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# Commercial Yachts Extended Range Tender Guidelines



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# 1 Foreword

## Introduction and General Information

- 1.1 The Commercial Yachts Extended Range Tender Guidelines shall be read and construed together with the Malta Commercial Yacht Code (CYC), as amended, and the Malta Small Commercial Yacht Code (sCYC), as amended.
- 1.2 The requirements detailed in these Guidelines shall be applied in conjunction to the requirements as detailed in Section 22 of the CYC, as amended, and in Section 19 of the sCYC, as amended.
- 1.3 Vessels operating commercially in territorial waters of another country shall also comply with any additional requirements as required by that particular country/port state.
- 1.4 These Guidelines are being issued without prejudice to other applicable requirements. In the eventuality of any conflict between these Guidelines and any National or Port State requirements, the stricter requirements shall always prevail.

# 2 Application

- 2.1 Revision 2 of these Guidelines replace Revision 1 and will be applicable from the **1<sup>st</sup> April 2024**.
- 2.2 These Guidelines are applicable only to Malta Flag Commercial Yachts' Tenders which are  $\leq 24\text{m}$  Length of Hull ( $L_h$ ) and which fall under the Registration Certificate of the Mother Yacht.
- 2.3 Extended Range Yacht Tenders which are also designated as the Yacht's Rescue Boat shall only be allowed to operate upto 6 nautical miles from the mother yacht. The Rescue Boat/Tender shall also meet the Rescue Boat requirements as detailed in the CYC, as amended, and shall be stowed onboard the mother yacht. In the eventuality of any conflict between these Guidelines and the CYC Rescue Boat requirements, the stricter requirements shall always prevail.
- 2.4 Extended Range Yacht Tenders shall be engaged solely and exclusively in the business of the Mother Yacht.
- 2.5 Existing Extended Range Yacht Tenders shall comply with these guidelines by not later than the Mother Yacht's first periodical survey on or after the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2024.

# 3 Definitions

- 3.1 For the purpose of these Guidelines the definitions shall be those detailed in the Commercial Yacht Code (CYC) and Small Commercial Yacht Code (sCYC).
- 3.2 **Tender** or **Yacht Tender** means a craft / vessel used for servicing and providing support and entertainment to a yacht. Yacht tenders may be either stowed on board or towed or may even chase / navigate together with the yacht.
- 3.3 **Extended Range Yacht Tender** means a craft / vessel used for servicing and providing support and entertainment to a yacht and which complies with the requirements for an Extended Range Yacht Tender as defined in the Code. Extended Range Yacht Tenders may be either stowed on board or towed or may even chase / navigate together with the yacht.

### 3.4 Tender Design Categories and applicable Weather Restrictions

Design category	Wind force (Beaufort scale)	Significant wave height (H $\frac{1}{3}$ , metres)
A	exceeding 8	exceeding 4
B	up to, and including, 8	up to, and including, 4
C	up to, and including, 6	up to, and including, 2
D	up to, and including, 4	up to, and including, 0,3

3.5 The Hull Length  $L_H$  shall be measured in accordance to the requirements of *ISO 8666*, as amended, and in compliance to the *TM Measurement Guidelines for Yachts and Other Types of Vessels*, as amended.

## 4 Requirements

### 4.1 General Requirements for Extended Range Yacht Tenders

4.1.1 As per CYC Section 22 and sCYC Section 19, Extended Range Yacht Tenders shall be certified in accordance to the EU Recreational Craft Directive 2013/53/EU, as amended, to a minimum of Design Category B. Design Category C Extended Range Yacht Tenders shall only be considered in exceptional circumstances and at the sole discretion of the Administration.

4.1.2 An Extended Range Yacht Tender shall be covered by a CE Certificate and be issued with a Builder's Declaration of Conformity. Other types / categories / standards of internationally recognised certification regimes may be accepted by the Administration on a case-by-case basis.

4.1.3 A tender shall never carry more than 12 passengers and it shall never exceed the maximum number of persons as shown on the CE Builder's Plate.

4.1.4 Weather restrictions as defined in the Recreational Craft Directive 2013/53/EU, as amended, shall apply to each tender in line with its assigned Design Category.

4.1.5 Extended Range Yacht Tenders shall be fitted with safe and strong hand holds and it is recommended that they be fitted also with safe seating arrangements. Railings and inflatable tubes shall not be considered parts of the seating arrangements.

4.1.6 Extended Range Yacht Tenders are to be provided with adequate mooring arrangements, an anchor and anchor cable appropriate for the size of the tender. The anchor cable shall be capable of being used also as a towline.

4.1.7 The Extended Range Yacht Tender shall be adequately and safely manned. The manning of the tender shall never jeopardise the safety manning of the mother yacht.

4.1.8 The Extended Range Yacht Tender's crew shall hold a valid nautical license or an internationally recognised equivalent, and be adequately experienced and trained.

## 4.2

## Extended Range Yacht Tenders Minimum Equipment Requirements

Minimum Equipment Required	Extended Range from Mother Yacht		
	6 nautical miles	12 nautical miles	25 nautical miles
Lif jackets fitted with lights & whistles and suitable for all persons onboard	100%	100%	100%
Inflatable Liferaft(s)	100%	100%	100%
Bailer with lanyard	1	1	1
Waterproof torch or lantern	1	1	2
Handheld flare •	2	2	4
Buoyant smoke signal •	1	1	2
Parachute flare •	2	2	4
Lifebuoy complete with buoyant line	-	-	1
Magnetic Compass	1	1	1
Portable Fire Extinguishers	Required	Required	Required
Thermal protective Aids *	100%	100%	100%
1 litre drinking water per person	-	-	100%
Portable VHF Radio	1	-	-
Hand held GMDSS VHF	2	2	2
Fixed VHF DSC ▲	-	1	1
Navigation Lights	Required	Required	Required
Binoculars	1	1	1
GPS Unit with Maps	1	1	1
Power Operated Bilge Pump	1	1	1
Manual Bilge Pump	1	1	1
Sound Horn	1	1	1
First Aid Kit ►	1	1	1
Satellite/Satellite-AIS EPIRB +	-	1	1
SART / AIS-SART	1	1	1
AIS ▲	1	1	1
X-Band Radar	-	-	1
Radar Reflector	-	1	1
SPF30 water resistant sun cream **	100%	100%	100%
Fire Blanket ▼	1	1	1

(\*) – May be exempted if the tender operates in (constantly warm climates within sea areas as detailed in Technical Notice SLS.8, as amended.

(\*\*) – Required for tenders which offer no shade from the sun.

(+) – The tender's EPIRB shall be an additional EPIRB. In accordance with the applicable Cospas-Sarsat deliverables, the EPIRB shall be programmed with the MMSI No. assigned to the mother yacht, as follows:

- Coded using the MMSI Maritime User Protocol with the Maltese Country code (MID);
- the 6 trailing digits of the MMSI of the mother yacht;
- the Beacon Number of this particular beacon (bits 76 to 81); and
- the homing signal capability of the beacon

(▲) - In accordance with ITU recommendation ITU-R.585-7, crafts associated with a parent ship need to be assigned with a unique 9-digit identification number, different from that assigned to the parent ship. Yachts deploying Extended Range Tenders shall have AIS installed (even if the mother yacht < 300GT). The Identification Number(s) is assigned by the Maritime Radio Communications Services (MRCS). Applications shall be made by sending an e-mail on: [mrasmalta@transport.gov.mt](mailto:mrasmalta@transport.gov.mt)

(●) All pyrotechnics shall be stored in an appropriate safe and clearly marked container/compartments.

(▼) Fire Blanket is required for tenders having a galley.

(►) The First Aid Kit shall be in compliance with the CYC and sCYC.

## 5 Insurance Requirements

- 5.1 Extended Range Yacht Tenders shall be issued with adequate insurance coverage which shall at least cover Third Party liabilities. The tender's insurance policy may be incorporated in the mother yacht's insurance policy.

## 6 Survey and Certification

- 6.1 Extended Range Yacht Tenders shall be surveyed in conjunction with the mother yacht during the mother yacht's Initial/Renewal Survey and also during the mother yacht's Intermediate Survey (for mother yachts < 24m) or during the 2nd or 3rd year mother yacht's Annual Survey (for mother yachts ≥ 24m).
- 6.2 For existing yachts, the Initial Extended Range Yacht Tender survey may be carried outside the mother yacht's survey window. The subsequent periodical tender surveys will be aligned with the mother yacht's survey window. The tender's survey dates will be shown on the Commercial Yachts Extended Range Tender Certificate.
- 6.3 Extended Range Yacht Tenders shall be surveyed by the same Appointed Government Surveyor (AGS) or Recognised Organisation (RO) surveying the mother yacht for compliance with the CYC or sCYC. Tender(s) details and survey outcome shall be duly included in the mother yacht's survey report and the tender(s) shall be mentioned on the mother yacht's Commercial Yacht Certificate.
- 6.4 Upon satisfactory completion of the surveys, the attending surveyor shall issue a Commercial Yacht Extended Range Tender Survey Report using the dedicated Form: **TM Commercial Yachts Extended Range Tender Survey Report**
- 6.5 The TM Commercial Yachts Extended Range Tender Survey Report together with a copy the tender's CE Certification and a copy of the Builder's Declaration of Conformity shall be sent to the Administration. Upon the satisfactory review of the survey report, and upon payment of the necessary fee, the Administration will issue a Commercial Yachts Extended Range Tender Certificate.
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