

OBTAINING AN IMO NUMBER



The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) published a final rule that became effective June 12, 2023 which requires certain vessels to have an International Maritime Organization (IMO) number. (See the final rule here: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/05/12/2023-09966/international-fisheries-western-and-central-pacific-fisheries-for-highly-migratory-species-fish>)

You may have a received a letter like the example below.



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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
Pacific Islands Regional Office
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June 21, 2023

NMFS implemented a decision of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission, by the publication of a final rule, that became effective June 12, 2023, requiring vessels with a gross tonnage of at least 100 GRT or 100 GT ITC, or less than 100 GRT down to a size of 12 meters in overall length to have an IMO number. Any vessel that is not in compliance with this final rule is subject to enforcement.

To obtain an IMO number, visit IHS Markit at: <https://imonumbers.ihs.com/>

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The compliance guide may be viewed here: <https://www.regulations.gov/document/NOAA-NMFS-2021-0068-0011>

If there are questions, please contact Jason Philibotte, Chief, International Fisheries Division, at (808) 725-5032 or at Jason.Phibotte@noaa.gov.

**Jason Philibotte's number is correct, but his voicemail has not been updated. You may also contact the Natural Resource Management Specialist Rini Ghosh at (808) 725-5033 or Rini.Ghosh@noaa.gov*

Sincerely,

Sarah Malloy
Acting Regional Administrator

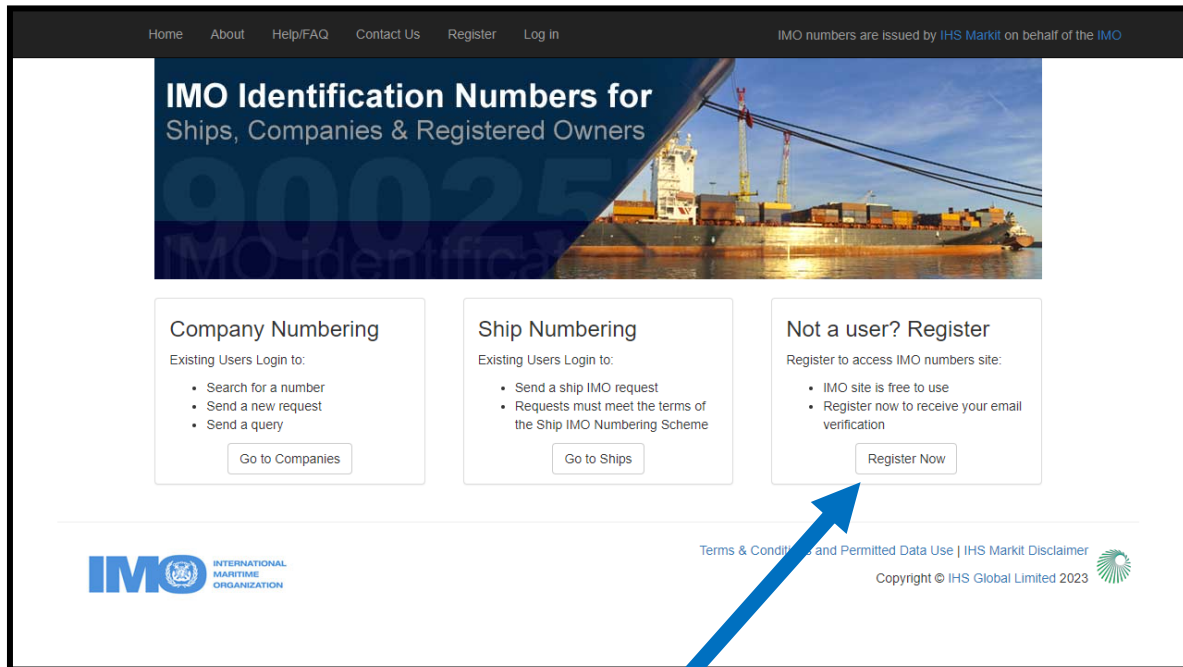


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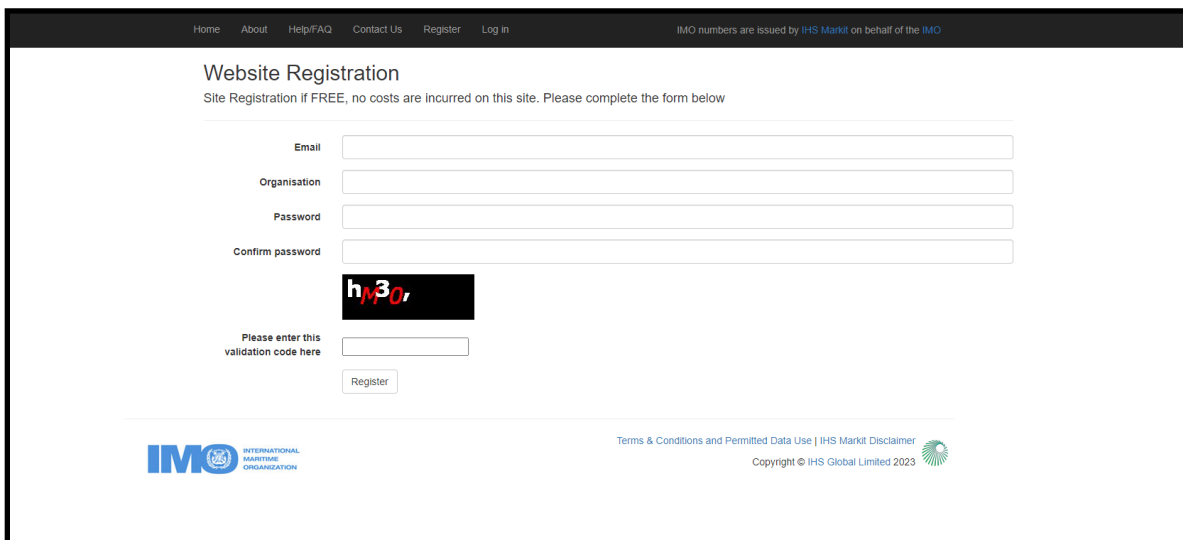
- To obtain an IMO number start here: <https://imonumbers.ihs.com/>

This will take you to the following screen:



- The first step is to register by clicking the **Register Now** button

This will take you to the following screen:



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- Enter your email, organization (enter your name or business, if applicable), and a password. Your password must have at least one capital and one lowercase letter. Enter the validation code on your screen and then hit the **Register** button.

Website Registration

Site Registration if FREE, no costs are incurred on this site. Please complete the form below

Email: info@wfoa-tuna.org

Organisation: Western Fishboat Owners Association

Password:

Confirm password:

Please enter this validation code here: hM30

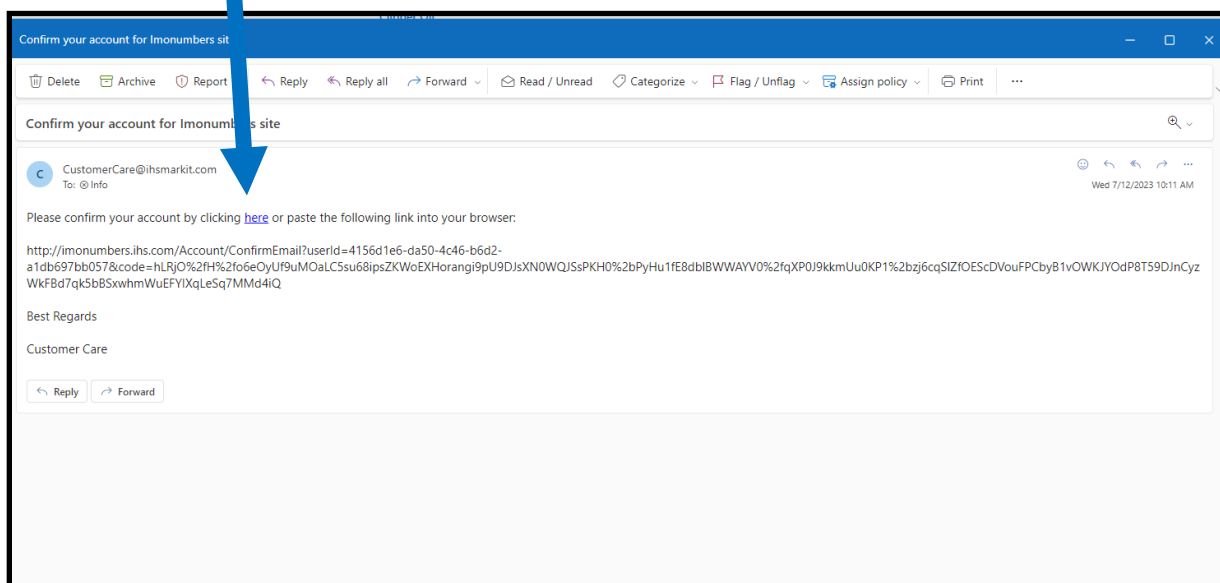
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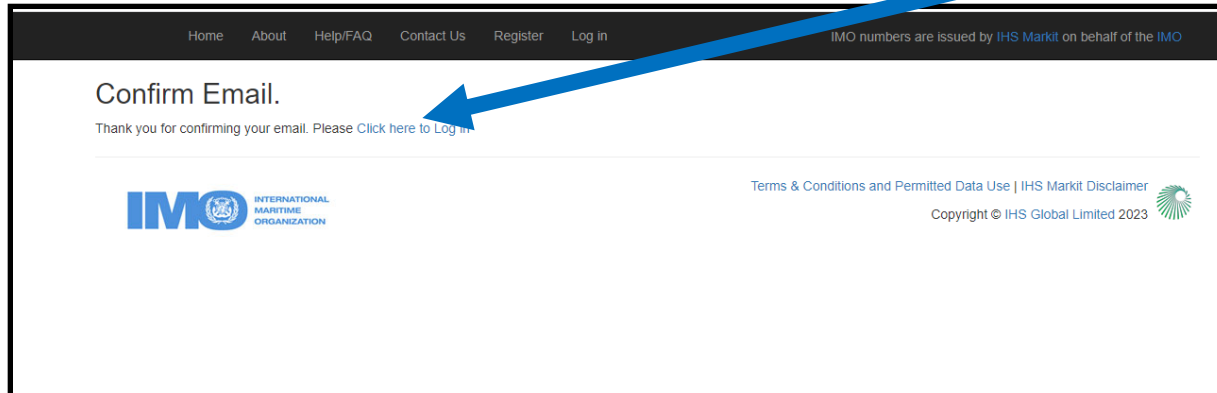
- This will trigger an email to be sent to the email address you provided. When you receive the email click the link provided to confirm your account.



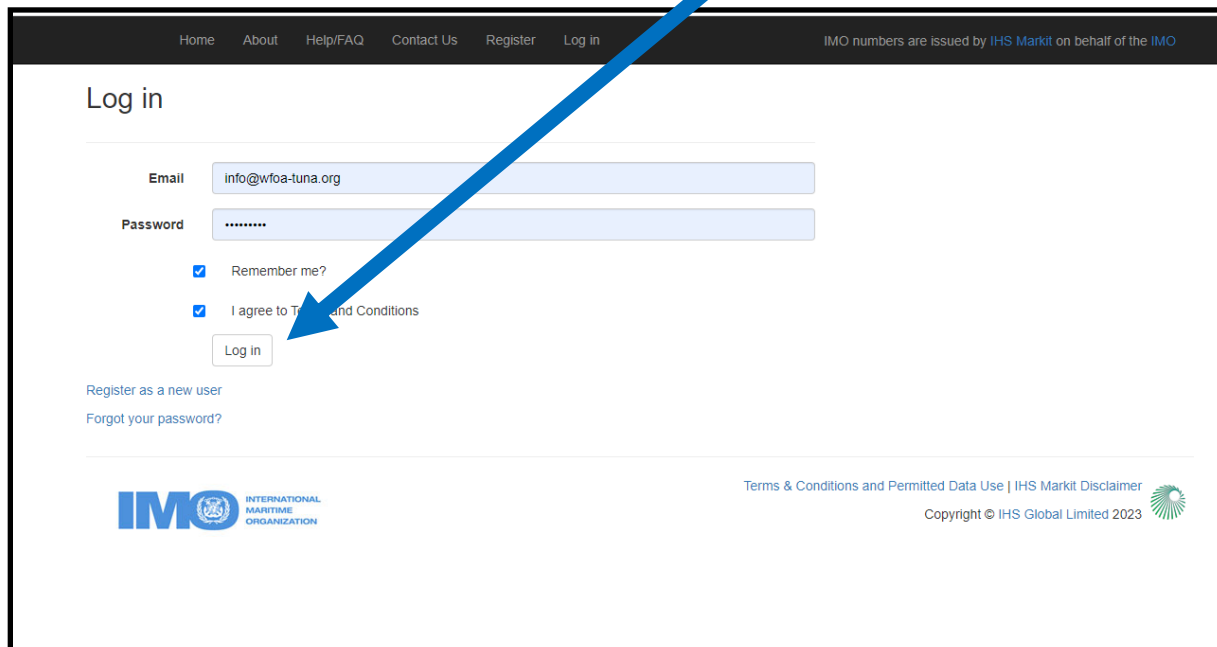
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- When you click on the link to confirm your account you will be taken back to the IMO site where you can log in.



Log in to the site using the information you signed up with. After clicking the **Log In** button you will be taken to the IMO Identification number site.



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- To proceed with requesting an IMO number for your vessel you will need to click on the **Go To Ships** button

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IMO Identification Numbers for Ships, Companies & Registered Owners

90025
IMO Identification

Company Numbering

Existing Users Login to:

- Search for a number
- Send a new request
- Send a query

Go to Companies

Ship Numbering

Existing Users Login to:

- Send a ship IMO request
- Requests must meet the terms of the Ship IMO Numbering Scheme

Go to Ships

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- From here you can choose to complete the required form online, via Word doc, or fillable PDF. If you want to complete the form via Word or PDF you'll need to email the completed form to ship.imo@ihs.com

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IMO Ship Identification Numbers



Request a Number:

- Complete form online
- Download form in word format
- Download form in pdf format

Welcome to the home of the IMO Ship Numbering Scheme, managed by the Ship IMO team at IHS Markit.

Here you are able to send Ship IMO requests for your vessel providing it meets the terms of the Ship IMO Numbering Scheme.

Ship IMO numbers can take up to 8 working (business) days to receive, although every effort is made to respond sooner.

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- After submitting your completed form the approval process can take up to 8 business days. Once your form has been processed a letter will be emailed or mailed to you with the IMO number assigned to your vessel.

	
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TO:	DATE:
COMPANY:	
OUR REF:	
IMO RESOLUTION	
We refer to your request, please be advised that the LR/IMO no for the vessel is:-	
Builder (Yard No)	
IMO Number	
Year of Completion	
Current Ship Name	
<p>1) Please note that an IMO Ship Number is assigned for a specific hull number and once issued, will not be subject to any alteration. If the type of ship being built under that hull number is changed or the dimensions changed significantly, then this office should be notified for clarification regarding usage of existing IMO number. 2) If the vessel name given for a hull number is changed during construction then, to avoid any confusion, this office should be notified immediately. 3) If the shipbuilding contract for which an IMO number has been issued for a specific hull number is cancelled by an owner, then that IMO number may become invalid. Please notify this office for clarification and approval regarding the usage of this existing IMO number. The former IMO number is not transferable to another hull at the shipyard.</p>	
Best Regards	
IMO Ship Number Section IHS Maritime & Trade	
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