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The Cook Islands Ship Registry

Maritime Cook Islands Company Portfolio

"A Partnership Built on Strategic Stability and Performance"

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Message from the Managing Director



Kia Orana,

Maritime Cook Islands is entrusted with administering the Cook Islands Ships Registry and carrying out delegated flag State functions on behalf of the Cook Islands Government. This responsibility guides every decision we make.

Our commitment is to provide owners and managers with clear regulatory requirements, responsive service and direct access to experienced registration, technical, compliance and seafarer specialists. At the same time, we maintain the standards necessary to protect maritime safety, the marine environment, seafarers and the integrity of the Cook Islands flag.

We are focused on reputable and sustainable fleet growth, supported by careful vessel vetting, effective oversight, modern service tools and a commitment to continual improvement.

This profile introduces our services and the coordinated support available to vessels throughout registration and operation under the Cook Islands flag. We welcome the opportunity to work with owners and managers who share our commitment to responsible shipping and strong performance.

Kia Manuia,

Tony Manarangi
Managing Director
Maritime Cook Islands



About Us

Maritime Cook Islands (MCI) is an international ship registry providing vessel registration, seafarer certification, and regulatory compliance services. MCI partners with established shipowners, technical managers, and operators who prioritize performance, regulatory integrity, and long-term fleet value. We bridge the gap between rigorous global compliance and the bespoke needs of modern ship owners.

By combining the statutory authority of a recognized flag state with the technical expertise of a specialized administrator, MCI provides the legal and operational framework necessary for modern maritime commerce. Our focus remains on maintaining your fleet's regulatory standing while supporting reduced operational downtime.

In today's regulatory environment, defined by increased sanctions scrutiny, environmental enforcement, and intensified Port State Control regimes, the choice of flag is no longer administrative, but strategic.





Our Strategic Edge



Our Mission

To be a globally recognised and client-focused registry, known for excellence in service, safe, secure, environmentally sound, efficient and sustainable shipping while safeguarding seafarers and their welfare and strengthening the economic resilience of the Cook Islands through industry diversification.

Our Core Values



Integrity

We maintain honesty and accountability in all our actions



Excellence

We strive for excellent standards in service and performance



Innovation

We embrace new ideas and technologies to improve our services



Sustainability

We are committed to protecting the environment and ensuring long term growth



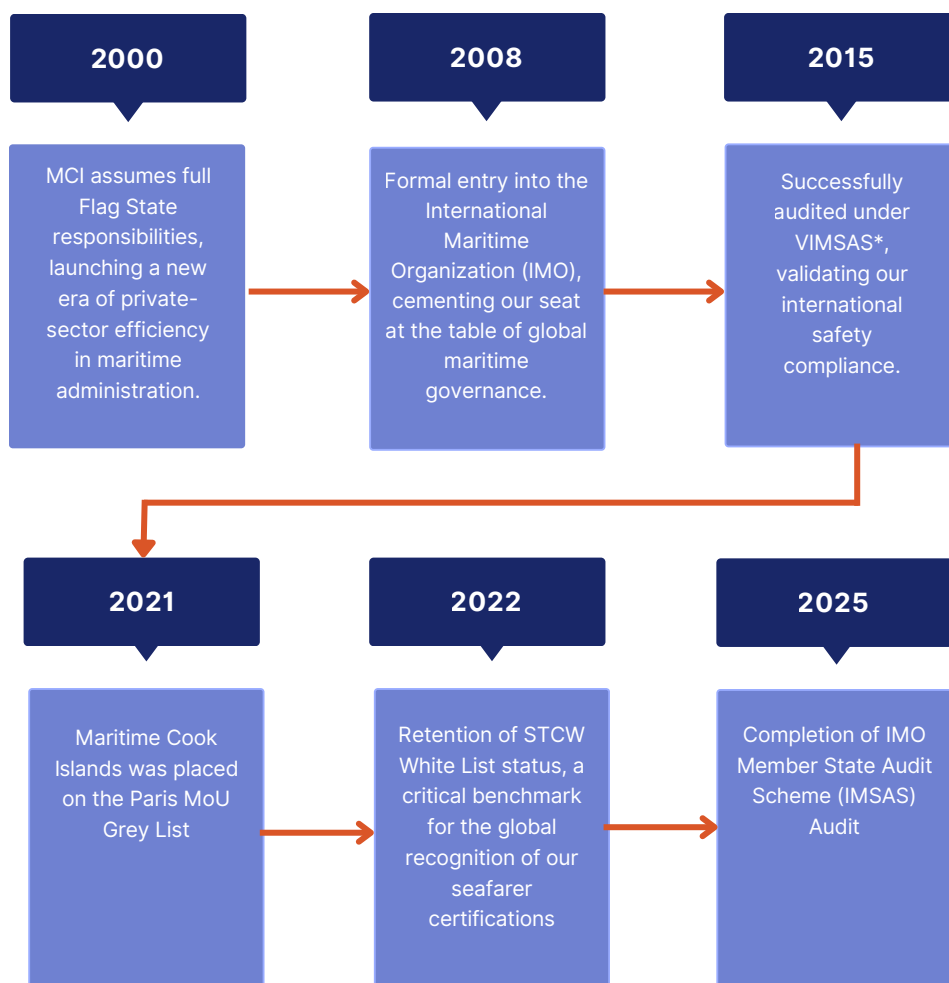
Collaboration

We work together with clients and partners to achieve shared success.



A Legacy of Credibility (Timeline)

Maritime Cook Islands manages its registry through a framework of international regulatory compliance. Our administration provides procedural flag management, routine fleet oversight, and consistent alignment with global maritime governance standards.





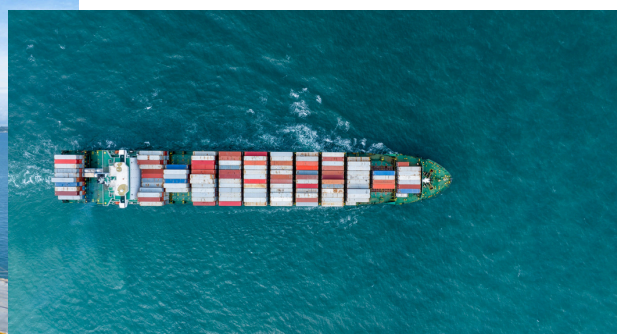
2026 Merchant Vessel Campaign



The 2026 Merchant Vessel Campaign reinforces MCI's commitment to safeguarding the operational integrity and reputation of our owners. Building on 25 years of operation, MCI continues to manage growth through a structured, risk-managed framework. In an era of geopolitical volatility and increasingly stringent Port State Control (PSC) regimes, fleet compliance takes precedence over fleet volume. The campaign focuses on the selective onboarding of well-managed, high-performing vessels to strengthen the long-term resilience and quality of our registered fleet.

Selective Growth, Collective Protection:

At MCI, our growth strategy is defined by sustainable volume through precision. We focus on the selective onboarding of well-managed, performance-driven tonnage. By strictly aligning fleet expansion with our technical inspection capacity and risk management frameworks, we are committed to ensuring vessels flying our flag meet stringent international maritime standards.





What does this mean for clients?

MCI provides the essential framework required to manage international statutory obligations:

Flag Administration

Secure electronic certificates featuring QR code verification for rapid authentication by port authorities.

Flag State Inspections

A global network of authorised Cook Islands surveyors conducting scheduled compliance inspections to identify deficiencies; the Company/ISM/crew rectifies them, and MCI monitors or verifies closure.

Technical Support

Direct communication channels linking owners and managers with the technical department for compliant regulatory interpretations and clarifications.

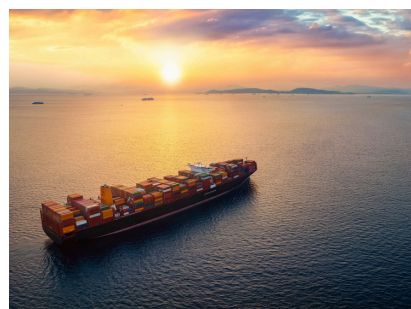
Partner with us as we build a stronger, more resilient registry.





Why Us?

Maritime Cook Islands delivers a robust regulatory framework designed for modern commercial shipping. We support owners and managers by providing a stable, legally sound jurisdiction that enforces international compliance while facilitating operational continuity.



Operational Support & Fleet Performance

01

Reduced Operational Downtime

Through the coordinated expertise of our core services, we deliver comprehensive support during regulatory or Port State Control challenges.

02

Lower PSC Exposure

By systematically removing vessels that do not align with our strict quality standards and executing targeted Flag State Inspections (FSI), we achieved a zero-detention record within the Tokyo MoU region in 2025.

03

Seafarer Certification & Compliance

Our rigorous digital workflow ensures absolute regulatory compliance for all crew endorsements. To prevent operational delays, we guarantee the issuance of Letters of Acknowledgement within 24 hours.



Key Strategic Advantages

✓ **Trusted Legal Framework**

Based on English Common Law, ensuring uniformity with international regulations, legal certainty, and asset protection for shipowners and financiers.

✓ **Global Regulatory Standing**

Active IMO Member State operating in full compliance with all major international maritime conventions.

✓ **Digital Integration**

Paperless processes across application, documentation, and verification workflows, reducing administrative turnaround times for registrations and endorsements.

✓ **Global Coverage**

Clients can engage directly with MCI in various locations around the world, Italy, Croatia, Denmark, Australia, New Zealand and the Cook Islands.



The Direct Engagement Model



MCI operates on a direct engagement model. Shipowners and managers receive direct service and support from MCI service department and decision makers. In addition MCI has a global network of approved agents who support clients to submit registration applications, in your own language and region.

- **Streamlined Communication:** Clients engage directly with our Cook Islands Headquarters or our offices in Italy and Monaco.
- **Direct access:** We understand the need for efficient and effective service, which is why clients have direct access to decision makers with no intermediaries.

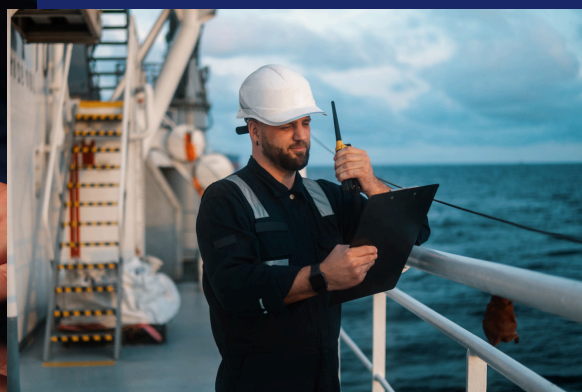
Our Global Network of Agents





Registration

Registration with Maritime Cook Islands follows a mandatory two-stage process, designed for both administrative efficiency and thorough compliance. Our registration framework protects operational continuity, allowing you to begin commercial activities seamlessly provided all registration, survey, crew and insurance requirements have been completed.



The MCI Commercial Edge

Global Presence

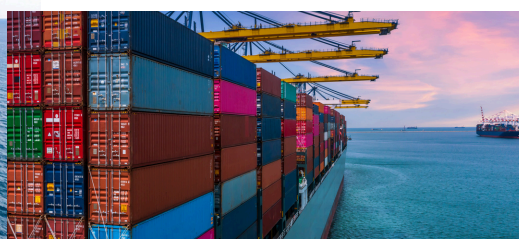


Main offices are based in the Cook Islands with a regional office in Italy, Croatia, Denmark, Australia and New Zealand, allowing service and support across major maritime time zones.

Digital Registry Systems



All services are digital, including Mortgage registration, transfers and discharges. This allows for more efficient and timely service delivery.





Ownership Structures

MCI provides four pathways to meet flag ownership requirements:



Cook Islands Ship Owners Association (CISOA)

The preferred route for merchant vessel owners. CISOA membership fulfills the legal ownership requirements and allows vessels to be registered in the Cook Islands without the need to establish a separate company, making it a more economic and time-efficient choice. CISOA membership is open to companies, trusts, individuals, and partnerships, meaning foreign corporations can also participate without local registration.



Cook Islands Yacht Squadron (CIYS)

A streamlined mechanism for private and commercial yacht owners. Membership allows yachts to be registered without forming a company in the Cook Islands. CIYS membership is open to companies, trusts, individuals, and partnerships, meaning foreign corporations can also participate without local registration.



International Company incorporation

Established under the International Companies Act 1981-82, this structure provides maximum operational flexibility and administrative ease. Incorporation and ongoing statutory duties are fully managed via a licensed Cook Islands trustee company.



Registered Foreign Companies

For entities incorporated outside the Cook Islands, this pathway registers the overseas corporation as a foreign company under the International Companies Act. This allows existing international structures to legally establish a local branch and place of business to meet flag requirements seamlessly.



REGISTRATION

Types of Registration

Merchant

Available for cargo ships, bulk carriers, and tankers. Registration requires compliance with international conventions, including SOLAS, MARPOL, and STCW. For vessels of 500 GT and above, statutory surveys, certification, and oversight are delegated to an authorized Recognized Organization (RO) acting on behalf of the Administration.

Yacht

Flexible 1-, 3-, or 5-year registration cycles for yachts paid in advance. The 3 and 5 year periods eliminates annual renewal paperwork and secures locked-in registration fees over the extended registration periods.

Private: Private registration is intended solely for yachts used for the owner's or charterer's private pleasure and recreation. It does not permit the yacht to carry passengers for hire, operate commercially or otherwise engage in trade or commerce.

Commercial: Commercial registration is intended for yachts engaged in charter for hire, carrying passengers for reward or otherwise operating in trade or commerce. The yacht must comply with the applicable commercial safety, survey, certification, insurance and safe-manning requirements.

Dual: Dual registration permits an eligible yacht to alternate between private and commercial operation. The owner or representative must notify Maritime Cook Islands before changing the yacht's operational status and ensure that the appropriate registration and safety certificates are in effect. The yacht must maintain the applicable commercial safety standards throughout its dual registration.



REGISTRATION

Demise (Bareboat) Charter Frameworks

Demise Charter-In: Allows a vessel registered under another flag to be temporarily registered under the Cook Islands flag for the duration of a bareboat charter. The charterer assumes full possession and operational control of the vessel, including responsibility for appointing the master and crew. Registration is subject to the owner's consent, the charter agreement, and the suspension of the vessel's previous registration.

Demise Charter-Out: Allows an eligible Cook Islands-registered vessel to operate temporarily under another flag for the duration of a bareboat charter. The vessel's underlying ownership and registered interests remain recorded in the Cook Islands, while operational jurisdiction is transferred to the charter registry. The Charter-Out arrangement requires the consent and approval of the Cook Islands and the receiving registry and is assessed according to its supporting legal documentation.





REGISTRATION

Registration Stages

Our registration workflow is designed for operational continuity, allowing commercial activities to proceed efficiently.

Stage 1: Application

The applicant completes an online application and uploads all supporting documents through the MCI portal. The vessel and proposed ISM manager (if applicable) are vetted through a risk matrix.

MCI conducts customer due diligence on the owners, and ISM manager (if applicable) and confirms ownership eligibility.

If all registration, due-diligence and risk-assessment requirements are satisfactorily completed, the vessel is approved for registration and issued a Provisional Certificate of Registry.

Online Application: Complete the online application and submit all supporting documents directly through our digital portal.

Risk-Based Vetting & Customer Due Diligence

We maintain a structured, secure framework for evaluating and onboarding every vessel:



Customer Due Diligence (CDD)
Comprehensive KYC, beneficial ownership verification, and sanctions screening.



Technical & Performance Vetting
In-depth evaluation of vessel age, safety history, Port State Control (PSC) records, and Safety Management (ISM) track records.



Digital Issuance
Upon successful verification and payment settlement, a digital Provisional Certificate is issued—valid for three months to allow ample time to finalise permanent registration.



Documentation Submission
All required final registration documents must be submitted in English.



REGISTRATION

Registration Stages

Stage 2: Provisional Registration

Provisional Registration grants the vessel temporary legal status for an initial period of 3 months, extendable up to a maximum of 6 months total.

The Provisional registration period allows the owner to gather:

- ✓ the supporting documents for Permanent Registration.
- ✓ Complete Crew Endorsement applications (as applicable)
- ✓ Complete survey and certification requirements

Stage 3: Permanent Registration

Permanent Registration formally finalises the process, securing the vessel's place on the Cook Islands Ship Register. The issuance of the Permanent Certificate confirms that all key documents have been verified, final requirements have been met, and all trading certificates are in place to successfully complete the permanent registration process.



Final Verification

Our administration reviews all outstanding mandatory statutory surveys and permanent documentation to ensure compliance.



Digital Issuance

Upon successful verification and approval, the Permanent registration and all relevant trading Certificates will be issued.





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Registrar of Ships



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Seafarer Training & Certification (STC)

The professional standard of crew is central to everything we do. Our Seafarer Training & Certification Department provides a streamlined, digital-first service that ensures your crew are fully qualified, compliant, and ready to mobilise - without delaying vessel operations.



Why Choose MCI?

STCW White List recognised, ensuring acceptance and regulatory confidence

Electronic crew certificates reduce courier costs and eliminate delivery delays through secure, fast, and efficient digital certification.

24-hour turnaround for Letters of Acknowledgement (LoA)

No restrictions on seafarer nationality

Recognition of seaman's discharge books issued by STCW White List countries for service on Cook Islands flagged vessels

Acceptance of medical fitness certificates issued by authorised practitioners from STCW White List countries

Responsive client support, with all queries addressed within 24-hours



Global Training Network

Our approved Maritime Training Institutions (MTIs), located across key maritime regions including Turkey, Panama, Greece, Croatia, Egypt, and India, provide seafarers with accessible training pathways and regional delivery options to support certification and professional development.



Fast Track Certification

Built for Operational Reality

We recognize that crew changes are time-critical. Our process is designed to support mobilisation:

- **Digital Application:** Submit applications via our integrated online application forms.
- **24-Hour Turnaround for issuance of LoA:** Following the successful submission of a Flag Endorsement application, MCI issues an electronic Letter of Acknowledgement (LoA) within 24 hours. The LoA serves as documentary evidence and allows the Seafarer to fill the intending capacity aboard the vessel immediately following issuance.
- **Instant Electronic Delivery:** Electronic issuance of endorsements and certificates, expediting service delivery and reducing courier costs
- **Streamlined Documentation:** We've built clear requirements directly into our online application forms to eliminate tedious back-and-forth. This ensures your submission is accurate the first time, driving more efficient processing and faster turnaround times.
- **Responsive support:** Our team provides timely assistance, with queries addressed within 24 hours to minimise delays and keep applications progressing efficiently.

This ensures faster turnaround, reduced downtime and uninterrupted vessel operations.



Crew Documentation & Certification

MCI simplifies administrative requirements through efficient processes that support compliance, efficiency and global seafarer mobility.



Crew Endorsements

MCI supports global crewing flexibility by accepting eligible Certificates of Competency (CoCs) and Certificates of Proficiency (CoPs) issued by STCW White List countries for endorsement applications.



Seaman's Discharge Books

To facilitate ease of transition, MCI recognizes Seaman's Discharge Books issued by eligible foreign flags on the STCW White List for service on Cook Islands flagged vessels, eliminating the need for redundant documentation and reducing administrative costs for your crew.



Medical Fitness Certificates

In alignment with STCW and MLC standards, MCI accepts medical certificates issued by authorised practitioners from eligible STCW White List countries - ensuring your crew remains compliant without unnecessary geographical restrictions.

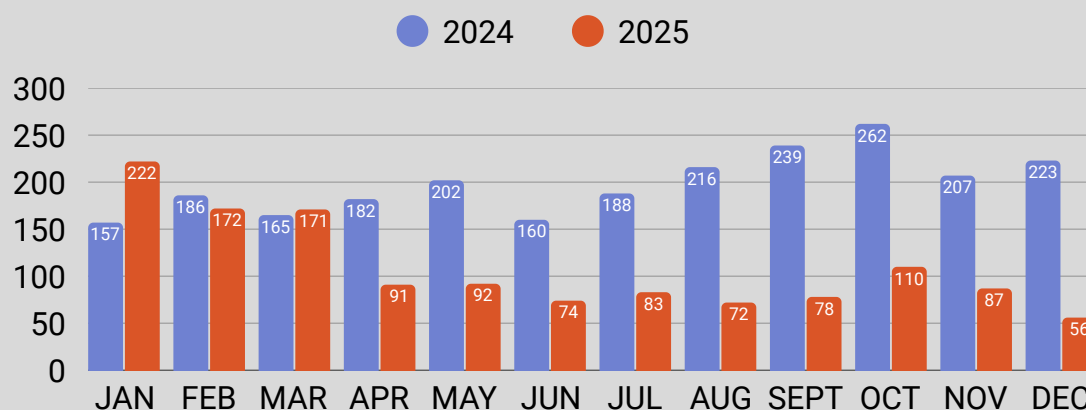


Evidence of Quality Capacity

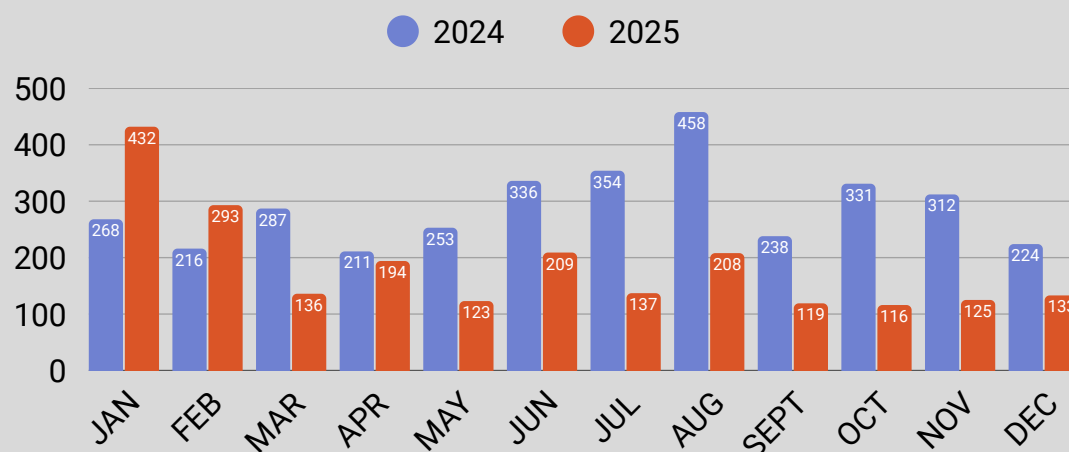
The 2024–2025 certification data provides an overview of certification activity across the STC department. While certification volumes have varied during the reporting period, the department has continued to deliver reliable and compliant certification services in accordance with international regulatory requirements.

Certificate activity is influenced by a range of factors, including vessel registrations and demand for certification services, providing broader context for understanding certification trends.

Comparison of Certificates of Competency & Certificates of Proficiency from 2024 -2025



Comparison of Certificates of Endorsement from 2024 -2025





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Regulatory, Technical & Operations (RTO) Department

The Regulatory, Technical and Operations (RTO) Department oversees the implementation of national and international statutory requirements on all Cook Islands-flagged vessels. RTO operates through two specialized divisions:

- **Technical Department (TD):** Responsible for statutory technical compliance, plan review, and technical inquiries across the merchant and yacht fleets. Its core mandate is ensuring that the international maritime safety and environmental standards are fully implemented onboard Cook Islands vessels.
- **Marine Operations & Compliance (MO&C):** Responsible for overseeing the operational compliance of Cook Islands vessels, and ensuring safety management systems (ISM), maritime security (ISPS), and seafarer welfare (MLC) requirements are fully implemented. Additionally, MO&C coordinates the Administration's Flag State Inspection (FSI) and Port State Control (PSC) oversight programmes to minimize detention risks and maintain flag integrity globally.

The Department is driven by a global team of naval architects, marine engineers, surveyors, and auditors stationed across European and Asia-Pacific time zones, and it is able to provide timely global support to the Cook Islands yachts and merchant fleet.





Core Services

1. Statutory Surveys & Certification

Maritime Cook Islands delivers statutory survey, audit, and certification services directly or through recognized partners:

Commercial Vessels Under 500 GT and Private Yachts

Statutory work for this type of vessels can be performed either directly by RTO and MCI-approved flag surveyors or delivered through an authorised Recognised Organisation.

Commercial Vessels Over 500GT and Passenger Ships of any size

Statutory work for this type of vessels will be performed by IACS Recognised Organisations only. Maritime Cook Islands has established formal agreements with all members of the International Association of Classification Societies (IACS).

2. Dedicated Management

Upon registration, shipowners and ship managers connect directly with the RTO through an assigned team including a Technical Administration Manager, Marine Operations & Compliance Officer, and Technical Manager.



3. Port State Control (PSC) & Proactive FSI Support

✓ Proactive FSI Approach

RTO monitors vessel movements with their upcoming PSC inspection windows. The Department team coordinates with the ship managers in order to organise a Flag State Inspection (FSI) prior to the PSC inspection, supporting owners and managers to resolve technical findings before Port State authorities can flag them.

✓ Global Rapid Response

In case of PSC inspections and/or detentions, the RTO team can provide timely technical assistance—coordinating directly with Port State Control authorities and management companies to make sure that the identified deficiencies are properly rectified and that the vessel's release is not delayed.

4. Exemptions, Waivers, Equivalents, and Dispensations

Only MCI can issue exemptions, waivers, equivalents, and dispensations. The RTO team works with the certifying Recognised Organisations and vessel managers to ensure that any deviation from applicable regulations is supported by sound technical evidence and performed in compliance with the relevant national and international instruments.

Our Network of Surveyors

Maritime Cook Islands has established a global network of surveyors, auditors, and inspectors that enables MCI to effectively deliver standardised services to shipowners worldwide. All Cook Islands approved surveyors, auditors and inspectors are highly qualified professionals, who are vetted according to III Code standards and are delegated a level of authority matching their specific experience and skillsets.



Surveyor Identification: All MCI-approved surveyors carry digital ID cards equipped with QR codes, enabling port officials to instantly verify their regulatory authority and credentials online.



IMO Member State Audit Scheme

The Cook Islands completed its mandatory IMO Member State Audit from 29 September to 6 October 2025.

MCI being part of the Cook Islands maritime administration, was audited together with the Cook Islands Ministry of Transport, against its Flag State delegated responsibilities and in particular against the implementation and enforcement of applicable IMO obligations, including SOLAS, MARPOL, STCW, Load Lines, Tonnage, and COLREGs.

The IMSAS audit scheme supports continued improvement and has strengthened maritime governance and regulatory framework within the Cook Islands.





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Strategic Growth & Market Intelligence

MCI is currently leveraging data-driven market intelligence to expand our footprint in key global regions. Our business development approach is focused on sustainable, long-term growth by attracting reputable owners and high-performance tonnage to a registry that prioritises operational integrity over volume.



A Proven Global Fleet

Data as of March 2026

THE CORE METRICS



760

TOTAL VESSELS



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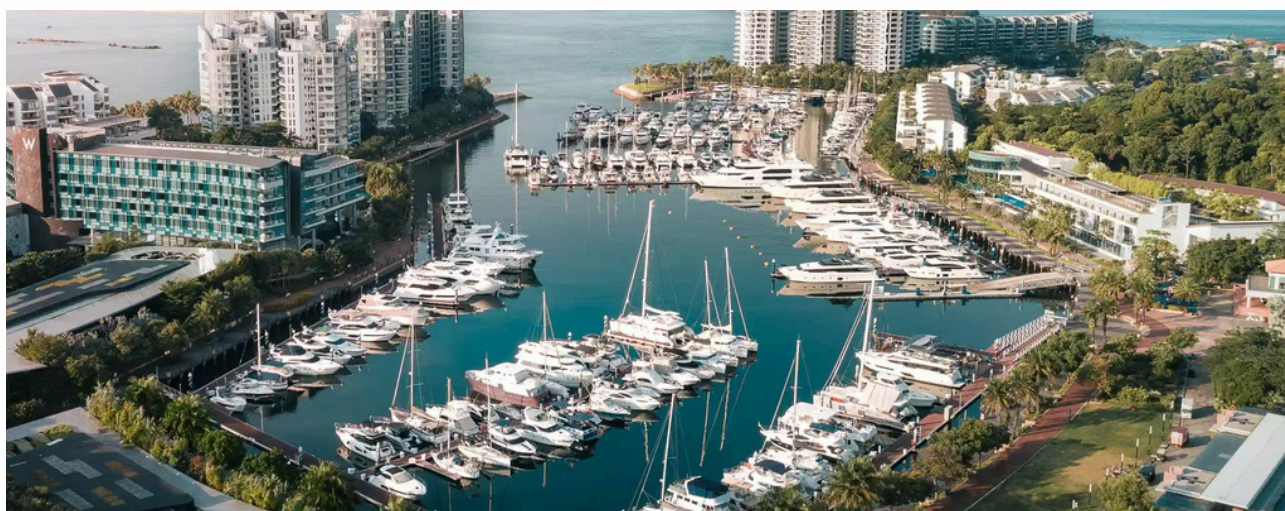
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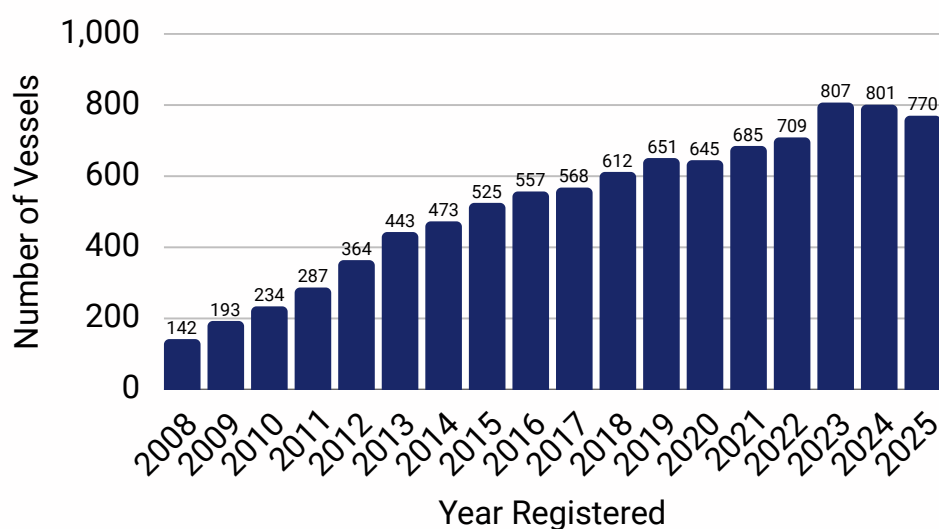
MERCHANTS



FLEET BREAKDOWN

Vessel Category	Total Gross Tonnage	Count	Fleet %
Yachts	115,013.04	667	87.76%
Tanker	226,425.00	20	2.63%
Bulk Carrier	50,163.00	2	0.26%
Cargo	31,623.00	13	1.71%
Unmanned Barges	13,257.00	13	1.71%
Off-shore	10,137.00	12	1.58%
Fishing	6,817.00	7	0.92%
Special Purpose	5,027.50	10	1.32%
Utility	4,027.40	9	1.18%
Tug	1,066.27	3	0.39%
Passenger	498.00	1	0.13%
Traditional Vessel	235.00	3	0.39%

Fleet Growth 2008 - 2025





Strategic Market Expansion

Our Business Development team actively targets and enters key markets where owners require a balance of high-standard compliance and commercial agility.

Targeted Growth Regions

We are expanding our presence in major maritime hubs—including Japan and the Mediterranean—by delivering dedicated regional support tailored to the operational needs of local shipowners.



Global Visibility

MCI maintains a consistent presence at elite international exhibitions, including SeaJapan, BariShip, and Posidonia, ensuring our flag remains a recognized symbol of excellence at global maritime summits.



Strategic Influence

Through our close alignment with the Cook Islands Ship Owners Association (CISOA)—a full member of the Asian Shipowners' Association (ASA)—Cook Islands-flagged shipowners gain direct engagement with leading Asian maritime operators, strengthening our flag's influence across the Asia-Pacific.





Regional Strength & Global Reach

MCI's market presence is distributed to provide local expertise with a global perspective:

- **Europe, Middle East & Africa:** Our largest market share, particularly for merchant vessels (exceeding 164,000 GT) and commercial yachts.
- **Asia-Pacific & The Americas:** A substantial market for high-tonnage merchant ships and a significant contingent of private yachts under 24 meters.

A Robust & Professional Infrastructure

To support this expansion, we have implemented a rigorous framework for our international network:



Standardized Agency Model

MCI is modernising our global network through standardized agreements and rigorous due diligence protocols. To maintain absolute quality control, our international agents are dedicated exclusively to the secure handling and submission of vessel registration applications, with all final evaluations managed centrally



Direct Coordination

Our outreach is coordinated across Compliance, Registry, and Marketing functions to ensure that all new business is aligned with MCI's quality and long-term performance standards.



Market- Aligned Growth

We continually adapt our regional strategies to align with evolving shipping trends, ensuring Maritime Cook Islands delivers responsive, practical support wherever your fleet operates

Institutional Validation

- **ISO 9001:2015 Certified** Quality Management System.
- **IMSAS Audit:** Successfully completed the 2025 IMO Member State Audit Scheme.
- **International Cooperation:** Fully cooperative "low-risk" jurisdiction according to FATF and OECD benchmarks.



Why Leading Owners Choose MCI

Leading owners choose MCI because we transform flag administration into a commercial advantage. By prioritizing quality over volume, we provide a high-compliance environment that lowers risk, reduces Port State Control friction, and secures your reputation with premium charterers.

Our value lies in operational continuity. Through global support and direct access to technical experts, MCI ensures your fleet remains mission-ready, compliant, and competitive in a demanding global market

- ✓ **Quality-controlled growth**
- ✓ **Strong PSC performance and reduced detention risk**
- ✓ **24-hour issuance of LOAs**
- ✓ **Direct access to decision-makers**
- ✓ **Global operational support across time zones**
- ✓ **Reduced regulatory and sanctions exposure**
- ✓ **Enhanced charterability and commercial positioning**
- ✓ **Legal and financial certainty for asset protection**
- ✓ **Accelerated speed to market through provisional registration**
- ✓ **Digitised processes and real-time certification**



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