RATS –Regulatory & Technical Services

We Offer:

- Technical information & advice
- Regulatory information & advice
- Practical Guidance

Providing information & advice to cruising sailors

RATS, the Regulatory & Technical Services committee of the Cruising Association, is a group of experienced volunteers who provide free support to CA members on the regulatory and technical aspects of small boat cruising (both under power and under sail).
We interact with marine and regulatory organisations and the marine press, and lead on campaigns and special projects, to represent the cruising community on issues of concern or interest.

Through the CA website and our RATS email enquiry service, CA members have access to a wide range of generic and tailored guidance and advice from our team, which includes engineers, lawyers, physicists, IT consultants and other specialists who also offer broad experience of cruising in small boats.

RATS keeps CA members up-to-date with the latest developments via the CA's monthly newsletter and quarterly *Cruising* magazine, to support their cruising wherever they are in the world.

We work closely with other parts of the CA, particularly the cruising





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Join Us!

Be part of our cruising community ashore and afloat.
Join as many CA Sections as you wish. Section membership is FREE to subscribed members. To find out more about our other Sections, visit www.theca.org.uk/sections; alternatively contact us on the details provided.

Recent issues that RATS has addressed include:

- VAT including the VAT implications of buying a new or secondhand boat in the UK and the EU, and taking a boat to/from the UK and the EU
- Limits on the time non-EU citizens can spend in the Schengen area (the '180 in 90 day rule')
- EU and UK departure and arrival procedures
- Interactions with orca
- Alternative propulsion
- Radio licensing
- Disposal of flares
- Boat scrapping and recycling
- Lithium batteries
- RCD compliance
- Wind farms
- Diesel and HVO fuel
- Electronic & paper charts and navigation
- Radar reflectors



Website layout of information worked on by RATS and other CA members

- Cruising in the EU
- Cruising documents
- Departure and Arrival in UK and EU
- Evening with RATS (video)
- Marine diesel
- Migrants at Sea
- Personal MOB Devices
- Taking pets to the EU
- UKCA & CE marking
- VAT
- Tax implications of long term residency visa
- VHF licence compliance

- Abbreviations
- Apps for boating
- Battery energy consumption
- Charts & navigation
- Communications
- Diving from your boat
- Electric propulsion
- HVO
- Lithium batteries
- Motoring efficiency
- Orca
- Radar reflectors
- Upcycling sails
- VHF antenna checking
- Weather

To find out more about the work of RATS, please visit

www.theca.org.uk/public/rats

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