



MARITIME AND PORT AUTHORITY OF SINGAPORE

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Pleasure Craft Community

**ADVISORY TO OWNERS, AGENTS AND MASTERS OF PLEASURE CRAFT,
RECREATIONAL FISHING VESSELS AND YACHTS DEPARTING SINGAPORE**

1 Owners, agents and masters of all vessels, including pleasure craft, recreational fishing vessels and yachts are reminded to comply with the port requirements before departing the Port of Singapore; and be familiar with the port entry requirements and procedures, as well as any other regulatory requirements such as immigration, customs, health, of the next port(s) of call.

2 All vessels, including pleasure craft, recreational fishing vessels and yachts, must obtain a Port Clearance Certificate (PCC) before departing the Port of Singapore. A departure declaration, together with the relevant documents, must be made to the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) to obtain the PCC. The declaration can also be made online at <http://marinet.mpa.gov.sg>. Please refer to **Annex A** for these requirements. The owners, agents and masters of pleasure craft, recreational fishing vessels and yachts must ensure that all statutory and mandatory certificates are valid when the vessels proceed to sea.

3 The PCC issued by MPA is valid for 48 hours from the time of its issuance. The owners, agents or masters must cancel the PCC and obtain a new PCC if the vessel failed to depart during the validity period.

4 Owners, agents and masters of pleasure craft, recreational fishing vessels and yachts are reminded to submit the departure clearance applications for crew and passengers leaving Singapore, at least 6 hours but not more than 72 hours prior to the vessel's departure. Please refer to <https://crew.ica.gov.sg/crewfrontend/base/welcome.do> for more information. Please note that this is in addition to the departure declaration made to MPA.

5 Prior to arriving the next port of call, owners, agents and masters of pleasure craft, recreational fishing vessels and yachts are advised to be familiar with the port entry requirements and procedures of the port. Masters of pleasure craft, recreational fishing vessels and yachts are advised to check with their appointed agent of the next port of call and/or take into consideration all relevant information on such port entry procedures and formalities for their voyage planning. In addition, any activities carried out at sea should have the necessary approvals from the relevant authorities beforehand, and should adhere and abide by the maritime laws and immigration requirements of the country they are entering.

6 For the purpose of navigational safety, masters of pleasure craft, recreational fishing vessels and yachts are to ensure that the AIS transponder onboard is in operation and craft

should have the latest edition of the nautical charts and the electronic navigational charts are updated, if used for the voyage. It is also important that they familiarise themselves with the locations of aids to navigation and hazards which they are likely to encounter during their voyage.

7 We wish to remind owners, agents and masters of pleasure craft, recreational fishing vessels and yachts leaving port to take note of the following:

- (a) Inform your family or friends about your trip and provide them with at least the following information:
 - expected departure date and time of leaving port
 - destination(s)
 - expected date and time of return
 - the number of persons on board and their names
- (b) Port Marine Circular No. 17 of 2003 as regard to declaring the voyage information and the planned route.
- (c) Restrict your activities to daylight hours.
- (d) Keep a good look-out at all times whilst on passage.
- (e) In the event of an emergency, report to the following:

Singapore Port Operations Control Centre (Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore)
VHF Radio: Ch 10, 14, 73
Telephone: (65) 6325 2493 / (65) 6325 2494

Singapore Police Coast Guard
VHF Radio: Ch 7, 16
Telephone: (65) 6337 5540 / (65) 6377 5539
- (f) In your emergency report, provide the name and location of vessel, type of emergency, number of persons on board and nature of assistance required.

8 Marinas and Sea Sport Centres are advised to bring this notice to the attention of its boating members.

9 Please contact the Duty Watch Manager, Port Operations Control Centre at Tel: 6325 2493 / 6325 2494 for queries relating to this circular.

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MARITIME AND PORT AUTHORITY OF SINGAPORE

Declaration Requirements for Pleasure Craft, Recreational Fishing Vessels and Yachts on Departure

An owner, agent or master must make a declaration before the vessel's departure from Singapore. The declaration can be made online at <http://marinet.mpa.gov.sg> and requires the submission these documents:

- Certificate of Registry; and
- Safety Equipment Certificate as the case may be, reflecting the number of persons that the craft is permitted to carry and be equipped with the life-saving devices prescribed by the flag state.

If vessel registered with the Singapore Registry of Ships is to be engaged on voyages beyond the 30-mile limit, a satellite EPIRB shall also be carried and documentary evidence of seaworthiness submitted to the MPA's Ship Safety Department for assessment.