



# MARITIME

COOK ISLANDS



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# ABOUT US

## **KIA ORANA,**

Maritime Cook Islands (MCI) is a world-class registry for Superyachts and yachts. As one of the leading and fastest-growing registries internationally, we are committed to safe and secure shipping on clean oceans.

Operating from the Cook Islands and with offices in Italy and Greece, we administer an open registry for ships and yachts spanning a network of 29 Deputy Registrars worldwide. We perform all Flag State duties for the Cook Islands Government through an agreement with the Ministry of Transport.

Our professional team is dedicated to ensuring the satisfaction of our clients. We pride ourselves on having our quality management system certified to ISO 9001:2015. All vessels flying the Cook Islands flag must comply with all relevant international maritime conventions.

The Cook Islands is a party to major international maritime conventions and is a member State of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO), a specialised agency of the United Nations responsible for regulating shipping activities worldwide.

# MANAGEMENT



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# MCI ADVANTAGES

- The Cook Islands is an English common law jurisdiction. As such, Cook Islands maritime law is based on English law. The Cook Islands' final court of appeal is the Privy Council in London. The promotion and administration of the Cook Islands Ship Registry are undertaken by Maritime Cook Islands Ltd (MCI) a private limited liability company, engaged by the Cook Islands Government under contract. MCI has a close working relationship with the government and its agencies.
- Cook Islands has permanent IMO representation which enables the Cook Islands to remain up to date with IMO developments.
- MCI recognizes the importance of its customers' commercial interests.
- MCI's mission is to deliver flexible, quick, efficient, helpful, and responsive customer service. Inquiries are addressed within 24 hours.
- MCI issues electronic certificates with e-signatures and Quick Response (QR) Codes which can be scanned instantly to verify whether a certificate is valid.
- MCI has offices and surveyors around the world for quick and efficient service to customers wherever they may be. We have in-house technical support and expertise for new builds and assessments.
- MCI has agreements with all major IACS Members and selected other classification societies.
- No restrictions on the nationality of the crew.
- Banks accept the Cook Islands Registry for the purposes of mortgage registration. The Cook Islands has a strong legal profession to assist in mortgage preparation and registration advice if required.
- As part of the services offered by the Cook Islands financial centre, an offshore company can be incorporated quickly and efficiently for the purposes of vessel ownership, such companies are currently exempt from tax in the Cook Islands.





# REGISTRATION SERVICES

## **REGISTRATION**

Registration of a yacht on the Cook Islands ship register is quick, simple and straightforward whilst protecting the interest of yacht owners.

The services we provide are as follows:

- Private Yacht
- Commercial Yacht
- Charter In / Charter Out
- Dual Registration (Private / Commercial)
- New Builds
- Refits

## **PERIOD OF REGISTRATION**

The owner can opt to register the yacht for 1 year, 3 years, or 5 years.

The owner of the yacht may register for one (1) year, where the owner must renew his/her yacht registration on an annual basis. Alternatively, a three (3) year or five (5) year registration can be paid in advance, freeing the owner from annual filings.

## **HOME PORTS**

The owner of a yacht registered in the Cook Islands has the option of selecting from the following Ports of Registry:

1. Avatiu
2. CIYS - Avatiu
- 3..CIYS - Arutanga
4. CIYS- Cook Islands
5. Arutanga

## **OWNERSHIP**

Registration of a vessel upon the Cook Islands Ships Registry is governed by the Ship Registration Act 2007; The Act requires that a vessel be owned by or on a demise charter to a "qualified person."

The Cook Islands Yacht Squadron (CIYS) was established in 2006 to create a fast and efficient way for yacht owners to fulfil ownership requirements. Members of the Cook Islands Yacht Squadron (CIYS) are eligible to have their yacht registered in the Cook Islands without having to register a company. The definition of person includes companies and trusts as well as individuals or partnerships of individuals. In this way, foreign corporations can become a member of CIYS without having to register that corporation in the Cook Islands.





# REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

## Online Application form

The vessel registration process is commenced by completing an Online Application for Registration available through the Maritime Cook Islands website.

## Provisional Registration

- Company Certificate / CIYS membership letter
- Bill of Sale\* / Builders Certificate\*
- Evidence of Shareholding of Owners\* ( if more than one owner)

## Permanent Registration

- Carving and Markings Note, including a current photo of the vessel.
- Pre-Registration Inspection (if applicable)
- Proof of Deletion from the previous flag
- Proof of suspension from the previous flag (if charter registration)
- Completed copies of all previous closed CR ( as per SOLAS Chapter XI-1 Regulation 5-8) ( all vessels over 500GT)
- Copy of P&I policy evidencing financial security for MLC regulations 2.5 and 4.2 ( applicable to all commercial vessels; MCI requires that the MLC financial security is maintained, and will require evidence that it is maintained) ( for commercially operated vessels)

## Declaration

\* Reviewed, signed, and sealed by a Justice of the Peace, a Commissioner for Oaths, Solicitor, Notary Public, or the Registrar or Deputy Registrar of Ships of the Cook Islands Registry or before any person authorized by law to administer oaths in the country where the declaration is made.

N.B. The Registrar has the discretion to require, if deemed necessary, additional surveys to be conducted before issuance of a Permanent Certificate of Registry. Failure to submit required documents may delay the registration process.

Subject to approval by the Registrar of Ships, and upon payment of the registration fee, a Provisional Certificate of Registry will be issued. This certificate is effective from the date of issue and valid for a period of 3 months. During this time the requirements for permanent registration are to be completed. The Registrar may extend the period of provisional registration in special circumstances.



# COOK ISLANDS FLAGGED



**NAME: WHITE RABBIT**  
LENGTH: 84m  
TYPE: Private Yacht



**NAME: BLEU DE NIMES**  
LENGTH: 72m  
TYPE: Dual (Private/Commercial)



**NAME: NORTHERN SUN**  
LENGTH: 50m  
TYPE: Private Yacht



**NAME: HERCULES**  
LENGTH: 50m  
TYPE: Private Yacht



**NAME: CHARLEY**  
LENGTH: 42m  
TYPE: Private Yacht



**NAME: MISS SILVER**  
LENGTH: 36.12m  
TYPE: Private Yacht

# TECHNICAL SERVICES

## TECHNICAL TEAM

Maritime Cook Islands has a dedicated team of experienced professionals who will support the owner in every aspect from the building process, registration, safety regulations and crew. MCI will work around the clock to ensure the owner has a hassle-free experience and find a solution to any issues.

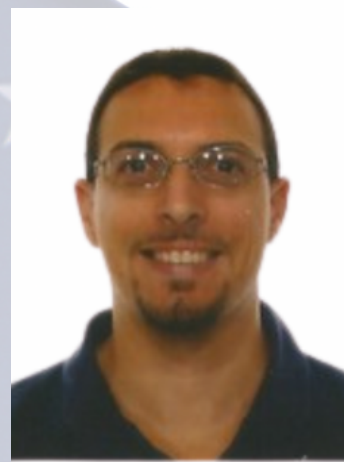
The Technical team are experts in their field and has a sound understanding of national and international conventions and yacht codes.



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# SEAFARER SERVICES

## SEAFARER TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION

The Cook Islands are party to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW) 1978, as amended.

The STCW Certification Department of Maritime Cook Islands is responsible for the implementation of the STCW across the Cook Islands Ships Registry, in ensuring that all seafarers serving aboard Cook Islands vessels are appropriately trained, qualified and certified in accordance with the regulations and requirements of the STCW.

The STCW requires deck and engineer officers and radio operators as defined in Regulation I/1 of the STCW Convention, as amended, to possess STCW or STCW equivalent (Non-STCW) documentation. This includes officers and seafarers fulfilling capacities indicated on the Minimum Safe Manning Certificate (MSMC) issued for the vessel.

Seafarers intending to serve in Officer capacities aboard Cook Islands vessels to which the STCW applies are required to apply for Flag Endorsement prior to embarkation.

Maritime Cook Islands accepts CoC's, CoPs and Non-STCW Qualifications issued by States listed on the IMO STCW Whitelist for Endorsement and service aboard Cook Islands vessels.



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