



## MUMBAI PORT TRUST

### PORT DEPARTMENT

### LICENSING OF YACHTS AT MUMBAI

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It has come to the notice of this office that owners of yachts, prospective owners and the general public are not clear of the licensing procedures and charges applicable for operating yachts at Mumbai Port (within Mumbai Port Trust harbour waters).

2. Yachts are registered under the category of pleasure craft and attract concessional tariff.
3. Licensing of all yachts operating in Mumbai Harbour is mandatory. All yachts whether propelled by sail, engine, outboard motor or any other means of propulsion are required to be licensed by Mumbai Port Trust.
4. Below are some guidelines for the information of yacht owners and prospective yacht owners :
  - (i) All yachts based at Mumbai need to be licensed by the Mumbai Port Trust. This process involves payment of water conveyance charges. Failure to obtain a licence would result in the yacht being impounded by Mumbai Port Trust. Unlicensed yachts are considered a security threat for which the owner may face prosecution.
  - (ii) **The Royal Bombay Yacht Club (RBYC), any other Club, Organization or Agent is not authorized** to license any craft on behalf of Mumbai Port Trust. However, the RBYC can serve as a Nodal Agency for their members and liaise on their behalf and that of other yacht owners, with Mumbai Port and assist the owners in complying with the required formalities.
  - (iii) For the purpose of issue of licence, the following documents would be required :
    - (a) Certificate of ownership.

- (b) Photograph of the owner and the yacht giving full profile of the boat from the bow, stern and side.
  - (c) Registration certificate issued by the Maharashtra Maritime Board/Mercantile Marine Department, Govt. of India.
  - (d) A valid Insurance Certificate from a recognized Insurance Company with specific clauses to cover cost of wreck removal and third party damage.
  - (e) Payment receipt for the Port charges as applicable.
- (iv) On submission of the above documents, a licence would be issued by the DEPUTY CONSERVATOR, Mumbai Port Trust which should be prominently displayed on the vessel.
  - (v) The yachts are meant as pleasure crafts for the owner's use. The use of yachts for commercial purpose on hire or for monetary reward is not permitted.
  - (vi) All the anchorages in Mumbai harbour are allotted and designated by the Harbour Master. No other agency is authorized in any way to allot an anchorage or collect any charges whatsoever. Anchorage allotted can be shifted by the Harbour Master by giving the owners due notice. All yacht owners are required to anchor only at the allotted anchorage. Anchorage at any other location is strictly prohibited.
  - (vii) For security reasons, yachts are not permitted to cruise around in the harbour nor use the main harbour shipping channel. Cruising if desired, is restricted to the water area outside the pilotage limit, which is northward of Prongs Reef Buoy.
  - (viii) For security reasons, personal water craft/water scooter/Jet SKI etc. is totally prohibited in the harbour.
  - (ix) Yachts when moving in the harbour and until they reach Prongs Reef Buoy, should ensure that the speed does not exceed 8 knots. Thereafter, they may increase their speed. This is a requirement from the Harbour security point of view.
  - (x) Yachts registered under the Inland Vessels Act are required to ply within Inland limits only. Such yachts requiring to go beyond the Inland limits would require specific voyage permission to be taken from the Registering authority, viz. Principal Officer, Mercantile Marine Department (MMD) or the Port Officer, Maharashtra Maritime Board. Failure to do so may result in the registration of the yacht being cancelled.
  - (xi) Yachts licensed at this Port which are under the M.S. Act do not require clearance from the registration authority. However, all yachts of 100 Tonnes and over would have to avail the services of a Pilot to move out of the Port or into the Port. All yachts have to report their departure to the Port

Control on VHF Channel 12 for closure of the arrival entry. The agent will then have to obtain a fresh VCN from the Harbour Master's office before the yacht is permitted to re-enter the Port.

- (xii) Crew members of yachts are required to carry a proper identity card issued by the Office of the Deputy Conservator, Mb.PT on their person. For issue of such identity card, a crew member would have to submit a Police verification of antecedent certificate from the Mumbai Police or a valid Indian Passport. This is a mandatory requirement. The yacht may be stopped and checked by the Customs, Police, Navy, Coast Guard where the crew will be required to produce such identification. Failure to do so would render the owner liable for any such action as the security agencies deem fit.
- (xiii) There may be some yacht owners who are not aware of the above requirements and have not registered with the Port. Yacht owners are required to comply with the Port requirements forthwith as such crafts would be summarily impounded if found within the harbour, either operating or even idling.

5. Wide publicity may be given to this circular for the benefit of all yacht owners. The details of this circular will also be available on the Mumbai Port Trust website [www.mumbaiport.gov.in](http://www.mumbaiport.gov.in)

**DEPUTY CONSERVATOR**