

In House Sail Certification under the World Sailing IHC Scheme.

The RYA are an Authorising Authority under the World Sailing IHC scheme.

As part of this program World Sailing have authorised the RYA to licence sail manufacturers to self certify that sails manufactured by a licensed loft are checked and certified for class rule compliance right through the manufacturing process. UK sail lofts wishing to join the scheme need to create a Certification System Manual, have one or more In-House Official Measurers (IOMs) appointed by the RYA and have an IHC audit. IOM's go through the same training that RYA appointed sail measurers take.

In order for a class to have their sails certified under this scheme they must be an RYA national class, their class rules must be in the World Sailing Standard Class Rules format and have a term in the sails section stating "an In-House Official Measurer may certify sails", or similar.

Full details of the scheme can be found at:

<https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/Pages/ihc.aspx>

RYA National classes which are a member of the scheme include Merlin Rocket, Solo and Hornet.

The full list of classes who are members can be found here:

<https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/national-classes/Pages/hub.aspx>

The list of sailmakers licensed under the scheme is extensive and can be found at the above link. However of relevance to the Yawl class in particular it includes Banks Sails, North Sails, Batt Sails and Pinnell & Bax.

The full list of licensed sailmakers can be found here:

<https://www.rya.org.uk/SiteCollectionDocuments/technical/Web%20Documents/RYA%20Licensed%20IHC%20Sail%20Lofts%20-%20MASTER.pdf>