

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). 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 Port of Singapore, the pleasure craft need not be registered with the Singapore Registry of Ships. However, should you intend to operate the craft outside of Port of Singapore under the Singapore flag, you must register your pleasure craft. Please note the requirements for registration.*
- 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 an 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 grant of the application and ending on the day before the first anniversary date of the*

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

Q6. When do I need to apply for a renewal of the pleasure craft's registry?

A6. *The 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. *Craft owner can choose to undergo a new survey within 3 months from the change of ownership application to enjoy a 1-year registration period. Alternatively, craft owners can use survey report under 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 craft is built to be unsinkable, even though my craft is built to an open deck construction. Can I still be registered with the SRS?

A9. *Some open deck 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 more likely to be experienced in open seas outside of 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 life buoy?

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 the Second and Third Schedule of the Merchant Shipping (Pleasure Craft) Regulation.*

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 pleasure craft to be operational while operating in 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 inspections 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 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 to ply outside of Port of Singapore.