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Applicable to: This circular is for the attention of owners and managers of Singapore-registered pleasure craft as well as the shipping community.

REGISTRATION AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR PLEASURE CRAFT REGISTERED WITH THE SINGAPORE REGISTRY OF SHIPS (SRS) FROM 1 JULY 2020

1. MPA has reviewed the requirements for the registration of pleasure craft under the Merchant Shipping (Registration of Ships) Regulations. In consultation with the pleasure craft industry, a new set of regulations, Merchant Shipping (Pleasure Craft) Regulations, will come into effect **1 July 2020**. This circular serves to provide an overview of the key requirements under the new legislation.

Registration with the Singapore Registry of Ships (SRS)

2. All pleasure craft plying beyond the Port of Singapore and in the high seas, must be registered with a Ship Registry. Pleasure craft registered with the Singapore Registry of Ships (SRS) are to be used exclusively by the owner, or a guest of the owner, for sport or pleasure purposes only. Registered pleasure craft must not be used for any commercial purposes.

3. Pleasure craft that ply solely within the Port of Singapore need not be flagged but must have a licence issued by MPA. For more information, please contact Marine Licensing and Permits Department (MLP) at mlp@mpa.gov.sg or TEL: 1800 272 7777/ +65 6272 7777 (*select option 2*).

New Registration Requirements from 1 July 2020

4. Conditions for Registration: Singapore-registered pleasure craft can be owned by a person who is ordinarily resident in Singapore or a Singapore business entity such as

a body corporate, a firm or partnership. The pleasure craft must meet all the following requirements:

- a) The pleasure craft must be at least 7 metres in load line length with an enclosed deck;
- b) The pleasure craft must not be more than 17 years old at the point of registration;
- c) The pleasure craft must not be constructed of wooden hulls or inflatable design (including an inflatable craft with a rigid board); and
- d) The pleasure craft must not be used as a passenger ship (i.e. the craft cannot carry more than 12 passengers).

5. Application documents and other requirements: Application for registration must be accompanied with the following documents and be submitted to marine@mpa.gov.sg:

- a) Application form can be found in the [MPA website](#);
- b) Full coloured photographs displaying the name of pleasure craft, profile view of the entire pleasure craft and its enclosed compartments;
- c) Owner(s)' identification documents and proof of residence¹, or Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority (ACRA) Business Profile (for business entities);
- d) Proof of ownership of pleasure craft²;
- e) Policy of insurance held by the owner of the pleasure craft with respect to the use or navigation of the pleasure craft;
- f) Evidence of closure of foreign registry from former flag registry, such as the Deletion Certificate or transcript showing closure of flag registry (where applicable);
- g) Documents setting out the type, dimensions, carrying capacity, gross tonnage and specifications of the pleasure craft;
- h) Valid survey report from an accredited organisation to be done within the 3 months prior to the application; and
- i) Any other particulars and documents that the Registrar may require.

6. Surveys and Safety Equipment Requirements: All Singapore-registered pleasure craft must be surveyed once every 3 years in accordance with the safety equipment requirements listed in **Annex A**. Surveys of Singapore-registered pleasure craft must be conducted by recognised surveyors employed by accredited organisations. The list of the accredited organisations can be found in the [MPA website](#). Port-limit licenced pleasure craft may submit the survey report conducted by the MPA port inspector for the purpose of the registration or renewal with the SRS. A valid survey report must be submitted at the point of registration and renewal.

¹ For Singapore individual, to produce NRIC. For foreigners who are ordinarily residing in Singapore, to produce passport/ work permit/ S Pass as well as official documents that provides proof of address (such as utility bills or bank/credit card statements issued to the applicant's name).

² In the form of a Builder's Certificate, Bill of Sale or receipt of a craft.

Other Relevant Registration Requirements

7. Validity Period of Registration of Pleasure Craft: Registrations will be valid for the period starting on the date of the approval of the application and ending on the day before the anniversary date of the completion of the relevant survey. The subsequent renewals will correspond with the anniversary date of the Certificate of Registry (COR). Renewal applications must be made **within 3 months** of the expiry of the COR. For more details, please refer to Annex B, Q5 of the FAQ.
8. Driving Licence held by the Master of Singapore Pleasure Craft: The owner or master of Singapore-registered pleasure craft must ensure that the pleasure craft is driven by a competent person who holds a valid powered pleasure craft driving licence³ or equivalent.
9. Registration Fees. The registration fees and subsequent renewal fees are S\$200 and S\$50. These fees remain unchanged.

Incident Reporting

10. The owner, master or the person-in-charge of a Singapore-registered pleasure craft must report to the Director of Marine immediately or, at the latest, within 2 hours of any of the following occurrences:
 - a) Breaking-up, damage or loss of the pleasure craft;
 - b) Collision, accident, or other incident causing the breaking-up, damage or loss of the pleasure craft;
 - c) Accident, damage, pollution, injury or loss of life which the pleasure craft has caused or which occurs on board the craft from any other cause.
11. The initial reporting can be sent via email to shipping@mpa.gov.sg or verbally over the phone via the SRS Hotline at +65 6225 5777 (6-CALL-SRS). A full report must be subsequently made to the Director of Marine, MPA, within 24 hours of the event. Please refer to [Shipping Circular 11 of 2018](#) on Reporting of Incidents Involving Singapore-registered Ships, and submit the report to shipping@mpa.gov.sg.

Transition

12. Existing Singapore-registered pleasure craft which have already been registered or renewed before 1 July 2020 will not be required to re-register following the implementation of the new regulation. Owners of these Singapore-registered pleasure craft will be subjected to the new requirements for the subsequent renewals.
13. Existing Singapore-registered pleasure craft which do not meet the conditions under the new regulations as mentioned in Paragraph 4 may apply for advance renewal

³ Powered Pleasure Craft Driving Licence (PPCDL) or Advance Powered Pleasure Craft Driving Licence (APPCDL)

prior to 1 July 2020, and a 1-year renewal will be granted from the renewal date. For the subsequent renewals, pleasure craft owners will not be able to renew and will need to find alternative arrangements/registries in order to ply outside the Port of Singapore.

Other Related Licensing Requirements Applicable to Pleasure Craft

14. A visiting pleasure craft is any foreign or Singapore-registered pleasure craft plying within the Port of Singapore. Owners of a visiting pleasure craft can make application for a cruising permit online through the MARINET system. For more information, please contact Marine Environment and Safety Department (MESD) at *pms@mpa.gov.sg* or TEL: +65 6325 2488/2489.

15. Additionally, Singapore-registered pleasure craft owners who do not have a valid PPCDL or APPCDL are required to complete an “Online Self-Assessment for Eligibility to Apply for Visiting Yacht Cruising Permit” using the MARINET system before they can drive their pleasure craft in Port of Singapore. Alternatively, they can engage the services of a steersman with a valid PPCDL/APPCDL.

16. For more information on fees and charges for visiting pleasure craft, please click on the link (<https://www.mpa.gov.sg/web/portal/home/finance-e-services/finance>).

Frequently Asked Questions

17. For more information on the new requirements for the Singapore-registered pleasure craft, please refer to the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) found in **Annex B**.

Queries

18. Any queries relating to this circular should be directed to the Registry Department dedicated contact via email: marine@mpa.gov.sg and Tel: 1800 272 7777 / +65 6272 7777 (select option 1).

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Safety Equipment Requirements

Radio and Navigational Equipment Requirements

Every Singapore-registered pleasure craft must be provided with the following equipment:

Item	Qty	Additional notes:
Magnetic Compass	1	-
Electronic Navigation Positioning System	1	Electronic chart plotter with GPS
Signalling Lamp	1	-
Audible Warning Device	1	-
VHF Set	1	-
AIS Transponder	1	May be Type A or Type B Must be registered with a Maritime Mobile Service Identity (MMSI) number
Rudder Angle Indicator	1	-
Anchor	1	-
Windlass and Chain	1	-

Life-Saving Appliances (LSA) Requirements

Every Singapore-registered pleasure craft must be provided with the following life-saving appliances:

Load Line Length (L) in metres	Life-Saving Appliance	Quantity
All lengths	Lifejackets	1 per person carried onboard
	Hand Flares	6
$7 \leq (L) < 12$	Lifebuoy (Stencilled with name and port of registry)	1
$12 \leq (L) < 21$		2
$21 \leq (L) < 37$		4
$(L) \geq 37$		6
$7 \leq (L) < 21$	Buoyant lifeline	1 of minimum length of at least 18 metres
$(L) \geq 21$		1 of minimum length of at least 27.3 metres

Navigational Lights and Shapes Requirements

Every Singapore-registered pleasure craft must exhibit the following shapes and lights:

For Power Driven Vessels $L < 12\text{m}$

Item	Qty	Additional Notes:
Masthead Light	1	May exhibit an all-round white light ¹
Stern Light	1	
Side Light (P&S)	1 set	May be combined lantern

For Power Driven Vessels $12\text{ m} \leq L < 20\text{ m}$

Item	Qty	Additional Notes:
Masthead Light	1	-
Stern Light	1	-
Side Light (P&S)	1 set	May be combined lantern
Anchor Light	1	All round white light
Black Ball	1	Reduced dimensions commensurate with size of pleasure craft, for display at anchor, in the fore part.

For Power Driven Vessels $20\text{ m} \leq L < 50\text{ m}$

Item	Qty	Additional Notes:
Masthead Light	1	-
Stern Light	1	-
Side Light (P&S)	1 set	-
Anchor Light	1	All round white light
Black Ball	1	0.6 m diameter, for display at anchor, in the fore part.

Notes:

- (1) The masthead light or all-round white light may be displaced from the fore and aft centreline of the pleasure craft if centreline fitting is not practicable, provided that the sidelights are combined in one lantern which shall be carried on the fore and aft centreline of the pleasure craft or located as nearly as practicable in the same fore and aft line as the masthead light or the all-round white light. A pleasure craft proceeding under sail when also being propelled by machinery shall exhibit forward where it can best be seen a conical shape apex downwards.

Fire-Fighting and Other Appliances and Equipment Requirements

Every Singapore-registered pleasure craft must carry on board the following fire-fighting equipment:

Capacity of Fire Extinguishers

Minimum Capacity of Portable Fire Extinguisher	Load Line Length (L) in metres		
	$7 < L \leq 9$	$9 < L < 15$	$L \geq 15$
Foam, water (litres)	2.8	4.6	9
CO ₂ (kg)	1	1.5	3
Dry-Powder (kg)	1.4	2.3	4.5

Quantity of Fire-Fighting Appliances (FFA)

Description of Craft		Load Line Length (L) in metres						
		$7 \leq L \leq 9$	$9 < L < 15$	$9 < L < 15$ with engine room ⁽³⁾	$15 \leq L < 24$	$15 \leq L < 24$ with engine room ⁽³⁾	$L \geq 24$	$L \geq 24$ with engine room ⁽³⁾
Type and quantity of fire-fighting apparatus								
Portable dry-powder or equivalent foam, water or CO ₂ fire extinguisher		2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Fire extinguisher to be placed in engine room ⁽³⁾		NA	NA	2 ⁽¹⁾	NA	2 ⁽¹⁾	NA	2 ⁽¹⁾
Fire bucket with lanyard ⁽²⁾		2	2	2	2	2	3	3
Main Fire Pump	Power	NA	NA	NA	Either 1 power or 1 manual	Either 1 power or 1 manual	1	1
	Manual	NA	NA	NA			NA	NA
Emergency fire pump	Power	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	Either 1 power or 1 manual	Either 1 power or 1 manual
	Manual	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA		
Hydrant		NA	NA	NA	Such numbers are required by a recognised surveyor during any survey or inspection			
Hose		NA	NA	NA	1	1	2	2
Nozzle	Jet	NA	NA	NA	1	1	2	2
	Spray	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1	1
Fireman's axe		NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1	1

Notes:

- (1) Where engine room houses internal combustion type machinery having in aggregate, a total power output of not less than 375 kW.
- (2) Fire buckets may be substituted by an equal number of portable dry-powder fire extinguisher outside the engine room.
- (3) For pleasure craft with engine rooms only.

List of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Application Requirements

Q1. Are there any pre-requisites for registering my pleasure craft with the Singapore Registry of Ships (SRS)?

A1. *Any pleasure craft owned by a person who is ordinarily resident in Singapore or a Singapore business entity (whether for profit or not) may be registered with the Singapore Registry of Ships (SRS) subject to the appended requirements. The Singapore-registered pleasure craft is to be used exclusively for sport or pleasure purposes and may not be deployed for commercial use or reward. The pleasure craft must comply with the following requirements:*

- a) *The pleasure craft must be at least 7 metres in load line length with an enclosed deck;*
- b) *The pleasure craft must not be more than 17 years old at the point of registration;*
- c) *The pleasure craft must not be constructed of wooden hulls or inflatable design (including an inflatable craft with a rigid board); and*
- d) *The pleasure craft must not be used as a passenger ship (i.e. the craft cannot carry more than 12 passengers).*

Q2. Do I need to register my pleasure craft with the Singapore Registry of Ships (SRS) if my pleasure craft is not operating outside the Port of Singapore?

A2. *If your pleasure craft is solely operating within the Port of Singapore, the pleasure craft need not be registered with a Ship Registry. However, should you intend to operate the craft outside the Port of Singapore, you must register your pleasure craft with a Ship Registry. You may wish to register your pleasure craft with the Singapore Registry of Ships. Please note the requirements for registration in this Shipping Circular.*

Q3. Can I register a mortgage on my pleasure craft?

A3. *We do not accept mortgage registrations on Singapore-registered pleasure craft.*

Q4. Will I need to conduct a new survey if the survey was not conducted by an accredited organisation?

A4. *Yes, a new survey will be required as the survey by a non-accredited organisation may not be in accordance with the requirements of the Singapore Registry of Ships (SRS).*

Q5. How will the validity of the Certificate of Registry (COR) be affected?

A5. *Registrations will be valid for the period starting on the date of the approval of the application and ending on the day before the anniversary date of the*

completion of the relevant survey. The subsequent renewals will correspond with the anniversary date of the Certificate of Registration (COR).

Eg. If the survey was carried out on 2 July 2020, the anniversary date will be 2 July. The application is approved on 5 July 2020. The validity of the COR will be from 5 July 2020 to 1 July 2021. Subsequent renewals will be from 1 July 2021 to 1 July 2022 etc.

Q6. When do I need to apply for a renewal survey?

A6. *The survey conducted by the accredited organisation is valid for 3 years. A renewal survey should be done within 3 months before the expiry of the third anniversary date of the COR.*

Q7. If I undergo a change of ownership, do I still need to undergo another survey for the pleasure craft?

A7. *Pleasure craft owners can choose to undergo a new survey within 3 months from the change of ownership application to enjoy a 1-year registration period. Alternatively, pleasure craft owners can use survey report under the previous owner, however the validity of registration may be shorter as the validity is tied to the anniversary date of the existing survey report.*

Conditions for Entry into SRS

Q8. I am an SZH owner. Can I register with the SRS? If no, why not?

A8. *Owners of SZH-licensed pleasure craft cannot register with the SRS. The registration of pleasure craft with the SRS is for pleasure craft that are solely used for sport or pleasure.*

Q9. My pleasure craft is built to be unsinkable, even though my pleasure craft is built to an open deck construction. Can I still be registered with the SRS?

A9. *Some open deck pleasure craft may have “self-bailing” features and have sufficient reserved buoyancy to take on accumulated water and stay afloat under normal operations, but it is noted that not having a waterproof deck limits the level of protection for the occupants and essential equipment/machinery controls against more severe elements that are likely to be experienced in open seas outside the Port of Singapore. Hence, open deck pleasure craft are not acceptable for registration with the SRS.*

Safety Equipment Inspections

Q10. What kind of lifebuoy and lifejacket should I keep on board my pleasure craft?

A10. *Lifebuoy and lifejackets carried onboard shall be of Life-Saving Appliance (LSA) Code approved-type. Life vests are not considered a substitute for lifejackets.*

Q11. What wording do I need to mark on the lifebuoy?

A11. *Pleasure craft owner is required to paint the name of pleasure craft and the word "Singapore".*

Q12. What types of fire extinguisher, and how many, do I need to put onboard my pleasure craft?

A12. *The type and quantity of fire extinguishers depend on the size of pleasure craft. Please refer to Annex B of the Shipping Circular 07 of 2020.*

Q13. What is a ship station licence?

A13. *The ship station licence is issued for the operation of the radio-communication equipment installed on-board any ships registered in Singapore. Application for the ship station licence can be done at <https://licence1.business.gov.sg/web/frontier/home>.*

Q14. What type of AIS transponder do I need to install onboard?

A14. *The pleasure craft owner must install a Type A or Type B AIS transponder. Please note that the Type B AIS transponder does not have a display unit.*

Q15. If my AIS transponder is defective, can my pleasure craft sail out?

A15. *No. It is a requirement for your AIS transponder to be operational while operating in the Port of Singapore and the high seas.*

Q16. Do I need an Emergency Positioning Radio Beacon (EPIRB) to sail my pleasure craft out?

A16. *Although it is not mandatory for you to have an EPIRB to sail your craft out, we strongly recommend that your pleasure craft be equipped with one. If your pleasure craft has an EPIRB, please remember to carry out the annual servicing of the EPIRB.*

Q17. Why does my pleasure craft have to be fitted with the necessary navigational lights and shapes as prescribed in COLREGs (International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea)?

A17. *It is an international requirement for all vessels operating in high seas. This is also a legal requirement under the new Merchant Shipping (Pleasure Craft) Regulations.*

Q18. My pleasure craft is too small to carry all the safety equipment as prescribed in the regulations. Can I have an exemption?

A18. *Based on a large database of pleasure craft licensed with MPA, the safety requirements had been assessed as achievable by pleasure craft. Owners are required to prove that the requirement is practically impossible with supporting*

evidence on their registered pleasure craft. Should it be not practicable, an equivalent substitute shall be proposed to the Director of Marine for consideration.

Q19. What is a fully enclosed deck pleasure craft?

A19. Such a pleasure craft must have a fully protected permanent weather-tight enclosure fitted with closing arrangements to provide shelter for the entire passenger complement.

Q20. What is a partially enclosed deck pleasure craft?

A20. This pleasure craft must have some form of fully protected permanent weather-tight enclosure fitted with closing arrangements to provide shelter for partial passenger complement.

Implementation Timeline

Q21. When will the new requirements for survey of pleasure craft come into effect?

A21. The new requirements for surveys will come into effect for all pleasure craft registered or renewed after 1 July 2020.

Q22. If I do not meet the conditions, can my pleasure craft still remain under the SRS?

A22. For pleasure craft that do not meet the new conditions for registration, the pleasure craft owner may apply for advance renewal before 1 July 2020, and a 1-year renewal will be granted from the renewal date. For subsequent renewals, pleasure craft owners will not be able to renew with the SRS and will need to find alternative arrangements/flag registry to ply outside the Port of Singapore.