported worldwide by the RIF during the COVID-19 pandemic. Thanks to the «RIF crisis unit» and the efficiency of the French diplomatic network (3<sup>th</sup> network globally), solutions were found for numerous complex situations.



## Choose RIF, choose France

Thanks to its numerous ultramarine territories, France is present on 5 of the 6 continents: Europe, Africa, America, Antarctica and Oceania. France as a maritime state relies globally on the French diplomatic network. With 168 embassies, the French consular network is the 3<sup>rd</sup> in the world.

A maritime power thanks to its geography (2<sup>nd</sup> exclusive economic zone (EEZ) in the world) France is also strong thanks to its infrastructures: 11 major State-managed seaports, permanent airport capacities connecting metropolitan France to its overseas territories and the rest of the world, 9 regional Maritime Rescue Coordination Centres (MRCC) in France and overseas.

The French maritime industry has many attractive assets: a network of superior training institutes for professional training of seafarers, banking institutions which are the first international financiers for the maritime sector and renowned specialized lawyers.





**The RIF register is the competitive and qualitative solution for your yacht.**

**Look no further, choose France!**

**For more information, the team operating the Registre international français (RIF) Office is here for you:**

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