

Lloyd's Register of Yachts 1878 -1980

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Introduction

The Association of Yachting Historians, with the active support of Lloyd's Register Group Ltd, as well as numerous libraries, yacht clubs and individuals, has undertaken to scan the entire series of Lloyd's Register of Yachts (94 volumes), together with all the annual supplements which were published during the course of each year (some 157 supplements were issued). Since no institution can claim to have a complete set of supplements, tracing the full set proved to be a long and laborious exercise. In addition, the Association has also scanned all material linked to the registers, such as the booklets of sail numbers and yacht flags which were occasionally published separately from the main register. The total number of pages scanned is in excess of 104,000. All pages showing yacht flags have been scanned in colour.

When the main register ceased publication, a series of 18 registers of classed yachts were issued and these too have been included.

History

Lloyd's Register of Yachts was published annually from 1878 to 1980, except during the two World Wars. Although the amount of information on each yacht evolved over the years, in essence it provided details of construction, dimensions and ownership of most pleasure craft, as well as identifying those which had been subject to a Lloyd's survey. The annual registers were usually updated during the year by the issue of supplements. These listed new vessels, changes of ownership or recorded the fate of vessels.

It was up to the owner to provide the information. Certain designers and builders as a matter of course provided the necessary details and the dimensions they gave were accurate. Data provided by owners could be less so.

Initially, it was intended that the register should contain all sailing yachts irrespective of size. In 1948 it was decided place a lower limit of 300 square feet of sail area or 25 ft waterline for power vessels. If the vessel belonged to a subscriber then no limit applied. In 1974 the limits were increased to 350 square foot of sail area or 27 ft waterline respectively. The first volume detailed some 1,400 yachts. By 1980 the figure had risen to 12,000. The explosion in popular yachting in the 1970's meant that the Register was unable to keep all the entries up-to-date and in 1980 the decision was taken to cease publication.

Entries

The following information on each yacht consists of:

From 1878	Name	Builder and place of build
	Official number	Material (wood unless otherwise stated)
	Year built	Sail maker
	Dimensions	Name and address of Owner
	Tonnage	Home port
	Rig & number of decks and masts	Lloyd's classification
	Engine details and builder	
From 1880	Changes of Name	
From 1884	The vessel's designer is shown	
From 1890	Details of owner's yacht clubs	
From 1971	A unique "Y" number was given to each yacht which attached to it in all later editions.	

The register also had separate sections covering:

From 1879	List of Yacht Clubs
	Details of American and Canadian Yachts (until 1904)
1880 - 1960	Yacht Club flags and private ensigns of yachtsmen – in colour.
	Separate flag supplements were published in 1961, 1964, 1966 & 1970.
From 1886	List of yachts by designer and builder. Yachts listed by tonnage.
1910-1914 and 1923-1980	List of yachts by International Class (split by country).
1926 - 1963	List of yachts by sail number. From 1964 -1968 and in 1971 and 1976 separate sail number supplements were published.
From 1927	Listing of one design and restricted classes.

American Yachts

Details of American yachts were included in a separate section of Lloyd's Register of Yachts from 1879 to 1904, in all totaling 1,600 pages. Thereafter many American yachts were included in the main body of the register. To meet the needs of North American yachtsmen, in 1903 a separate series was began, **Lloyd's Register of American Yachts**, published in New York until 1977. If the yacht in question was large (over 75 gross

registered tons) or was originally built in Britain then its entry also appeared in the register published in Britain.

Details of the Scanned Data

This information is listed on the next page.

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Lloyd's Register of Yachts – details of scanned material

Year Register was issued	Month(s) Supplement were issued
1878	April; August; December
1879	No supplement issued
1880	No date given
1881	July No 1; July N0 2
1882	July; October
1883	July; October
1884	July, November
1885	July, November
1886	July; October
1887	August only
1888	July only
1889	August only
1890	September only
1891	September only
1892	May, August
1893	May, July
1894	May, July
1895	May only
1896	June, August
1897	June, August
1898	June, October
1899	May, July
1900	May, July- August
1901	May, August
1902	May, August
1903	May, August
1904	May, July
1905	May, July
1906	July only
1907	July only
1908	July only
1909	July only
1910	July only
1911	July only
1912	July only
1913	July only
1914	July only
1915	No supplement issued
No registers were issued between 1916 and 1918	
1918 supplement only	January
1919	No supplement issued
1920	No supplement issued
1921	No supplement issued
1922	June only
1923	July only
1924	July, August
1925	July only
1926	July only
1927	July only
1928	May, July
1929	May, July
1930	May, July
1931	July only
1932	July only

1933	July only
1934	July only
1935	May, July
1936	May, July
1937	May, July
1938	May, July
1939	May, July + supplement issued in 1947
No registers were issued between 1940 and 1946	
1947	June, September
1948	May, August
1949	May, July
1950	May, July
1951	May, July
1952	May, July
1953	April, July
1954	April, July
1955	April, July
1956	April, July
1957	March, July
1958	March, July
1959	March, July
1960	March, July
1961	March, July
1962	March, July
1963	March, July
1964	March, July
1965	March, July
1966	April, July
1967	April, July
1968	April, June
1969	March, July
1970	March, July
1971	March, July
1972	March, June
1973	March, June
1974	March, June
1975	March, June
1976	March, June
1977	March, June
1978	March, June
1979	March, June
1980	March, June

Register of Classed Yachts

1981; 1982; 1983;1984; 1985; 1986; 1987; 1988; 1989; 1990; 1991; 1992; 1993; 1994; 1995-6; 1999-2000; 2000-1; 2002-3.

Yacht Flags – colour booklet

1961; 1965; 1966; 1971

Sail Numbers – Booklet

1968