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You may already be aware that Social Security for seafarers has been around for many decades and that most seafarers working in the yacht industry are either not aware of the need to make contributions or are so confused by the process they have simply ignored it.

The Maritime Labour Convention 2006 (MLC 2006), which is very close to ratification, has a whole Title, the ILO word for Chapter, dealing with the payment of Social Security contributions for Seafarers and what the Governments have to provide by way of benefits.

So, if you are working on a yacht, private or commercial, you should check whether or not you have a mandatory contribution to make. However, if you are working on a commercially registered yacht you really need to act quickly as the MLC 2006 applies to all commercially registered yachts, irrespective of their size.

In a separate event, the European Commission has announced that with effect from 1st May 2014, there will be a new automated social security exchange of information system for all its members. Amongst other things this system will provide all member states with the following benefits:

- standardised flows of information
- better multilingual communication thanks to common structured documents
- optimised verification and collection of data

Therefore, if you are not in a social security system and should be there is a very good chance that one or more of the EU member states will question whether you should be paying contributions.

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Best regards

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