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An Italian Way for Yacht Coding?

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Many international conventions adopted at IMO level were conceived for “merchant” ships and their application to leisure yachts turned out to be challenging. That’s why alternative solutions have been explored worldwide. In a nutshell, the idea was to create a set of rules and standards specifically adapted to this genre of vessel. Here, the key issue is represented by the establishment of technical, safety and operational parameters appropriate to the size and operation of the said crafts. A successful example of these attempts is offered by the two Codes of Practice developed by the UK Maritime & Coastguard Agency (MCA): the Large Commercial Yacht Code (LY3) applicable to vessels 24 metres and over in load line length that don’t carry more than 12 passengers, and the Passenger Yacht Code (PYC) devoted to rule pleasure yachts of any size, which carry more than 12 but not more than 36 passengers.

The Red Ensign Group (REG) is currently updating them through a new regulatory framework. Could this approach be followed also in Italy?

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