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## ISS's Role in the Large Yacht and Passenger Yacht Code Review Process

**13 February 2017, Fort Lauderdale, FL:** On behalf of the ISS Technical Committee as its Co-Chair, Peter Southgate of Wright Maritime Group attended the first Working Group meeting for the Large Yacht and Passenger Yacht Code revision, held in Pisa Italy on the 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017. This follows the kick-off meeting introducing the review during the London Boat Show in January.

The Red Ensign Group (REG, [www.redensigngroup.org](http://www.redensigngroup.org)) of Flags has determined that it will be beneficial for the existing Codes to be consolidated in a single document but as distinct parts with no consolidation of provisions. There may be, however, some common annexes that will apply to both the Large Yacht Code and the Passenger Yacht Code, with a prime example being the Helicopter Landing Area Requirements.

The combination of the Code will facilitate the maintenance of one REG Document, with the Cayman Islands providing the secretariat for both Codes. The REG speaks with one voice at the IMO and the single Code will require a single aligned submission to the IMO moving forward. This will reduce the heavy burden on the secretariat who are currently maintaining two Codes without any real alignment.

The new Code will have a common pre-amble and Part A will be a revision of the Large Yacht Code (LY3). Part B will be the 7<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Passenger Yacht Code, which was originally destined for publication in Spring 2017. The Code will contain several annexes, some of which will be common to both Part A and B.

The REG has set an ambitious target for completion of the Code with the planned release date for the new Code being the Monaco Yacht Show 2017; however, the entry into force date is the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019. The delay in implementation is customary for any new standard as it allows industry to prepare for any new requirements. The downside is a delay of the implementation of the 7<sup>th</sup>

Edition of the Passenger Yacht Code. To counter this, the REG have expressed a willingness to consider the refinements agreed by the PYC Working Group prior to this date.

To meet this target, the REG has also set an ambitious program of Working Group meetings and correspondence groups. The first meeting in Pisa was attended by over 35 delegates from around the world and covered approximately 40 pages of technical discussion points on various aspects of the Code. The outcome of these discussions will feed into the drafting of new Code sections which will be presented to the Working Group when this is reconvened in April 2017.

The ISS is ably represented at the Working Group meetings by Peter Southgate, who has a great deal of experience in both the drafting and the implementation of both Codes. Peter also serves as conduit between the Working Group and the ISS. Input, questions and comments on either code may be addresses directly to him [large-yacht@wrightmaritime.com](mailto:large-yacht@wrightmaritime.com).

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ISS was founded in 1989 and represents the large yacht industry. Our mission is delivered by building alliances worldwide with regional and functional associations; to serve as a communications conduit for issues affecting the marketplace, owners, crew and industry members; and to recognise achievement as well as provide educational opportunities and networking events.

The organisation is member driven and reliant on the volunteer work of Board and regular members supported by our marketing and administrative staff. Our funding comes from our members and sponsors which in turn enables the ISS to work on initiatives that benefit the large yacht industry.