

REGULATIONS FOR LICENSING BOAT AND YACHT DRIVERS WITHIN AND BEYOND THE JORDANIAN TERRITORIAL WATERS

Issued by the Board of Directors of Jordan Maritime Commission, by virtue of paragraphs (D) and (W) of Article (5) of Jordan Maritime Commission Law No. (47) for the year 2002.

Article (1)

These regulations shall be named (Regulations for Licensing Boat and Yacht Drivers within and beyond Jordanian Territorial Waters for the year 2004) and shall come into force on the date of publication in the official Gazette).

Article (2)

The following words and terms wherever mentioned in these Regulations shall have the meanings assigned thereto hereunder unless the context expressly provides otherwise:

The Minister:	The Minister of Transport/ The Chairman of the Board of Directors of Jordan Maritime Commission.
The Director General	The Director General of Jordan Maritime Commission
The Commission:	The Jordan Maritime Commission
Boat, Yacht:	The navigable marine unit that is used on cruises
The Boat driver:	The person who is licensed by the Commission to drive the boat or the yacht
The Boat owner:	The normal or nominal person registered in the Commission's ship registry records and has the right of ownership and appointing a driver to it.
The License:	The document issued by the Commission to the boat driver or yacht driver who has met the terms and the requirements for driving the boat or the yacht.
Coastal cruise:	The movement of a boat or a navigable picnic yacht

within Jordanian territorial waters.

Article (3)

The Minister shall form a committee called the Follow-up Committee for the Implementation of these Regulations and the issuance of the official documents required for driving boats and yachts within and beyond the Jordanian territorial waters in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, chaired by the Director General of the Jordan Maritime Commission and the membership of:

1. A representative of the Jordan Maritime Commission.
2. A representative of the Royal Navy.
3. A representative of the General Intelligence Department.
4. A representative from the Directorate of Military Security / Aqaba Intelligence Division.

Article (4)

Jordan Territorial waters are demarcated by a zero number mark on the North East Red Sea shore of Aqaba Gulf, and it extends from the maritime border in a straight line, vertical to the longitude line which passes over the zero mark point, and it extends toward the west for 2.84 Kilo Meters, where it meets the line which divides Aqaba Gulf, and from this point it tracks down the maritime borderline which divides the Gulf toward the south till the last point, which is perpendicular to the borderline of the Saudi Arabia, at the eastern shore point, facing Durrah Border Center.

Article (5)

The Commission shall, through the Committee mentioned in Article (3) of these regulations, carry out the required yacht or boat driving tests within and beyond the Jordanian territorial waters and recommend to the Director to issue the official documents to the license.

Article (6)

The conditions for granting a license for driving a Boat or a Yacht within the Jordanian Territorial Waters are:

- 1- The license applicant must be Jordanian or an owner of a boat / a yacht or working as a boat or yacht driver under contract with an owner of a boat or a yacht registered in Jordan.
- 2- He must be familiar with first-aid treatment, fire fighting and personal safety.
- 3- He must not be convicted against felony or misdemeanor offences, that are immoral and violate public ethics
- 4- He has to pass the specified test as a boat or yacht driver in accordance with the provisions of Article (11) of these regulations.

Article (7)

The following documents shall be presented to the Commission by the License applicant to obtain a driving license within the Jordanian territorial waters:

- 1- Personal ID, issued by the Civil Status and Passport Department, as an evidence to prove his Jordanian Nationality or a document, which proves either he owns or he works for an owner of a registered boat or yacht in Jordan.
- 2- An up-to-date non-conviction certificate.
- 3- A valid health certificate, which proves his fitness to work as a boat or yacht driver.

Article (8)

The conditions for granting a license for driving a Boat or a Yacht beyond the Jordanian Territorial Waters are:

- 1) The license applicant must be Jordanian or an owner of a boat / a yacht or working as a boat or yacht driver under contract with an owner of a boat or a yacht registered in Jordan.
- 2) He must hold a 2ND Marine Officer Certificate or a two-year experience in boat or yacht driving.
- 3) He must be familiar with marine radio communications and the relevant technical terms with an ability to communicate in English.
- 4) He must not be less than 20 years old.
- 5) He must not be convicted against felony or misdemeanor offences, that are immoral and violate public ethics.

- 6) He has to pass the specified test as a boat or yacht driver in accordance with the provisions of Article (11) of these regulations.

Article (9)

The following documents shall be presented to the Commission by the License applicant to obtain a driving license beyond the Jordanian territorial waters:

- 1) Personal ID, issued by the Civil Status and Passport Department, as an evidence to prove his Jordanian Nationality or a document, which proves either he owns or he works for an owner of a registered boat or yacht in Jordan.
- 2) A 2nd Marine Officer certificate endorsed by the Commission or a two-year experience in boat or yacht driving.
- 3) The mandatory safety certificated required for the 2nd Marine Officer Certificate.
- 4) An up-to-date non-conviction certificate.
- 5) A valid health certificate, which proves his fitness to work as a boat or yacht driver.
- 6) The committee for follow-up the implementation of these regulations is entitled to identify the sailing areas nearby Jordanian territorial waters and grant the necessary exceptions, with emphasis on maritime safety conditions.

Article (10)

The training requirements for granting a license for driving a boat or yacht within or beyond the Jordanian territorial waters are as follows:

- 1- The Commission shall keep a special record for each boat or yacht driver, including all necessary information about the license applicant, his training, and his experience along with the remarks of the boat or the yacht owner to be presented to the Committee.
- 2- The Commission shall provide explanatory and training publications to the applicants for acquiring boat or yacht driving license, which cover first aid, fire-fighting personal safety, navigation signs, maritime communications and safety of life at sea. The license applicant shall be subjected to a test on these matters as part of the requirements for obtaining the license.

3- The applicant must have attended a training course from an accredited body in the Maritime Commission to obtain a license for driving a boat or a yacht beyond the territorial waters.

4- The committee for follow-up the implementation of these regulations is entitled to identify the sailing areas nearby Jordanian territorial waters and grant the necessary exceptions, with emphasis on maritime safety conditions.

Article (11)

The procedures for the test to acquire a driving license for a boat or a yacht within or beyond the Jordanian Territorial Waters are as the follows:

1- Submission of a written test request to the Commission.

2- The Committee shall set a date for carrying out the test which shall be within two weeks of the application date.

3- The license applicant shall be tested for familiarity with the information contained in the explanatory and training publications submitted by the Maritime Commission to applicants to obtain a boat / yacht license within or beyond the territorial waters and with the maps and navigational equipment of the applicants.

4- The test shall be conducted for one time or more to enable the committee to make sure that the boat or the yacht driver is qualified enough to practice driving or maneuvering at sea or into and out of quays safely.

5- Upon passing the required test, the license for driving a boat or a yacht within or beyond the Jordanian territorial waters shall be issued as per the availability of conditions and documents required for each type in these regulations.

Article (12)

The Director shall have the right to withdraw, suspend or cancel the license of any boat or yacht driver if any of the conditions and requirements under these regulations are violated or if the Driver has committed a criminal act

or caught intoxicated during duty hours or made a serious mistake resulting in an accident and loss of human life, a maritime pollution or impacted the safe navigation and after investigating the violation.

Article (13)

All previous Regulations on these matters shall be cancelled as of the date of publication of these regulations in the Official Gazette.