

## BOAT REGISTRATION

Any resident can own and register a private boat or yacht in the UAE. It must be locally registered regardless of whether or not it is registered in another country concurrently. The process is time-consuming but relatively painless if you reach the respective offices early in the morning.

**You do not need** a) marine insurance or b) qualifications to drive a private vessel, although this is apparently going to change sometime in the future.

Note: It is possible to register a boat in the name of multiple owners. The only condition is that all owners must be present in person to sign a special form at the NTA. Follow this procedure if you need to register either a new or second hand boat that has not been registered before (i.e. without DP numbers). Normally the seller of new boats will do this process for you.

### What you will need for the initial boat registration:

- The invoice or sales contract for the boat, which must be certified by the Dubai Chamber of Commerce & Industry (see Note 1).
- Original Bill of Sale / Sales Agreement after attestation from:
  - UAE courts and Chamber of Commerce if purchased locally
  - UAE Embassy and Ministry of Foreign Affairs if imported
- Original Deletion Certificate (applicable only if the boat was previously registered) after attestation from:
  - UAE Embassy and Ministry of Foreign Affairs if imported
- Passport copies with current resident visa page.
- EMIRATES ID CARD (as of Feb 2011).
- No-objection letter from your employer in Arabic (the letter needs to originate from the name of the entity/organisation that is written on your residence visa)
- AED520 (see Note 2)
- AED7000 deposit for a Transponder – see below.
- Safety equipment – see below.

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## **Note 1:**

On an official poster is displayed at the Marine Affairs: "If there is no official documentation for the boat i.e. the boat is old and has never been registered before, a deed should be obtained from the court." Please don't ask me how to get the deed – I have no idea! Once I know we will post it on the web site.

## **Note 2:**

I believe that if the boat is financed by one of the banks in Dubai (and therefore technically the boats belong to the bank), then the fee for issue of the new registration card is only AED20, plus the AED5 e-payment card fee!!

A map to help you: <http://bit.ly/hN68FB> to see the locations of the places you will need to go.

## SAFETY EQUIPMENT REQUIRED FOR BOAT REGISTRATION

S.I.NO	DESCRIPTION	RATE	QTY	PRICE
1	Fire Extinguisher 1Kg <b>OR</b>	60.00	1	60.00
	Fire Extinguisher 2Kg	80.00	1	80.00
2	Lifebuoy Ring 2.5Kg	115.00	1	115.00
3	Life jacket Code no 20069, quantity depends on size of boat	45.00	1	45.00
4	Torch(led with waterproof)	40.00	1	40.00
5	Boat Anchor		1	
6	Knife 70197	50.00	1	50.00
7	First Aid Kit 10 person <b>OR</b>	100.00	1	100.00
	First Aid kit 25 person	125.00	1	125.00
8	Hand flare	65.00	2	260.00
9	Parachute rocket (red flare for day or night)	165.00	1	330.00
10	Smoke distress signal (orange smoke)	165.00	1	330.00

Estimated prices from Lalizas.

Please contact the Marine Club to organize the purchase of your Safety Equipment.

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## ANNUAL RE-REGISTRATION

**Note: Registration must be renewed annually.**

**If your boat is dry berthed at the Umm Al Quwain Marine Club, you go to NTA with all your paperwork and re-register your vessel. They will arrange for an inspector to check out your boat at the Marine Club. Mr Mansour is very helpful, contact him on 04-4025555 or his direct line on 04-4025512 for further information.**

If your boat is moored/dry berthed elsewhere, it is not 100% clear whether you need to tow the boat to the Coast Guard and have it inspected there. I would go to the NTA initially with your paperwork and see how it goes. You can take the boat up on a trailer or sail it up to the Coastguard.

There is a AED200 fine for allowing your registration to expire, however there is a one month grace period (subject to change without notice!!).

## THE PROCEDURE FOR NEW REGISTRATION IN DUBAI

The UAE National Transport Authority (NTA) are in charge of this whole process and they will assist you. The location of the NTA is here: <http://bit.ly/h2MCJd>

1. Go to the NTA (open between 0800 and 1400). Bring along all your documentation see above. You do not need to take the boat. They will ask you to fill in a form <http://www.kadri.org/boat/NTAform20100709.pdf>. If everything goes well, they will give you some papers and ask you to go to the Coast Guard headquarters located next to Port Rashid, where your boat will be inspected. No money required.

2. Go to the Coast Guard with your paperwork; they open at 7am. Do not take your boat yet - boats are not allowed in without a registration number (DP number). Take some ID to the man in the small office to the left of the gate and tell him that you are registering a new boat and need a number. At the inspection office (go up the stairs) they will start the process and issue you with some documents to sign and also issue a DP number for your boat.

3. Now you need to find some numbers for your boat. There is a boat shop along on the corner of Sheikh Zayed road and Al Manama road, north bound, or they are available from The Boat House that stocks all regulation DP numbers and safety equipment. Get the large numbers/letters (approx 6 inches tall) and stick them to BOTH sides of your boat.

4. It's now time to go back to the Coast Guard inspection office and this time take the boat with you for inspection and to get the transponder fitted. Ensure that you carry the following safety equipment: anchor, torch, first aid kit, distress flares, navigation lights and life jackets for the number of people your boat can carry. If you have anything larger than a ski boat then you will also need a radar reflector. If all is well your boat will pass and they will give you an inspection certificate. They will keep the rest of the documents in their file.

5. Transponder – See below.

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6. Return the inspection certificate to the NTA and pay AED520 to one of the office helpers who will charge an e-Dirham card and settle the bill for you. They will issue your registration card there and then. Best time to go is 7:30 am. Note that you will not get back any of your documents; they will keep the originals of the bill of sale, etc, until such time as you decide to de-register or sell the boat. You will also get back your money for the transponder if it is not damage.

I have a couple of email addresses and phone numbers that may help, just in case:

uaeshipregistrydxb@nta.gov.ae  
shiva.prasad@nta.gov.ae  
Mr. Rida on 04-3084772

## **COAST GUARDS' PERMISSION WHEN TAKING YOUR BOAT OUT IN DUBAI**

Please be aware that, once your boat is registered, a form, which is available at most marinas, needs to be filled out and faxed to the Coast Guard every time you want to take the boat out; you must wait for the return fax with the "Approved" stamp on it before heading out. On weekends, the Coast Guard can have as many as 500 applications, so it can take some time to get an approval. Here is a very old version of the form - no guarantees that this will work any longer: <http://www.kadri.org/boat/coastguardform.jpg>

Alternatively there are coastguards present at each of the public harbours in Dubai; you can get it done on the spot – I know of two:

- 1) The harbour next to DOSC. The old coastguard hut has been demolished and now outgoing vessels can get their registration done by pulling alongside a large police boat and handing the documents over! <http://bit.ly/h52B9F>
- 2) The harbour closer to the Burj Al Arab. You'll see the building on the left; walk up the steel steps and knock on the door. <http://bit.ly/fsPUdg>

## **NO FORM IS NEEDED WHEN LEAVING THE UMM AL QUWAIN CREEK**

**No form is needed to be filled for the Umm Al Quwain Marine when using the Umm Al Quwain Creek or for when leaving the Creek. If you leave the creek, the captain must stop at the Coast Guard's check point and show them the boat's registration and as well as all passenger's identity cards.**

**Any of the above information could change without notice! Please feel free to send me an email if you have any updates to the above – I'd appreciate it.**

**EXAMPLE OF NO OBJECTION LETTER**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

To: National Transport Authority  
Marine Affairs Department  
Dubai – U.A.E.

Sub: **NO OBJECTION CERTIFICATE**

We hereby confirm that \_\_\_\_\_,  
(name of boat owner)

\_\_\_\_\_, and holding the \_\_\_\_\_  
(nationality) (passport #)

Is an employee \_\_\_\_\_  
(company name)

We have no objection what so ever to let \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of boat owner)

to register a boat under his name in Dubai.

For & on behalf of  
(Sponsor Name)

(Name of Manager)  
Managing Director