



FACT SHEET



SAILING CLUBS UNDERTAKING DOMESTIC COMMERCIAL VESSEL OPERATIONS

Domestic Commercial Vessels

This fact sheet assists sailing organisations and their members understand whether the National Law for domestic commercial vessels applies to them and if so, what steps they need to take.

Is your sailing club operating a domestic commercial vessel?

Use the flow chart over the page to help you understand whether your vessel's operations are commercial and subject to National System requirements, and what requirements you need to meet.

Next steps

Currently state and territory marine safety agencies are responsible for face-to-face delivery of National System services. Contact your local marine safety agency to lodge applications and make payments relating to your requirements under the National Law.

Marine safety agencies

Roads and Maritime Services (NSW)
rms.nsw.gov.au

Maritime Safety Queensland
msq.qld.gov.au

Transport Safety Victoria
transportsafety.vic.gov.au

Marine and Safety Tasmania
mast.tas.gov.au

Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (SA)
sa.gov.au

Department of Transport (WA)
transport.wa.gov.au

Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics (NT)
nt.gov.au

Australian Maritime Safety Authority (ACT)
amsa.gov.au

Exemptions and equivalent means of compliance

A number of general exemptions apply to National Law requirements. Some of these exemptions are subject to conditions and some are by application only (see over).

Even if your vessel is eligible for an exemption, it must still meet the requirements of the general safety duties. Read more in the [General safety duties](#) fact sheet and the [Safety management systems](#) fact sheet.

AMSA has granted an Equivalent Means of Compliance for some National Law requirements to organisations operating under — and in compliance with — the Discovery Sailing or RYA Training frameworks.

More information

- Visit amsa.gov.au/domestic
- Call **AMSA Connect 02 6279 5000**
- Read the [Sailing clubs delivering recreational sail training and related commercial activities](#) Guidance Notice (AMSA 662), which provides more detailed information on the National Law regulatory requirements likely to apply to sailing clubs.
- Read the [General safety duties](#) fact sheet
- Read the [Safety management system](#) fact sheet.

For the latest news about domestic commercial vessels, subscribe to *Domestic Vessels e-News* and *Working Boats* magazine at amsa.gov.au/domestic

IS YOUR SAILING CLUB OPERATING A COMMERCIAL VESSEL?

