



DEMONSTRATING COMPLIANCE WITH WORLD SAILING STABILITY REQUIREMENTS

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Further to Technical Note TN 1 posted in September 2025, another possible means for older boats to demonstrate compliance with stability requirements has come to light involving certification to the UK Recreational Craft Regulations, Category A (the post Brexit equivalent of the EU Recreational Craft Directive, Category A) by “Post Construction Assessment”.

A Biscay 36, a design dating from 1974, has submitted a 2022 certificate issued by HPI-CEproof Ltd (now HPI Verification Services Ltd)

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Our boat certification services

Core certification services:

- EU Recreational Craft Directive (CE mark)
- UK Recreational Craft Regulations (UKCA mark)
- Component certification (engines, steering gear, hatches, fuel systems)

Innovation and insurance:

- Risk assessments and “Approval in Principle” for novel designs
- Specialist surveys for insurance claims
- Streamlined compliance for vessels used in both recreational and commercial contexts

Specialist support:

- World Sailing OSR Structural Plan Reviews
- American Boat & Yacht Council (ABYC) compliance assessment and statement of conformity
- Saudi Arabia's Technical Regulation for Watercraft (TRW)
- Post Construction Assessments and Major Craft Conversions (RCD/RCR)
- Inland Waterways vessels, bringing our specialised knowledge to guide owners through the Post Construction Assessment process
- Supporting activities such as plan reviews, mechanical testing witness and training services