

GUIDELINES

ON THE ISSUANCE OF THE VIGNETTE UNDER THE ORDINANCE ON THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ARRIVAL AND STAY OF FOREIGN YACHTS AND BOATS DESIGNED FOR SPORT AND PLEASURE IN THE INTERNAL WATERS AND THE TERRITORIAL SEA OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA

Dear Yachtsmen,

Welcome to the Internal Waters and Territorial Sea of the Republic of Croatia! With this Guidelines we wish to familiarize you with our new regulation and its implementation making your stay safer and more pleasant.

Procedure:

The master or skipper of the foreign yacht or boat (hereinafter referred as "craft") entering the Republic of Croatia by sea is obliged to use the shortest way to enter the closest port open to international traffic for the purpose of passing the immigration office control and obtain a vignette from the Harbourmaster's Office or its Branch Office.

The master or skipper of the foreign craft that has been transported into the Republic of Croatia by land or which has been placed in custody of a port or is located at any other approved place in Croatia for safekeeping is obliged to obtain a vignette from the Harbourmaster's Office or its Branch Office prior to departure from port.

Harbourmaster's Office/Branch Office shall issue the vignette on the bases of following documentation the master/skipper is due to provide:

1. Crew List which includes crew and passengers, to be endorsed by Harbourmaster's Office or its Branch Office;

If the master/skipper of the craft does not intend to exchange crew or passengers during the stay of the craft in Croatia and during the validity of the vignette, **he does not have further reporting obligations to Harbourmaster's Office or its Branch Office**. Master or skipper of the craft may disembark the crew or passengers in Croatia providing that relevant report has been submitted to Harbourmaster's Office/Branch Office and providing that the craft has left Croatian sea waters with crew and passengers reported as above.

2. List of Persons

Yachtsmen may replace crew and passengers during the stay of the craft in Croatia providing the "**List of Persons**" has been filled in and submitted to Harbourmaster's Office or Branch Office upon the entry to nearest port. The number of persons shown on the List of Persons must not exceed doubled total number of persons the craft is designed to carry.

Nevertheless, if on the occasion of obtaining a vignette, due to justified reasons, you are not able to determine all the persons you anticipate will stay on board during the period of the validity of the vignette, under the approval of harbourmaster's office all other persons may be entered in the List of Persons during the first embarkment of new members of the crew.

Exceptionally, under the approval of harbourmaster's office List of Persons may be extended up to 30% of the capacity of the craft provided the owner of the craft remains on board.

Craft for which the List of Persons is completed (up to the allowed number of persons) has no further reporting obligations to harbourmaster's office regarding the exchange of persons named on the List.

Number of exchanges of persons listed is not limited.

If you are in the situation you have to embark a non-listed person instead of one that is on the List of Persons, prior to leaving the port you also need to report to the Harbourmaster's Office or Branch Office in order to appropriately amend the List of Persons.

Persons staying on board the craft while in port or on anchorage need not be reported.

3. Evidence of Seaworthiness in accordance with national rules and regulations of the flag state. In absence of such evidence, Harbourmaster's Office or Branch Office shall perform regular technical survey of the craft in accordance with the Regulation on Boats and Yachts;

4. evidence that the master or skipper of the craft holds the required certificate of competency, in accordance with the regulations of the flag state, other national regulation or in accordance with the relevant regulation of the Republic of Croatia.

Persons which under their national regulations do not need to hold certificate of competency to operate the craft shall obtain appropriate certificate of competency in accordance with the relevant regulations of the Republic of Croatia not later than 01 January 2006;

5. evidence that the craft has been insured against damage caused to third persons for crafts with propulsion gear power of more than 15 kW;

6. proof of ownership or evidence as to the person who is assigned to use the craft.

With obtaining a vignette you are settling all financial obligations including following fees:

- a) Safety of Navigation Fee (under Decree on the Safety of Navigation Fee for Foreign Yachts and Boats)
- b) Light Dues -use of navigational safety objects- (Under tariff of Plovput Ltd-Split)
- c) Information Chart (under tariff of Croatian Hydrographical Institute)
- d) Government Administration Fee (under Administration Fee Act)

Fee amounts are prescribed by the Decree herewith attached. As you can see, by the Decree fee amounts are retained in the same range as last year and the discount system for our traditional guests has also been kept.

Vignette is applied on the visible part of the hull or superstructure of the craft while vignette counterfoil is affixed on the List of Persons.

Crafts that have obtained the Registration of arrival and stay of foreign yacht ("permit") during year 2004 may sail Territorial Sea and Internal Waters for the duration of its validity.

All here described measures have been prescribed with the aim of enabling you safer stay in our seawaters.

For additional information please refer to the following address:

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We bid you calm sea and safe sailing and pleasant stay in the Republic of Croatia!

MINISTER

Božidar Kalmeta

**MINISTRY OF SEA,
TOURISM, TRANSPORT AND DEVELOPMENT**

Under article 1021 paragraph 3 and in relation to article 12 paragraph 3 of Maritime Act (Official Gazette No. 181/04) Minister of sea, Tourism, Transport and Development enacts the following:

**Decree
on the Safety of Navigation Fee
for Foreign Yachts and Boats**

Article 1

Safety of navigation fee (in further text:fee) is paid by foreign yachts and boats designed for sport and pleasure sailing and staying in the internal waters and the territorial sea of the Republic of Croatia.

Article 2

Fee specified in Article 1 of this Decree is charged by Harbourmaster's offices or their Branch Offices on the occasion of obtaining the Vignette in accordance with the length of yacht or boat in following amounts:

1. For boats:

- up to 2,5 meters of length with propulsion gear power over 5 kW - 140 kunas
- 2,5 to 4 meters of length - 210 kunas
- 4 to 5 meters of length - 280 kunas
- 5 to 6 meters of length - 350 kunas
- 6 to 7 meters of length - 525 kunas
- 7 to 8 meters of length - 630 kunas
- 8 to 9 meters of length - 735 kunas
- 9 to 10 meters of length - 840 kunas
- 10 to 11 meters of length - 945 kunas
- 11 to 12 meters of length - 1050 kunas

2. For yachts:

- 12 to 15 meters of length - 1.225 kunas
- 15 to 20 meters of length - 1.400 kunas
- 20 to 30 meters of length - 1.575 kunas
- over 30 meters of length - 1.750 kunas

Amounts specified in paragraph 1 of this article are reduced by 10% for every consecutively issued Vignette up to the maximum of 50% of the amount.

Reduction of the amount of the fee specified in paragraph 2 of this article is also applicable to foreign yachts and boats which have consecutively registered their arrival and stay in the internal waters and in the territorial sea of the Republic of Croatia prior to coming into force of this Decree.

Article 3

Length of boat or yacht specified in article 2 of this Decree is the length as it is defined by the relevant document of boat or yacht issued in accordance with the national legislation of the state whose flag the boat or yacht flies.

If boat or yacht holds no appropriate document containing its length, the length of boat or yacht shall be considered to be the length of the boat's or yacht's hull which is defined as the distance between the extreme point of the bow and the extreme point of the stern of the integral part of the hull measured parallel to the waterline of the fully supplied and loaded vessel.

Article 4

This Decree shall come into force on the day of publishing in Official Gazette.

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Zagreb, 30 December 2004.

MINISTER
Božidar Kalmeta