

## Yacht Registration

1. To be eligible to register a yacht under a Seychelles flag :  
the owner of the yacht needs either to be a Seychelles citizen or a Seychelles company – preferably an IBC.
  - i) The Vessel must not be older than 15 years. However, if the ship is older, (note that the absolute age limit is 25 years), the vessel will be considered to be able to register if the owner of the vessel can produce necessary builders certificates and documentation that proves that the ship has been serviced / repaired /maintained according to international standards.
  - ii) For a boat of nonstandard occasion (limited series), the ship must be appraised by one of the following classification company recognized by the Seychelles authorities:
    - Bureau Veritas (France)
    - Det Norske Veritas (Norwy)
    - Lloyd's Register of Shipping (UK)
    - Germanischer Lloyd (Germany)
    - America Bureau of Shipping (USA)
    - Nippon Kaiji Ryokai (Japan)
2. Registration of ships and yachts is governed by the Merchant Shipping Act, 1992.
3. Registration can be effected within 1-2 working days – to a maximum period of 1 week (provided all documents and information are in order).
4. Seychelles is party to a number of international conventions related to shipping including:
  - the Collisions Convention
  - the Load Line Convention
  - the Safety Convention
  - the Conventions of the International Maritime Organisation

as well as member of the United Nations, the Commonwealth, the group of non-aligned countries, the Indian Ocean Commission, and the International Maritime Organization. This assures that vessels flying the Seychelles flag benefit from friendly treatment worldwide.
5. Any vessel already registered into another jurisdiction, can only be provisionally registered under the Seychelles flag for a period of 90 days.
6. To be eligible for permanent registration the vessel must be deregistered from the other jurisdiction's register and a Certificate of Deletion, as evidence that registration in that jurisdiction has ceased, must be provided.

7. If the Certificate of Deletion is submitted to the Seychelles Port Authority within the 90-day period, the vessel can be permanent registered under the Seychelles flag with no additional fees payable.
8. For a new boat of series, the permanent recording can be done directly through an application presented at the Port authorities of Victoria.
- 9.. Particulars required for registration of Yacht:
  - i) List of at least three alternative names under which the yacht is proposed to be registered.
  - ii) We need to complete the Application Form for the Registration of the Yacht
  - iii) We need to complete the Declaration of ownership (**must have the signatories and stamp of the local Notary Agents, Lawyer**)
  - iv) Provide certified copy of Certificate of Incorporation (IBC/SIBA)
  - v) Copy of Project Memorandum of Association and Articles of Association
  - vi) Not older than 15 yrs age
  - vii) Copy of previous Certificate of Registry (**only if vessel has been previously registered and NOT applicable to new building**)
  - viii) Builder's Certificate
  - ix) Deletion Certificate (**only if vessel has been previously registered and NOT applicable to new building**)
  - x) Bill of Sale
  - xi) Mortgage if any
  - xii) Vessel to be surveyed for its seaworthiness by SMSA or SMSA approved surveyor before registration.
  - xiii) 2 photo of the Yacht (in colour)
  - xiv) Completed Request for Call Sign / MMSI Form.
  - xv) Radio Application Form and bring it to SLA for payment. **Note: Vessel need to be registered before SLA can issue the Radio License.**

- xvi) Upon payment of the Registration Fees, together with the above mentioned documents the vessel can be registered.