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MALTA

The Flag of Confidence for Superyachts



Credits: Rolex Middle Sea Race by Kurt Arrigo - Maltese Falcon by Rene Rossignaud.

ADVANTAGES OF FLYING THE MALTA FLAG INCLUDE:

- Reputable and internationally recognised register
- A clear strategic political vision supporting business and the maritime industry
- Excellent international relations
- European Flag with a long maritime tradition
- A dynamic administration with IMO/EU proactive participation
- A flat organisation structure with direct access to the decision makers offering a 24/7 service in respect of urgent matters
- Yachts may be registered under the Malta flag by European Union citizens or by legally constituted corporate bodies/entities irrespective of nationality
- Malta is on the White List of the Paris and Tokyo MoU
- Well-organized and highly responsive flag Administration that values long term customer relationships
- Good understanding of the industry
- Availability of technical assistance from a team of qualified and experienced mariners
- No nationality restrictions for master, officers and crew
- Maltese requirements well known to main shipyards and main classification societies
- Marriages can be officiated onboard Maltese yachts.



MALTA - A LEADING MARITIME CENTRE

Building on its long and varied maritime tradition, Malta, a member of the European Union, has today established itself as one of the leading maritime hubs and service centres in the Mediterranean region. Vying to become an international centre of excellence in the maritime industry, the Island offers a whole range of international maritime services and facilities as part of a comprehensive package for the superyacht industry. These include deep natural harbours, state of the art superyacht marinas, extensive refit and repair facilities, a multitude of support shore services and infrastructure, a cluster of local and international operators and service providers together with bunkering operations and supplies. This is complemented with a welcoming approach of the English speaking locals which makes visits of the most discerning captains and crew a pleasant experience.

THE MALTA FLAG

Malta has also developed a very strong legal and regulatory platform that has enabled the Malta Flag to become a reputable international ship register which is now established as one of the largest in the world. Within this scenario, Malta has developed specific legislation that takes into account the distinctive requirements of the yacht and superyacht industry and makes registering private and commercial yachts under the Malta Flag an attractive proposition.

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REGISTRATION AS A COMMERCIAL YACHT

Since 2006, Maltese law provides for the registration of yachts and superyachts which are in commercial use as commercially registered yachts or superyachts. Aware of the particular need for updated technical and manning standards for the superyacht industry, which is backed up by an experienced administration, Transport Malta introduced the Malta Commercial Yacht Code.

The Commercial Yacht Code was developed in line with international regulations and other industry standards and caters for both small yachts and superyachts. The Code has been proving very successful with leading IACS Class Societies and major yacht and superyacht builders alike, with the number of commercial yachts certified in compliance with the Malta Code increasing considerably during the past years.

MALTA COMMERCIAL YACHT CODE

The concept behind the Malta Commercial Yacht Code is to offer a proposition to those owners and superyacht operators who require very specific interpretation to their design, operational and safety requirements within the framework of international regulation. The Malta Flag offers yacht owners and builders comprehensive support during the build process to ensure compliance from the very early design stages through to completion.

REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

Registering your yacht or superyacht is a straight forward procedure which includes a provisional six month registration under the Malta Flag during which period all documentation needs to be submitted for the registration to be finalized.

More information about the requirements for provisional registration and the list of documents to be submitted are available at www.transport.gov.mt/superyacht-registration.

24/7 ONE STOP SHOP

Offering a 24/7 service for registration, Transport Malta has experienced technical staff who are available to guide yacht owners, managers and captains through specific enquiries and challenges that might arise.



Sail ahead with the Flag you trust

