# Sail European waters changing your SSR Flag

The Polish flag has gained prominence in most marinas in recent months. After the 'slam of the door' and premeditated abandonment of the ICP issuing institutions in the Netherlands, it has been established as a solution for hundreds of vessels. Although, the registration of boats in Poland consists of the registration of pleasure boats by the Polish State. Therefore, the conditions of enrollment must be met. While offering interesting advantages over the Netherlands.

Now European countries can be part of the flag of ships in Poland. Any citizen has the opportunity to sail under the flag of this country, even if he does not live in Poland. In the case of British citizens, the SSR is no longer valid in the countries of the European Union since BREXIT and must be changed immediately to avoid problems with the authorities.

The documentation required for the flag to be placed on boats is simple, you just need to <u>change your SSR register</u>, a temporary document that provides a simple way to register without titles to UK residents who own pleasure boats under 24 meters of total length.

### What is the Polish flag

Flagging in Poland means fulfilling the imperative of having the vessel registered to navigate in jurisdictional waters of the European Union.

In most EU countries, recreational boats between 2.5 and 24 meters must be registered, so boat owners with these characteristics can have the boat registered in foreign countries. This rule, along with the rest of the legislation

on the matter, lead many skippers and shipowners to fly their boats under foreign flags, such as the Polish flag.

The Polish Maritime Register is an official institution under the Polish Ministry of Marine Economy and Inland Navigation. The main characteristic and advantage is that it is an official flag, granted by a state. That is, the Polish Flag is a Flag.

## Advantages of obtaining SSR register in Poland

The advantages of the Polish flag are similar to other flags, adding to the sum that it is a flag, that is, the flag is made by the Polish State, not a private institution. We can bring together the advantages of the Polish pavilion in:

- The Polish flag is a license plate, that is, it is issued by a State of the European Union.
- The flag is final and does not expire. The Polish flag is the best option economically, because it is paid only once and does not have renewals.
- You can own and manage a Polish-flagged ship by having a nautical title from another country.
- You can have a Polish MMSI for GMDSS communications equipment.

## Poland as a solution to boats without prior registration

What about boats that have never been registered before? For example, boats that have only sailed in reservoirs and swamps or other inland waters. Or ships from Italy or other registries that you are not required to register. Or simply boats that have never been registered and now want to be restored. For all of them, registration in Poland is an agile

solution.

The Polish Maritime Registry has an abbreviated and specific administrative procedure for ships that do not have prior registration documents. And that otherwise they would not find a possibility to enroll or enroll in other countries. Thus, Poland becomes an alternative and solution. So that in a relatively short time and with quite low costs, the necessary registration to navigate in the waters of other countries with total legality is achieved.

#### How to get the Polish flag?

In the moment of the delivery of the complete and required documentation in the registry body of Poland, a temporary certificate is issued that allows us to navigate. The Temporary Certificate is valid until the date of issuance of the final document.

Registration documents are issued in Polish and English. The new definitive document of the Poland Registry has a format of an identity document card where the Polish shield appears along with Polish and European Community flag.

