

Yacht Registration



Gibraltar

Due to its geographic and very strategic location, Gibraltar is a major bunkering port in the Mediterranean and sits on the very gateway to one of the world's busiest commercial shipping and yachting thoroughfares. Equally, the climate and berthing facilities make Gibraltar an attractive yacht visit port. The growth being caused by merchant shipping, cruise vessels and yachts over the last few years has been exponential. Registration of vessels in Gibraltar is an agile and competitively-priced transaction and the firm's practitioners have wide ranging experience in registration of vessels and other maritime matters.



Port Registry

Gibraltar has the only Category One Red Ensign Registry outside the United Kingdom so that vessels registered in Gibraltar are regarded as British registered flag vessels required to fly the Red Ensign.

It is an attractive and advantageous proposition to incorporate a company registered in Gibraltar so that the vessel can then be registered in the name of the Gibraltar company and allowed to fly the Red Ensign thereby providing the international recognition and prestige that comes with it.

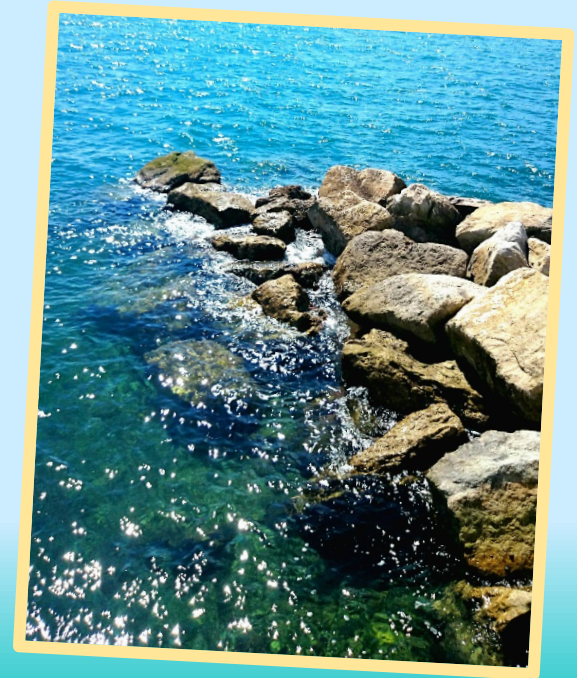
Procedure

The process to register a vessel in Gibraltar consists of the following:-

- Application Form and Declaration of Ownership to be completed by the yacht owner.
- The proposed name of the vessel to be approved by the Port Registry.
- Evidence of title if the vessel is a new one. A builders certificate is to be produced for a new vessel which has never been previously registered. For an older vessel, a sequence of bills of sale tracing ownership from the builders certificate or for the last five years is required.
- Measurement and tonnage survey certificate to be carried out by either a Port Surveyor in Gibraltar or by one of the approved classification societies such as Bureau Veritas; Lloyds of London; Det Norske Veritas and others are required and dependent upon the length of the vessel.
- A Radio Licence application form must be completed by the vessel owner.

Carving and Marking Note

Upon the port registry being satisfied that the vessel can be registered in Gibraltar, it will issue a carving and marking note stating the vessel's name and official number which must be marked on the hull of the vessel. The Registrar will then issue a certificate of registration, also known as "The Blue Book". The certificate of registration must be renewed on a yearly basis on payment of a fee.



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