

...we Certify the best.

On course in the market

IMCI's business activities:

- Certification based on ISO standards for all manufacturers of components in the recreational boating industry
- Watercraft inspections for the **NMMA** Boat & Yacht Certification Program in order to help manufacturers ensure their boats are built to applicable American Boat & Yacht Council (**ABYC**) standards, and fulfilling all US Coast Guard requirements
- **ABYC** Component Certification Program to confirm that samples of components fully comply with the current applicable ABYC standards
- Structural Plan Reviews under the **World Sailing** Offshore Special Regulations Scheme for offshore sailing yachts
- Certification of companies, dealers and experts from the recreational boating industry
- IMCI - Blue Star Marina® certification for the benefit of harbour operators and boaters who are looking for an independent assessment of the quality level of marinas

Stay on course with IMCI

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For further information about IMCI please contact our

- Website (www.imci.org), or
- knowledgeable staff at our headquarters in Brussels, or
- one of our Inspectors.

We take pride in supporting you professionally and reliably through certification and beyond!



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Do you want to know why IMCI is the leader in the field of Certifications in the recreational boating industry?

Place your trust in IMCI's experience and expertise... more than 2.700 companies worldwide have already!



The success of IMCI is due to the outstanding customer service provided by you, your highly qualified staff, and the unparalleled reach and quality of your global team of Inspectors. Thanks.

Thom Dammrich, President, NMMA



All IMCI inspectors are well established, highly skilled and trained in all technical aspects as well as supported by the expertise of their fellow colleagues. Our network is to the benefit of our clients.

Lars T. Olsen, CEO of CDE Danish Marine Design ApS



IMCI Overview

The Institute

The International Marine Certification Institute (IMCI) was established in 1993 as an independent certification body and non-profit organisation in Belgium to serve the international recreational boating industry.

IMCI is notified to the European Commission under the Recreational Craft Directive and is currently the largest Notified Body in the world for CE certification of watercraft and their components.

IMCI's corporate structure rests on four pillars:

- Over 20 Boards Members from 5 continents
- Over 50 Inspectors from more than 20 different countries
- Partner of numerous test laboratories
- Highly motivated employees with the head office in Brussels, the heart of the EU

Due to highly frequent and strict control by the Belgian authorities, a consistently high standard of quality, cost efficiency and continuous transparency is ensured in all processes.

Why CE?

The Recreational Craft Directive

The RCD is a regulation at European Union (EU) level to ensure sustainable development from an economic, social and environmental perspective.

Watercraft and their components sold in the EU must comply with harmonised technical safety and environmental requirements and meet the administrative obligations defined by the RCD.

These safety and environmental requirements refer to the design and construction of the craft with specific limits for exhaust and noise emissions as well as for some of the craft's components.

RCD requires that manufacturers keep a technical file of all relevant data and officially declare the conformity of their products. A CE marking must be affixed to the product and users must be provided with detailed information about safety and maintenance.

CE Process

What is the certification process?

A product can only be CE marked after its successful assessment by IMCI.

In order to achieve this IMCI

- checks the relevant technical files, and
- physically inspects most products.

The inspections are done by CE-Inspectors of IMCI directly at the manufacturer's facilities.

The Inspector co-operates closely with the IMCI headquarters in Belgium which, after a positive assessment, issues the CE certificate. Only then can the manufacturer issue his Declaration of Conformity and affix the CE marking.

What is covered by the RCD?

- Recreational craft between 2.5 and 24m hull length
- Personal watercraft
- Used and converted watercraft
- Marine Components
- Marine Engines



IMCI helps its business partners by participating in standards development, providing easy to use certification tools, and engineering oversight. IMCI is there to help you navigate every step of the way to certification. There is no better choice.

Dave C. Marlow, Director, Brunswick Corporation



IMCI is at the forefront of EU RCD homologation and their level of professionalism is exemplary. IMCI's willingness to react to urgent requests exemplifies their customer service ethos.

Peter Methven, OBE, Latitude 52 Limited



It's a big decision to sell your product to the European market. Partnering with IMCI is the most effective way to navigate the standards and regulations that come with European clients.

John Adey, President, ABYC