



ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

CIRCULAR Nº YAT 008

GUIDELINES FOR THE STATIC YACHT EVENTS*

TO: **YACHTS' OWNERS AND MASTERS, SURVEYORS TO FLAG STATE, ADMINISTRATION AND RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS**

APPLICABLE TO: All yachts

EFFECTIVE AS FROM 25 April 2024

A - The guidelines for the Static Yacht Events are issued by the St Vincent and the Grenadines Maritime Administration to ensure a practical safe and homogeneous approach to this ever-growing market.

B - These guidelines are applicable to registered yachts (Commercial & Pleasure) flying the St Vincent and the Grenadines Flag.

C - The Master/Owner/Managers is/are fully responsible at all times for all the persons onboard the yacht.

D) - In the event that a **Commercial Yacht** will remain moored; berthed or anchored at sea, the yacht may be allowed to carry more than 12 passengers in line with the requirements and the process set out in these guidelines.

E) - In the event that a **Pleasure Yacht** will remain moored; berthed or anchored at sea, the yacht may be allowed to carry guests exceeding the total number of persons permitted during normal operations, in line with the requirements and the process set out in these guidelines.

F) - For a **Commercial Yacht** and for a **Pleasure Yacht** to be able to participate to a Static Yacht Event, the yacht shall be issued with a letter TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN by this Administration.

The application for the TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, shall be addressed to be issued an application shall be made to this Maritime Administration and shall include:

- a) details of the yacht including name and official number.
- b) The maximum number of persons to be carried out on board during the Static Yacht Event.
- c) The total number of crew and other staff (non-passengers/non-guests) to be carried on board during the Static Yacht Event.
- d) A risk assessment, carried out by a Classification Society/Recognized Organization (recognized by this Maritime Administration) or by a surveyor appointed by this Maritime Administration. The risk assessment shall identify all risk associated with the yacht participating in the Static Yacht Event, when berthed and/or anchored at sea and shall include recommendations about any necessary mitigating to be taken/undertaken.
- e) confirmation from a Recognized Organization or from a surveyor appointed by this Maritime Administration that the yacht's approved Stability Booklet or Stability Calculation (yacht less than 24 m in length – as defined by the Safety Codes for pleasure and commercial yachts) includes a loading

condition taking into consideration the maximum number of persons carried onboard and any additional ancillary equipment utilized during the Static Yacht Event. This loading condition shall also include (for yacht not permanently moored at pier) the possible shifting of all persons to one side of the highest deck of the yacht at the same time (crowding).

e) the availability of adequate insurance coverage.

G) - Confirmation by the Master/owners/Managers that the yacht shall abide by the following condition and requirements whenever a Static Yacht Event is planned:

- i) the necessary lifesaving appliances, namely lifejackets and liferafts, are provided for the total number of persons on board during the Static Yacht Event when the yacht is anchored at sea.
- ii) At least, two means of escape shall be available from the yacht during a Static Yacht Event held permanently moored at the pier.
- iii) The crew shall be adequately trained and an evacuation drill shall be carried out prior to the commencement of the Static Yacht Event.
- iv) The port Authority shall be notified about the Static Yacht Event, beforehand.
- v) The yacht shall remain moored throughout the event.
- vi) Static Yacht Event at anchorage shall only be undertaken in good weather conditions and the yacht shall remain moored within 1 nautical mile from the coast/safe haven.
- vii) During Static Yacht Event at anchorage, any boats remain for the full duration of the Static Yacht Event.

I) – Subsequent to the satisfactory review of the Static Yacht Event application, the yacht will be issued with a TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN , authorizing the Static Yacht Event to be held on board. The TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN will be valid for the specific Static Yacht Event and subject to valid Certificate of Registry and valid applicable Statutory documents/certificates.

J) - Whenever a Static Yacht Event is planned the Master/owner/Managers shall inform the local port authority and send a notification to this Maritime Administration.

***Static Yacht Event:** an event where the yacht is moored for the duration of the event and utilised as an entertainment facility

Annex to this circular: TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN (Static Yacht Event)



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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

STATIC YACHT EVENT

Name of Ship	Call Sign	Port of Registry	G.T.	Official Number

This is to certify that

- 1) the yacht was found fit to be engaged in a Static Yacht Event (*berthed or anchored at sea*) in accordance with the up to-date version of the **Guidelines for the Static Yacht Events** issued by the St Vincent and the Grenadines Maritime Administration.
- 2) The total number of persons that may be carried onboard during a Static Yacht Event is:
- 3) The yacht shall remain moored (*berthed or anchored at sea*) at all times.
- 4) Location and duration of the Static Yacht Event:

This Statement will remain in force subject that the conditions and requirement set out in the **Guidelines for the Static Yacht Events** remain fully complied with, and provided that the Certificate of Registry and related applicable statutory document/s remain valid and that all surveys are up to date.

Whenever a Static Yacht Event is planned the Master/owners/managers, shall inform the local port authority and send a notification at least 48hrs in advance, to this Maritime Administration: qualtech@svg-marad.com & technical@svg-marad.com .

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