

Shipping (Registration of Vessels) Regulations [Cap 53]

Commencement: 22 January 1999

SHIPPING (REGISTRATION OF VESSELS) REGULATIONS

Order 6 of 1999
Order 18 of 2004

To provide for the registration of vessels.

1. Registration or licensing of vessels

Every vessel other than a foreign registered vessel, operated within Vanuatu's economic zone which is:

a fishing vessel over 8 metres in length and engaged in a commercial fishing which is not registered under a foreign flag; or

a vessel that carries passengers for hire or rewards; or

a vessel over 8 metres in length engaged in commercial trade,

must be registered pursuant to section 2.

(2) Upon signing a declaration that a vessel is a pleasure yacht and not engaged in any form of trade, the vessel may be registered as a pleasure yacht on a voluntary basis in accordance with these regulations.

2. Issuance of certificate of registration

(1) Upon receipt of a written application in the form set out in the Schedule from an owner of a vessel required to be registered under regulation 1(1) or on a voluntary basis regulation 1(2), and upon payment of the prescribed fee, the Principal Licensing Officer may issue a certificate of registration for the vessel provided that owner furnishes proof satisfactory to the Principal Licensing Officer:

(a) as to ownership of the vessel;

(b) any foreign marine document for the vessel has been surrendered with the consent of the government that has issued it, or that it has legally been cancelled;

(c) the vessel is in a seaworthy condition;

the registration fee has been paid;

that the registered owner has, and continues to hold, public liability, pollution clean-up, and wreck removal insurance cover for amounts appropriate to the size of the vessel;

that all requirements contained in the Schedule have been complied with.

The form of application and the registration fee for Vanuatu flagged vessels are as prescribed in the Schedule.

3. Failure to register

(1) An owner of a vessel who fails to register or obtain a licence in accordance with these regulations commits an offence, and on conviction is liable to a fine not exceeding VT 100,000.

(2) In addition, the owner is liable to a fine not exceeding VT 1,000 for each day or part day after the date of conviction that the offence continues.

4. *(Repealed)*

SCHEDULE

FORM DOM/A14

REPUBLIC OF VANUATU PORT VILA, VANUATU	APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF A VESSEL <i>THIS FORM IS TO BE SUBMITTED IN DUPLICATE</i>
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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Name to be given to vessel when registered under the Vanuatu flag		
Present name of vessel of Hull number if new construction		
IMO number (<i>Lloyd's Register of Shipping Number</i>)		IMO
Current flag of registry (ender <i>Newbuilding</i> if new construction)		
(Proposed) date and place of purchase or delivery		
(Proposed) date of registration under the Vanuatu flag		
Name of port/place vessel will be on proposed registration date		
Type of vessel		
Classification Society with which the vessel is /will be classed		
Name of Owner(s)	Domicile	Citizenship
		Proportion (%)

II. VESSEL CONSTRUCTION

14. Built by		15. Year built		16. Built at	
17. Converted by		18. Year converted		19. Converted at	
20. Number of masts	21. Number of decks	22. Material	23. Type of stern	24. Type of stern	

III. PARTICULARS OF PROPELLING ENGINES

25. How propelled	26. Number & type of engines	27. Power kW	28. Date Built	29. Name of engine manufacturer
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		_____ [] BHP		
		_____ [] Kw		
		_____ [] ps		

IV. REGISTER DIMENSIONS

Register dimensions in metres [] Metres							
30. Length		31. Breadth		32. Depth		33. Height	

V. PARTICULARS OF TONNAGE

Registration fees and annual tonnage tax are payable on the vessel's net tonnage as measured under ITC 69				
GRT = gross registered tons NRT = net registered tons	ITC 69 GT	ITC 69 NT	Regulatory GRT	Regulatory NRT
34. SINGLE TONNAGE				
35. DUAL TONNAGE (if applicable)				
36. ALTERNATE USE VESSEL (if applicable)				

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

WARNING! THIS INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR SAFETY ALERTS (EPIRB) , AND BILLINGS SUCH AS ANNUAL FEES. FAILURE TO ADVISE CHANGES TO THIS INFORMATION COULD POSSIBLY RESULT IN DELAYS IN RESPONDING TO SAFETY ALERTS, VESSEL DELAYS, DELAYS IN DOCUMENT PROCESSING AND SUBJECT THE OWNER/MANAGER TO POSSIBLE FINES AND PENALTIES. THE OWNER/MANAGER IS REQUESTED TO UPDATE THIS INFORMATION *ANNUALLY* TO THE PRINCIPAL LICENSING OFFICER.

37. CONTACT PERSON & STREET ADDRESS FOR GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE AFTER REGISTRATION

Name		Tel	
Company		Fax	
Address		E-mail	

38. CONTACT PERSON & STREET ADDRESS FOR BILLING AFTER REGISTRATION

Name		Tel	
Company		Fax	
Address		E-mail	

39. CONTACT PERSON & STREET ADDRESS FOR SAFETY ALERTS (*MANDATORY*)

Name		Tel	
Company		Fax	
Address		E-mail	

VII. MORTGAGE DATE

	First preferred mortgage	Second preferred mortgage
40. Mortgagee(s)		
41. Total amount		
42. Discharge amount		
43. Date of maturity		
44. Name of assignee		
45. If collateral mortgage(s) is/are to be recorded on other Vanuatu flag vessels at the time of registration, list the name(s) and official number(s) of these vessels below.		

VIII. CREW COMPLEMENT

The following Master, holder of a valid Certificate of Competency in the grade of Master, has or will be appointed Master of the vessel and holds or *must* apply for a Vanuatu License of Competence.

46. Name		47. Citizenship		48. Certificate number and Country of issue	
49. Deck department	Number	50. Engine department	Number	51. All others	Number
Chief Officer		Chief Engineer			
Watchkeeper		Second Engineer			
Watchkeeper		Watchkeeper		General Operator (GMDSS)	
				Radio Telephone Operator	
Able Seamen		Oilers			
Ordinary Seamen		Motormen			
52. Enter total number of crew including Master:					
53. IS THE VESSEL FULLY GMDSS EQUIPPED?				[] YES [] NO	
54. IS THE VESSEL UMS CERTIFIED (AUTOMATED ENGINE ROOM)?				[] YES [] NO	

IX. DECLARATION

I, _____ hereby declare that,

Full Name and title (Owner, Owner's Agent, Officer Attorney-in-Fact) of the Declarer

I understand that the registration fees will be paid prior to registration;

I understand that the vessel and its operators will comply with the Vanuatu Shipping Act Cap. 53 (as amended) and Regulations;

The consent of the government of the current flag of registry has been or will be obtained for the transfer of the vessel to the Vanuatu registry, in the ownership of the applicant owners(s);

ITU approved Accounting Authority, - not applicable for vessels engaged in Vanuatu's near coastal trade;

Appropriate Vanuatu documents for all officers and crew serving on board the vessel will be obtained; The Master of the vessel, upon receipt of the Republic of Vanuatu Certificate of Registration and other ship's documents, will surrender the vessel's outstanding documents issued by the government of the current registry and will make the markings as required by the Vanuatu's Shipping Act;

Pursuant to the Schedule of the Shipping (Registration of Vessels) Regulations: (a) the name of the vessel, (b) its gross and net tonnage(s), (c) the place where the vessel was built, (d) the name, residence and citizenship of each owner and proportion of each owner's ownership, are correctly stated in this application;

I am a citizen of _____ and have full authority to make these declarations;

(1) The information given in this application and supporting documents is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true and correct.

Signature and title of the Declarer	Declared before me this ____ day of _____ 20____
	_____ Name & Signature of Principal Licensing Officer

FORM DOM/A15

REPUBLIC OF VANUATU PORT VILA, VANUATU	DECLARATION OF PLEASURE YACHT OWNER <i>THIS FORM IS TO BE SUBMITTED IN DUPLICATE</i>
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I. PARTICULARS OF THE DECLARER

Name	
Address	
Credentials (check one):	<input type="checkbox"/> Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Attorney-in-Fact
If the vessel is to be owned by a corporation, a Power of Attorney or Corporate Resolution authorising the Declarer to act in the above capacity must be attached to this form.	

I. PARTICULARS OF THE VESSEL

I, _____ hereby declare that, <i>Full Name and title (Owner, Owner's Agent, Officer Attorney-in-Fact) of the Declarer</i>
The vessel is a pleasure yacht,
The vessel will not be used for the carriage of either passengers or goods for hire or reward, and
(a) Should the vessel or shares in any corporation which may from time to time own the vessel be sold, the owner will advise the potential buyer that the new owners have no automatic right to re-register or

retain the registration of the vessel under the flag of the Republic of Vanuatu.

Signature and title of the Declarer	Declared before me this ____ day of _____ 20____
	Name & Signature of Principal Licensing Officer

FEES

Fees payable to the Licensing Officer, by both commercial vessels and pleasure yachts, in connection with registration and associated matters, will be determined by an order of the Minister.

Table of Amendments

4 Repealed by Order 18 of 2004