



Transport Malta

PORTS AND YACHTING DIRECTORATE

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Laid-Up Vessels

The Authority wishes to remind all of the provisions of the Ports and Shipping Act (Cap. 352) and those of the Port Dues Regulations (S.L. 499.04) in respect of laid-up vessels.

In terms of this legislation, no vessel shall be laid-up without the prior written express permission of the Authority. When considering granting such permission, the Authority may attach any condition it deems fit including provisions relating to minimum safe manning, operational status, certification and insurance cover. Laid-up dues shall be levied accordingly.

The Authority is hereby directing that any current laid-up permits granted by the Authority will automatically expire on 31st August 2020.

Any person wishing to continue retaining a vessel in a laid-up status is to submit a written request to the Ports and Yachting Directorate of the Authority by not later than 17th August 2020. The request must include, amongst other, the full details of the person making the request and of the vessel together with the location of the laid-up and planned duration thereof.

The Authority further advises that compliance with the abovementioned legislation and with any directive issued by the Authority in terms of such must be ensured at all times. In the event of any non-compliance, legal and enforcement action will be taken accordingly.

Capt David Bugeja
Chief Officer & Harbour Master

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