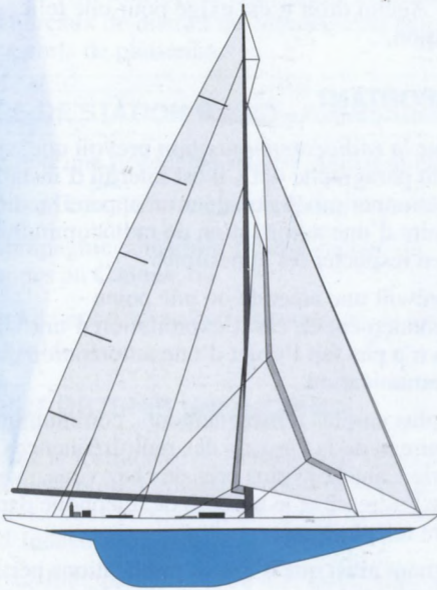




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MOBILE VHF RADIOTELEPHONE ON BOARD PLEASURE CRAFT



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INTRODUCTION

A radio station licence is required for all marine VHF radiotelephones. Also, the operator of marine mobile radiotelephone equipment must have a Radio Operator's Certificate.

RADIO OPERATOR'S CERTIFICATE

To obtain a Radio Operator's Certificate you must pass an examination relating to general radiotelephone operating procedures and regulations. The examination is based upon the material contained in the Radiocommunication Information Circular 23 (RIC- 23), *Study Guide for the Restricted Operator's Certificate* which is available from an Industry Canada district office. The examination session can be held by Industry Canada or by any delegated examiner. A list of these examiners is available from an Industry Canada district office or from local marine clubs.

RADIO STATION LICENCE - ELIGIBILITY

The holder of a radio station licence must be:

- a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant, or
- an incorporated company or partnership in Canada, or
- the owner of a ship registered or licensed in Canada.

HOW TO OBTAIN A LICENCE

Complete the radio station on board pleasure craft licence application form which is available from any Industry Canada district office.

The application, along with the appropriate radio licence fee, must be sent to the nearest Industry Canada district office. Authorization must be obtained prior to operating the radio apparatus. For the first year, the fees are pro-rata based on the remaining months of the fiscal year. Personnel of Industry Canada will inform you of the exact fee for each licence.

If you take your application to the nearest Industry Canada district office you may, upon approval, be

given a temporary authorization for use until you receive your radio licence in the mail.

A copy of your licence must be retained on board the vessel equipped with the radio station.

LICENCE RENEWAL

A radio station licence is valid for no more than one year and must be renewed by the expiry date of March 31. Licence renewal notices are mailed a few months prior to the expiry date, therefore, it is important to inform Industry Canada of any change of address.

LICENCE AMENDMENTS

Authorization must be obtained from Industry Canada to transfer the radio station licence to a new owner or to a new pleasure craft. There is no charge for such licence amendments.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Under subsection 4(1) of the *Radiocommunication Act*, no person shall install, operate or possess radio apparatus, except under and in accordance with a radio authorization.

A fine or imprisonment may be imposed for the operation of an unauthorized radio station.

For more information, please contact the Spectrum Management office of Industry Canada nearest you. District office locations and telephone numbers may be found in your telephone directory.

This document and other related publications are available at:

Internet address:

http://strategis.ic.gc.ca/sc_mrksv/spectrum/engdoc/spectl.html

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