

The Bahamas Fleet

The Bahamas' Register has a broad-based portfolio of ship types and an in-depth understanding of their particular needs.

While perhaps best known for its world-class cruise fleet, passenger ships make up just 11% of ship numbers on The Bahamas Register. General cargo accounts for 15%, tankers 19% and bulk carriers 16%. The Bahamas is also proud of its technical expertise in supporting the offshore industry – offshore oil and gas support vessels alone account for 17% of the vessels registered with the Flag.



30 years of The Bahamas Maritime Authority

2025 marks a milestone in Bahamian history as The BMA celebrates its 30th anniversary. As a nation with an enduring maritime heritage, we are proud to be recognised as one of the world's leading ship registries with a reputation for quality customer service and excellence.

Throughout the years, The Bahamas has played an active role in maritime governance at the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and the International Labour Organization (ILO), advocating for clear and balanced regulations on environmental protection, safety, security and seafarer training and wellbeing.

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Maritime Authority

30
YEARS | 1995-2025

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Flag Advantages



Progress, Honour, Service Quality and Excellence are in our BMA.

The Bahamas ship register has built its reputation as one of the premier ship registries, offering shipowners, ship managers and their representatives distinct advantages.

- ▶ 24/7 Global Emergency Response
- ▶ Worldwide Network to support our owners and crew
- ▶ Whitelist and Low Risk Flag
- ▶ Industry Leading Online Registration System
- ▶ Global Inspector Network
- ▶ Inhouse Investigative Team providing comprehensive objective reporting'
- ▶ Diverse Portfolio of Ship Types
- ▶ Dual & Barefoot Registration
- ▶ Electronic Certificates
- ▶ Signatory to Bustamante Code
- ▶ Signatory to China Maritime Agreement



1550+ Bahamas Registered Vessels



65+ Million Gross Tons Registered



Global Support Services

Seafarers & Manning

Ensuring the highest standards for seafarers

Ships and units registered with The Bahamas are required to comply with both international and national regulations, ensuring they are sufficiently and efficiently manned with appropriately trained personnel. The BMA also mandates full compliance with the Maritime Labour Convention (MLC) 2006, which establishes seafarers' rights to fair and decent working conditions.

The Seafarers and Manning Department ensures that all seafarers aboard Bahamian vessels are trained and certified in line with the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification, and Watchkeeping (STCW). The department also conducts STCW Deck & Engineering Certificate of Competency (CoC) exams, both written and oral, in The Bahamas.



Inspections & Surveys

Committed to maximising fleet performance

Safety of life, maritime security, and marine environmental protection are at the core of The BMA's work.

The Inspections & Surveys Department ensures all registered ships meet international and national regulations, reviewing vessels for technical suitability and overseeing The BMA's annual inspection programme, Port State Control, Recognised Organisations, and quality control. The department also sets technical standards and approves Bahamas-approved LSA service providers (BASP).



Registration

Ensuring quality of service is in our DNA

The Bahamas Maritime Authority (BMA) welcomes all types of vessels to the register while ensuring relevant legal and safety standards are met. As part of the registration requirements, the technical suitability and age of a vessel are also taken into consideration before it is accepted to fly The Bahamas Flag.

In order to enhance our customer service delivery, The BMA has developed an industry leading online registration system (BORIS) for owners, ISM managers and agents acting on behalf of Bahamas-registered vessels.

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BORIS



Maritime Affairs

Representing your interests at the highest level

By maintaining relationships with key industry organisations, The BMA ensures the highest possible service standards. Continuously strengthening partnerships and pursuing new collaborations, The BMA enables shipowners to benefit from the expertise, best practices, and knowledge within these leading maritime associations.

The BMA has built an international reputation for providing expert advice and guidance, actively taking a leading role at the International Maritime Organization (IMO), International Labour Organization (ILO), and other key industry forums. As a long-standing member of the IMO Council, The Bahamas is represented by its dedicated Maritime Affairs Department, which plays a vital role in engaging with both the IMO and ILO.

