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Ports and Maritime Affairs
Guidelines for the Entry and Exit Procedures of Visiting Vessels (Recreational Vessels) in Bahraini Waters

This guide outlines the procedures for the entry and exit of visiting vessels (recreational vessels) to and from the Kingdom of Bahrain, in accordance with the requirements of the Ministry of Interior and the Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications, and in line with Ministerial Decree No. (9) of 2025 regarding the regulation of navigation permits for visiting vessels in Bahraini waters.

The guide also clarifies the procedures required to obtain a navigation permit for visiting vessels (recreational vessels), issued by the Ports and Maritime Affairs at the Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications.

The navigation permit authorises visiting vessels (recreational vessels) to navigate and dock within Bahraini waters and at authorised jetties for a full year. The permit is renewable in accordance with the provisions and conditions stipulated in Ministerial Decree No. (9) of 2025.

Vessel owners or their representatives must adhere to the following guidelines:

Pre-Arrival Procedures

1. Fill out the application form and enclose the required documents and submit via email to (yacht@mtt.gov.bh).
2. The application and documents will be reviewed by the Ministry and preliminary approval will be issued by the relevant authorities within 24 hours.

Required Documents:

1. A copy of the vessel's registration certificate.
2. A valid copy of the vessel's navigation permit issued by the flag State's relevant authority. If the flag State does not issue a navigation permit, a copy of the vessel's safety certificates issued by the flag State's authority, or an approved classification society, or any equivalent document used by the flag State confirming its seaworthiness, must be attached.
3. A copy of the vessel's comprehensive insurance policy covering personal and property damage, valid throughout the permit's duration.
4. Proof of an Automatic Identification System (AIS) device on board.
5. A copy of the licenses or certificates held by the vessel's crew.
6. A full list of crew and passenger names and details.

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Entry Procedures into Bahraini Territorial Waters

1. Upon approaching Bahraini territorial waters, the vessel's captain must contact the Bahrain Port Control via VHF channel 74 or by phone at (+973) 17162010, and provide the following information:
    - Vessel's name
    - Registration number
    - Nationality
    - Number of passengers
    - Port of departure
    - Intended port of arrival in Bahrain
2. The vessel must proceed to one of the designated entry points (see enclosed map for reference) to complete the Coast Guard procedures as follows:

Coast Guard Checkpoints	Position (Latitude, Longitude)
Checkpoint No. 1: Qit`at Jaradah	26°10.7'N, 050°54.8'E
Checkpoint No. 2: Fasht Al Jarim	26° 27.5'N, 050°34.9'E
Checkpoint No. 3: Khawr Fasht	26°19.1'N, 050°25.5'E
Checkpoint No. 4: Western Region	26° 05.4'N, 050°26.9'E
Checkpoint No. 5: Mina Salman	26°12.9'N, 050°38.2'E

3. The vessel should then proceed to one of the approved jetties (see enclosed map for reference) to complete entry procedures which will be carried out by the customs and immigration control officers:

Jetties	Position (Latitude, Longitude)
Al Dur Harbour	25° 58'17.07"N, 050° 36'59.76"E
Hawar Islands	25° 39'3.42"N, 050° 44'21.88"E
Amwaj Marina	26° 17'28.65"N, 050° 39'23.59"E
Other private jetties	

4. The entry permit will be issued by Customs Affairs and provided to the vessel, with a copy forwarded to the Ports and Maritime Affairs, following payment of the applicable fees to the relevant authorities.
5. The navigation permit will be issued by the Ports and Maritime Affairs with a validity of one year and allowing multiple entries, in accordance with the validity of the submitted documents and upon payment of the required fees to the relevant authorities.

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Exit Procedures from Bahraini Territorial Waters

1. Submit a departure request to the Bahrain Port Control via email at (yacht@mtt.gov.bh), or via VHF channel 74, or by phone at (+973) 17162010, along with the required documents.
2. The request and documents will be reviewed by the Ministry.
3. Customs and immigration officers will board the vessel for inspection and verification. A departure certificate will then be issued and the relevant authorities will be notified.
4. The vessel's captain must contact the Bahrain Port Control to obtain final clearance for departure from the port.

Required Document:

- A list of crew and passenger names and details.

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Map of Coast Guard Checkpoints and Approved Jetties

