



## CLARIFICATION ON GARAGE STRUCTURAL FIRE PROTECTION FOR UNRESTRICTED NAVIGATION YACHTS < 500 GT

### Commercial Yachting Notice 14

Notice to Yacht Owners, Yacht Operators, Managers, Masters, Owners' Representatives, Appointed Government Surveyors and Recognised Organisations

This Commercial Yacht Notice is being issued to clarify the requirements pertaining to Garage Structural Fire Protection for Unrestricted Navigation Yachts < 500 GT having an engine power  $\geq$  375 kW.

The table at the Commercial Yacht Code (CYC) 2025, Section 11.5.5.1 should read as follows:

#### Structural Fire Protection – Yachts < 500 GT having an engine power $\geq$ 375 kW

The following table provides the minimum fire rating requirements:

Spaces	Short-Range and Extended Short Range Navigation	Unrestricted Navigation
Category A Machinery Spaces	B-15 (*) (**)	A-30 (*) B-15 (**)
Service Spaces (high-fire risk) <u>excluding</u> garage spaces fitted with active fixed fire detection and extinguishing systems	-	B-15(*) (**)
Galleys	-	B-15(*) (**) (+)

Notes:

(\*) Applicable for steel yachts. Machinery spaces insulation on steel hull yachts is not required for side shell plating.

(\*\*) Applicable to composite, aluminium and timber hull yachts

(+) Galleys on Unrestricted Navigation yachts shall be enclosed by B-15 boundaries along their deckhead (ceiling), bulkheads and sides. Doors and Windows within the external boundaries (hull and superstructure) of the galley are not required to meet the B-15 fire rating requirement, however the doors shall be internally covered with a non-combustible material. The galley flooring shall be of the non-combustible type.

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