Australian Radio Yachting Association

Boat Registration Policy

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1. Purpose

The Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS), published by World Sailing, require that boats racing under the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) "… have a valid **certificate** as required by its **class rules** or the **certification authority**. (ERS A.2.1).

The **class rules** of the following ARYA Nationally Recognised Classes (NRC) all require that a **certificate** be issued by the **certification authority:**

- International One Metre (IOM)
- International 10 Rater (10R)
- Marblehead
- A Class

The Australian Radio Yachting Association (ARYA) acts as the **certification authority** in Australia for those NRC.

Additionally, the **class rules** of the above NRC all require that a hull have a unique hull registration number, issued by the **certification authority**, which includes the national letters and a sequential registration number. The ARYA acts as the **certification authority** for the issuance of hull registration numbers for those NRC in Australia (national letters "AUS").

Accordingly, the purpose of this policy is to outline the requirements, and processes to be followed, for the issuance of a **certificate** and hull registration number for a boat belonging to one of the ARYA's NRC.

2. Responsible ARYA officer

The ARYA Constitution designates an Executive Officer as being responsible for the maintenance of registers and processes associated with **certificates** and hull registration numbers – **the Registrar**. As an Executive Officer, the Registrar is a member of the ARYA Committee and can be reached via email at: **registrar@arya.asn.au**

3. Requirements

A boat owner must be a financial member of a club affiliated with the ARYA and pay the required fee (see Section 7) to have a **certificate** and hull registration number issued. As noted above, only boats from the following classes can have certificates and hull registration numbers issued by the ARYA:

- International One Metre (IOM)
- International 10 Rater (10R)
- Marblehead
- A Class

Financial members of ARYA affiliated clubs are issued with a username and password that allows access to the ARYA website's sailing services that include registration. ***It is not possible to complete the processes below for certificates and hull registration numbers without having logged in using this username and password****. If in doubt, email* ***info@arya.asn.au***

However, once logged in, it is possible to complete the processes below on behalf of another ARYA member who, for whatever reason, does not have the required access to the ARYA website.

The **certification control forms** that are required for the issuance of a **certificate** must be completed and signed by an ARYA approved measurer. A list of ARYA approved measurers for the various NRC is available via the ARYA website or through the relevant State Association.

4. Process for new boats

To streamline the process of issuing a certificate, the owner of a boat that has not previously been issued a boat registration can apply for a registration number prior to the completion of the necessary certification control forms. This allows the certification control forms to be submitted with the correct hull registration number referenced.

Accordingly, for a boat that has not been previously issued with a boat registration number, the process to be followed (see Section 3 above for requirements for access to the ARYA website for these process steps) is:

1. Apply for and receive a new hull registration number (https://radiosailing.org.au/members/registrations/allocated *See Note 1*.
2. Have the required certification control forms completed by an approved measurer
3. Complete the online registration request, upload the certification control forms and pay the appropriate fee (https://radiosailing.org.au/members/registrations/new-boat) or email directly to **registrar@arya.asn.au**. See *Note 2.*
4. Receive the issued certificate by email. Electronic certificates (i.e. PDF documents) are now the only form of certificate issued for all NRC. See *Note 3*

Note 1: Once a number has been allocated, the certification control process must be completed within 6 months, or the number will be returned to the pool. This is plenty of time to allow for building, measuring and registering the boat. The onus is on the individual owner to fully comply at all times.

Note 2: Due to the need to have electronic versions of all registration documentation (including the certification spreadsheet for the applicable Classes) the submission of such paperwork by post is no longer accepted by the AYRA.

Note 3: Owners should always be prepared to present their boat's **Certificate**, (IOM and M), plus rating calculation form, (A Class) and Sail Forms 1, 2 and Spar (10R) when attending Regional, State or National events.

All NRC **class rules** require that the allocated hull registration number be marked in an easily visible location on a non-removable part of the hull by any of the following means: painting on, engraving in, bonding in, or moulding in. This identification is often placed on the inside surface of the hull

where it can be viewed through an existing access hatch. There is no letter size specified, but it must be legible. In addition, the Registration Number "shall be displayed on the external surface of the hull shell or deck clearly and legibly with a minimum height of 20mm".

The last 2 digits of the Registration Number become the Sail Number. The rules for identification on sails are available in Appendix E8 of the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing.

5. Process for transfer of ownership

On change of ownership of a registered boat, the previously issue Class Certificate ceases to be valid and a new certificate is required. If you have purchased a second-hand boat, you must transfer the registration of the boat into your name immediately. Owners of registered boats, upon selling their boat, shall supply the Registration Certificate to the purchaser and should advise them of the need to transfer the registration into their name.

Accordingly, the process to be followed (see Section 3 above for requirements for access to the ARYA website for these process steps) is:

1. Fill in the 'Change of Ownership Section on the current (previous) certificate *See Note 1*.
2. Complete the transfer registration request, upload the certification control forms and pay the appropriate fee (https://radiosailing.org.au/members/registrations/transfer) or email directly to **registrar@arya.asn.au**. See *Note 2.*
3. Receive the issued certificate by email. Electronic certificates (i.e. PDF documents) are now the only form of certificate issued for all NRC. See *Note 3*

Note 1: For IOM, only a copy of the signed current (previous) certificate with the new ownership details are required to be uploaded. For all other classes (A, RM and 10R), apart from signed current (previous) certificate with the new ownership details being uploaded, if no current valid rating calculation or sail/spar forms are held by the AYRA then the Registrar may request that a new certification spreadsheet be provided, which may require a boat to be remeasured.

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6. Process for updating certificates

At times, a registered boat of a specific class (excluding IOM) may require the certification data currently held by the AYRA to be amended. As electronic versions of the certification paperwork are now required by the AYRA, this process will require the boat to be remeasured and a new a certification spreadsheet to be provided

Accordingly, once remeasured the process to be followed (see Section 3 above for requirements for access to the ARYA website for these process steps) is:

1. Have the required certification control forms completed by an approved measurer
2. Complete the online transfer request, upload the certification control forms and pay the appropriate fee (https://radiosailing.org.au/members/registrations/transferor email directly to **registrar@arya.asn.au**. See *Note 1.*

Note 1: As there is no specific certificate update process function on the AYRA website, all requests should use the transfer registration request.

7. Fees

The following registration fees apply from 2026. The ARYA may periodically update the required fees.

- New registration **$10.00**
- Re-measurement **$10.00**
- Transfer of registration **$10.00**

Note: Requests for copy of measurement certificates is via email to: **registrar@arya.asn.au**

The AYRA only accepts payment for Registration services (New Boat or Transfers) via the online payment system provided during the application process. This requires a valid Credit or Debit Card. Payments via Direct Deposit or Cheque or Cash is not accepted by the ARYA.