



INFORMATION BULLETIN No. 152

BMA Publications

Guidance and Instructions for Bahamas Recognised Organisations, Bahamas Authorised Representatives, Yacht Owners, Managers and Masters

1. Purpose

- 1.1. This Bulletin provides details of publications available to order from the Bahamas Maritime Authority (BMA).
- 1.2. Stocks of publications are held at each of the BMA's offices.

2. Introduction

- 2.1. A number of record books and publications are required on board Bahamian ships, in accordance with the Merchant Shipping Act and associated regulations and relevant international Convention and Code requirements.
- 2.2. In order to fulfil its obligations in this regard, a number of record books and publications are available from the BMA.
- 2.3. In addition, other record books and publications have also been made available by the BMA in response to shipowner requests.
- 2.4. Also, noting shipowner feedback that it is sometimes difficult to obtain the correct Bahamas merchant flag, these are also now available to purchase from the BMA.

3. Available publications

3.1. Registration forms, application forms and reporting forms are available to download from the BMA website: <http://www.bahamasmaritime.com>

3.2. The following documents are supplied by the BMA upon first registration of the ship:

- Crew Agreement
- List of Crew and Signatures of Seaman
- Return of Births and Deaths (RBD-1)
- Account of Property of a Deceased Seaman (PDS-1)
- Merchant Shipping Provisions and Water Regs.
- Casualty Report Form (CRF-1)
- Certificate of Discharge
- Report of Conduct Certificate
- Oil Record Book (Part I – All Ships)
- Oil Record Book (Part II – Oil Tankers)¹
- Cargo Record Book (NLS Carrier)¹
- [Garbage Record Book \(Part I – All ships\)](#)
- [Garbage Record Book \(Part II – Ships that carry solid bulk cargoes\)](#)¹
- [Compass Observation Book](#)
- MARPOL Annex VI Record Book
- Ballast Water Record Book
- GMDSS Radio Log Book
- Official Log Book (Part I)
- Official Log Book (Part II - Passenger Ships)¹
- Complete Merchant Shipping Legislation (2001)

3.3. The above documents may be re-ordered directly from the BMA publications section (publications@bahamasmaritime.com).

3.4. A publications order form is available to download by clicking [HERE](#).

3.5. Bahamas merchant flags are now available to purchase from the BMA publications section using the publications order form.

4. Charges for publications

4.1. The revised scale of charges for publications is as stated on the publications order form.

[1 - If applicable](#)

5. Revision History

Rev.2 (31 July 2017) – Addition of Garbage Record Book Parts I & II and Compass Observation Book in paragraph 3.2, editorial

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