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Overview of Laws & Regulations governing yachts registration under the Montenegrin flag

Laws & Regulations governing procedure for registration of yachts

Comprehensive set of rules governing procedure for registration of yachts in the respective register are contained in Law on Yachts of Montenegro ("Official Gazette of Montenegro" No. 46/07, 73/10, 40/11 and 42/15).

The Law on Yachts of Montenegro regulates nationality, identification and inscription of yachts in the Register of Yachts as well as entering, staying and leaving of yachts into Montenegrin territorial waters, and rights and responsibilities when chartering the yachts.

Yacht, defined as vessels intended for sport and leisure, use for private purposes or business activity, of more than 7 meters in length, intended for longer stays at sea may be registered with Montenegrin Register of Yachts kept by Maritime Safety Department of Montenegro - Register of Yachts Division.

The following yachts qualify for the registration with the Montenegrin Register of Yachts:

- a yacht wholly or partially owned by a Montenegrin citizen or a legal entity with its headquarters in Montenegro;
- a yacht owned by a foreign citizen or a foreign legal entity;
- a bareboat chartered yacht may be also registered with the Montenegrin Register of Yachts in favour of her lessee (charterer) and subject to written content of her owner.

Provided that a yacht is wholly owned by a Montenegrin citizen or a legal entity with its headquarters in Montenegro she must be registered with the Montenegrin Register of Yachts (mandatory registration);

The procedure for registration is usually completed within four or five workig days.

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