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APPLICATION BY  
THE PROFESSIONAL YACHTING ASSOCIATION (PYA)  
TO BE GRANTED OBSERVER STATUS AS A  
NON-GOVERNMENTAL INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION

Reference: IHO Resolution 5/1957 as amended - *IHO Relations with other Organizations*

Dear Hydrographer,

1. The Professional Yachting Association (PYA) has applied to the IHO to be granted observer status as a non-governmental international organization (NGIO). The Directing Committee has examined this application and is satisfied that the PYA meets the requirements described in IHO Resolution 5/1957 as amended.
2. PYA is the professional body for the officers of large cruising yachts and motor boats. The Association is a not-for-profit body registered in France under the 1901 law governing associations. PYA operates dual programs of verification of sea service on yachts on behalf of the UK Maritime and Coast Guard Agency and Transport of Malta, together with an active program of advocacy toward policy makers tasked with writing legislation affecting large yachts.
3. The yachts and boats operated by the members of the PYA spend significant amounts of their time at sea operating in poorly charted waters. This is in contrast to most merchant vessels. It is for this reason that the PYA believes that the expertise and experience of the mariners working on the world's large yacht fleet can make a valuable contribution to the work of the IHO.
4. More information on PYA may be found at [www.pya.org](http://www.pya.org).
5. Member States are kindly invited to consider PYA's application for recognition as an observer and to submit any objections or comments that they might have **by 10 May 2013**. Subsequently, the Directing Committee will notify the President of the PYA of the outcome of its consultation with IHO Member States.

On behalf of the Directing Committee,  
Yours sincerely,



Robert WARD  
President