
Change of "Non-commercial yacht" to "Private yacht"

Notice to ship owners, managers, Masters, Approved Nautical Inspectors, Recognised Organisations and surveyors

1. Purpose

- 1.1. The purpose of this Notice is to describe the change of yacht type in the Bahamas register for private (non-commercial) yachts.

2. Application

- 2.1. Applies to all private (non-commercial) yachts.

3. Change of yacht type from "Yacht Non-commercial" to "Private Yacht"

- 3.1. Historically, yachts that are not in commercial use (i.e., not used for charter) have been entered on The Bahamas register as "Yacht Non-commercial" and their Certificates of Registry note this as the "ship type".
- 3.2. Following the recent updates to the Bahamas Yacht Codes, and to align with current terminology, the Register and Bahamas Online Registration Information System (BORIS) has been updated so that non-commercial yachts are now registered as "Private Yacht".

4. Certificates or Registry

- 4.1. To reduce administrative burden, existing Certificates of Registry stating the ship type "Yacht - Non-commercial" remain valid until any changes are made which require the amendment of the Certificate of Registry (e.g., changes to vessel details or ownership).
- 4.2. All new and amended Certificates of Registry issued after the effective date of this Notice will state the ship type as "Private Yacht".

5. Queries

- 5.1. Any queries on this Notice may be addressed to yachts@bahamasmaritime.com.

Revision History

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| 1.0 | First Issue |
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