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Dear Affiliated Club

Laying Racing Marker Buoys in coastal areas

Much of the seabed around the England, Wales and Northern Ireland is owned by the Crown Estate, and many coastal sailing clubs lay temporary racing markers buoys in these areas. If you are an inland club, a Scottish club, or do not lay temporary racing markers on Crown Estate owned seabed then this letter is not applicable to you.

In 1958, the RYA obtained a licence from the Crown Estate Commissioner to enable Affiliated Clubs to lay temporary racing marker buoys on Crown Estate property.

That agreement became outdated, and so in 2017 the RYA signed a new agreement with the Crown Estate Commissioners permitting Affiliated Clubs to lay temporary racing marks.

The RYA is required to bring the terms of that agreement to the attention of those Affiliated Clubs wanting to lay temporary racing marks, and to obtain an annual declaration from Affiliated Clubs that they will comply with the conditions of that agreement.

The terms of the agreement can be found [Here](#)

Once you have read the agreement, please complete the declaration at the end of this letter and return it to the RYA.

Affiliated Clubs wanting to lay temporary racing marks should be aware that in addition to the requirement to comply with agreement discussed above, the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) deems the laying of marks a licensable marine activity. An exemption applies to the laying of temporary marks which meet certain conditions, including being deployed for no more than 28 days, provided a notification is made to the MMO. Further information concerning marine licencing is available on the RYA website at [Marine Licensing - England \(rya.org.uk\)](http://Marine Licensing - England (rya.org.uk)) or from the MMO at www.gov.uk/guidance/do-i-need-a-marine-licence#markers-and-buoys. You may also require permission from your Harbour Authority.

Yours sincerely

John Dyke
Legal Advisor

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Declaration

Please complete and return to: Brigette Galvin, RYA, RYA House, Ensign Way, Hamble, Southampton, SO31 4RYA

[.....] has read, understood and agrees to comply with the conditions set out in the Licence to Lay Racing Marker Buoys a full copy of which has been read [Here](#) as if they had signed the agreement directly with The Crown Estate Commissioners.

[.....] has been authorised to sign this endorsement on behalf of

[.....] (Affiliated Organisation Name)