



Merchant Shipping Directorate



COMMERCIAL YACHT - PLEASURE YACHT CHANGEOVER GUIDELINES

Commercial Yachting Notice 7

Notice to Yacht Owners, Yacht Operators, Managers, Masters, Owners' Representatives, Appointed Surveyors and Recognised Organisations

The Directorate would like to draw the attention of all concerned to the Commercial yacht – Pleasure yacht changeover guidelines. These guidelines shall be read and construed together with the Malta [Commercial Yacht Code \(CYC\)](#), as amended. The guidelines were issued to address the various processes involved in changing a certified Commercial Yacht to a Pleasure Yacht and vice versa; whilst designed to better serve the needs of the industry.

For Maltese registered yachts there is no limit on the number of changes and the change duration. A change from Pleasure Yacht to Commercial Yacht is subject to the fees and provisions of the First Schedule of the Merchant Shipping Act (CAP.234) Para A.iii.

Furthermore, it is strongly recommended that Yachts which change from Commercial to Pleasure continue with the same survey and certification regime as required for Commercial Yachts.

Prior to applying for changeover, the local Maltese representative shall always receive an undertaking from the yacht's owners/managers confirming that the current Certificate of Registry will be returned to the Administration once the new certificate of Registry is received onboard. A copy of the undertaking shall be attached to the application.

Changeovers shall always be recorded on the yacht's logbook.

A more detailed version of these Guidelines may be accessed through the following link: <https://www.transport.gov.mt/Private-Commercial-Yacht-Changeover-Guidelines-Rev-1.pdf-f7774>.

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