



MARITIME AND PORT AUTHORITY OF SINGAPORE

PORT MARINE CIRCULAR  
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Pleasure Craft Community

## **CRUISING PERMITS FOR VISITING YACHTS**

### **Introduction**

1 In Jul 2007, MPA introduced the cruising permit to allow visiting pleasure yachts to cruise within the port limits of Singapore. To qualify for the cruising permit, the yacht:

- a) must be fitted with an IMO AIS transponder or a Harbour Craft Transponder System (HARTS) transponder<sup>1</sup>; and
- b) must be intended for:-
  - recreational activities, or
  - movements between marinas within the port waters.

### **Knowledge of Local Waters**

2 In consultation with the industry and for the safety and security of the Port of Singapore, visiting yacht masters who do not hold a valid Powered Pleasure Craft Driving Licence issued by MPA shall familiarise themselves with the knowledge of the local port waters and complete an on-line self assessment prior to cruising within the port waters.

3 The objectives of the self-assessment are to familiarise the masters of visiting yachts with knowledge of the local port waters, prohibited areas, relevant port regulations, rules and procedures. The validity of the self-assessment is six months from the date of completing the assessment.

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<sup>1</sup> Visiting yachts that are not fitted with transponders may rent a HARTS transponder from a marina that administers a HARTS transponder rental scheme. The rent for each transponder is \$60 for an initial block of 3 days and \$15 per day for each subsequent day thereafter. A deposit of \$300 is payable for the rental of each transponder.

## **On-line Application Process**

4 With effect from 1 Jun 2010, the cruising permit can be applied through the MARINET system using the online application, “e-Permits - Application for Visiting Yacht Cruising Permit”.

5 The application can be submitted through the participating marinas<sup>2</sup> and this should be done at least **2 hours** before the commencement of any recreational activities or movements within the port.

6 Prior to the application, masters of visiting yacht are required to attempt and complete the online self-assessment at the following website:

[http://www.mpa.gov.sg/sites/global\\_navigation/eservices/online\\_self\\_assessment\\_of\\_eligibility\\_to\\_apply\\_cruising\\_permit\\_for\\_visiting\\_yacht.page](http://www.mpa.gov.sg/sites/global_navigation/eservices/online_self_assessment_of_eligibility_to_apply_cruising_permit_for_visiting_yacht.page)

7 For any enquires on this circular, please contact Capt Lai Soon Yeow at Tel: 6325 -2453.

8 Port Marine Circular No. 11 of 2008 is hereby superseded.

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<sup>2</sup> Raffles Marina, Republic of Singapore Yacht Club, Marina @ Keppel Bay, Oneo 15 Marina Club Singapore, SAF Yacht Club (Changi), Changi Sailing Club, Marina Country Club and SAF Yacht Club (Sembawang).