

Merchant Shipping Directorate



# Commercial Yachts Extended Range Tender Guidelines



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## <sup>1</sup> Foreword

#### Introduction and General Information

- 1.1 The Commercial Yachts Extended Range Tender Guidelines shall be read and construed together with the Malta Commercial Yacht Code (CYC), as amended.
- 1.2 The requirements detailed in these Guidelines shall be applied in conjunction to the requirements as detailed in Section 22 of the CYC, as amended.
- 1.3 These Guidelines are being issued without prejudice to other applicable requirements. In the eventuality of any conflict between these Guidelines and any National or Port State requirements, the stricter requirements shall always prevail.

## 2 Application

- 2.1 These Guidelines will be applicable from the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022.
- 2.2 These Guidelines are applicable only to Malta Flag Commercial Yachts' Tenders which are  $\leq$  24m Length of Hull (L<sub>h</sub>) and which are designated as an appurtenance and falling under the Registration Certificate of the Mother Yacht.
- 2.3 Extended Range Tenders which are also designated as the Yacht's Rescue Boat shall only be allowed to operate upto 6 nautical miles from the mother yacht. The Rescue Boat/Tender shall also meet the Rescue Boat requirements as detailed in the CYC and shall be stowed onboard the mother yacht. In the eventuality of any conflict between these Guidelines and the CYC Rescue Boat requirements, the stricter requirements shall always prevail.
- 2.4 Extended Range tenders shall be engaged solely and exclusively in the business of the Mother Yacht.
- 2.5 Existing Extended Range Tenders shall comply with these guidelines by not later than the Mother Yacht's first periodical survey on or after the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022.

# <sup>3</sup> Definitions

3.1 For the purpose of these Guidelines the definitions shall be those detailed in the Commercial Yacht Code.

#### 3.2 Tender Design Categories

Design category	Wind force (Beaufort scale)	Significant wave height (H ½, metres)
A	exceeding 8	exceeding 4
В	up to, and including, 8	up to, and including, 4
C	up to, and including, 6	up to, and including, 2
D	up to, and including, 4	up to, and including, 0,3

3.3 The Hull Length L<sub>H</sub> shall be measured in accordance to the requirements of *ISO 8666*, as amended, and in compliance to the *TM Measurement Guidelines for Yachts and Other Types of Vessels*, as amended.

### 4 **Requirements**

#### 4.1 General Requirements

- 4.1.1 As per CYC Section 22, extended range tenders ≤ 24m in length, shall be certified in accordance to the EU Recreational Craft Directive 2013/53/EU, as amended, to a minimum of Design Category B.
- 4.1.2 A CE Certified tender shall be issued with a Builder's Declaration of Conformity. Other types/categories/standards of internationally recognised certification regimes may be accepted by the Administration on a case-by-case basis.
- 4.1.3 A tender shall never carry more than 12 passengers and it shall never exceed the maximum number of persons as shown on the CE Builder's Plate for Designed Category B or A.
- 4.1.4 Extended Range Tenders shall be fitted with safe and strong hand holds and it is recommended that they be fitted also with safe seating arrangements. Railings and inflatable tubes shall not be considered parts of the seating arrangements.
- 4.1.5 Extended Range Tenders are to be provided with adequate mooring arrangements, an anchor and anchor cable appropriate for the size of the tender. The anchor cable shall be capable of being used also as a towline.
- 4.1.6 The Extended Range Tender should be adequately and safely manned. The manning of the tender shall never jeopardise the safety manning of the mother yacht.
- 4.1.7 The Extended Range Tender's crew shall, at least, hold a valid nautical licence and be adequately experienced and trained.

#### 4.2 Equipment Requirements

	Extended Range from Mother Yacht		
Minimum Equipment Required	6 nautical miles	12 nautical miles	20 nautical miles
Lifejackets fitted with lights & whistles and suitable for all persons onboard	100%	100%	100%
Inflatable Liferaft(s)	100%	100%	100%
Bailer with lanyard	1	1	1
Waterproof torch or lantern	1	1	2
Handheld flare•	2	2	4
Buoyant smoke signal <sup>●</sup>	1	1	2
Parachute flare•	2	2	4
Lifebuoy complete with buoyant line	-	-	1
Magnetic Compass	1	1	1
Portable Fire Extinguishers	Required	Required	Required
Thermal protective Aids*	100%	100%	100%
1 litre drinking water per person	-	-	100%
Hand held GMDSS VHF	2	2	2
Fixed VHF DSC▲	-	1	1
Navigation Lights	Required	Required	Required
Binoculars	1	1	1
GPS Unit with Maps	1	1	1
Power Operated Bilge Pump	1	1	1
Manual Bilge Pump	1	1	1
Sound Horn	1	1	1
First Aid Kit►	1	1	1
Satellite/Satellite-AIS EPIRB <sup>+</sup>	-	1	1
SART	1	1	1
AIS▲	1	1	1
9 GHz Radar	-	-	1
Radar Reflector	-	1	1
SPF30 water resistant sun cream**	100%	100%	100%
Fire Blanket <sup>▼</sup>	1	1	1

(\*) – May be exempted if the tender operates in constantly warm climates within sea areas as detailed in Technical Notice SLS.8, as amended.

(\*\*) – Required for tenders which offer no shade from the sun.

(+) – The tender's EPIRB shall be an additional EPIRB and it shall be programmed with same MMSI No. of mother yacht plus an additional individual digit to indicate that it as additional unit. The mother yacht MMSI No. and the additional digit shall be separated by a coma. Example: MMSI No. for Tender No.1 is '256XXX000, 1' where '256XXX000' is the mother yacht's MMSI No.

( $\blacktriangle$ ) - DSC and AIS equipment installed onboard the tender shall be programmed by adding the specific code designator '98' at the beginning of the MMSI No. and removing the last two digits of the MMSI No. Example: MMSI No. for Tender(s): '98256XXX0' where '256XXX0' is the MMSI No. of the mother yacht. Mother yachts deploying Extended Range Tenders shall have AIS installed (even if the mother yacht < 300GT).

(•) All pyrotechnics shall be stored in an appropriate safe and clearly marked container/compartment.

(  $\pmb{\nabla}$  ) Fire Blanket is required for tenders having a galley.

(►) The First Aid Kit shall be in compliance with the Section 19.1 of the CYC.

## **5** Insurance Requirements

5.1 Extended Range Tenders shall be issued with adequate insurance coverage which should at least cover Third Party liabilities. The tender's insurance policy may be incorporated in the mother yacht's insurance policy.

## **6** Survey and Certification

- 6.1 Extended Range Tenders shall be surveyed in conjunction with the mother yacht during the mother yacht's Initial/Renewal Survey and also during the mother yacht's Intermediate Survey (for mother yachts < 24m) or during the 2nd or 3rd year mother yacht's Annual Survey (for mother yachts ≥ 24m).</p>
- 6.2 For existing yachts, the Initial Extended Range Tender survey may be carried outside the mother yacht's survey window. The subsequent periodical tender surveys will be aligned with the mother yacht's survey window. The tender's survey dates will be shown on the Tender's Certificate.
- 6.3 Extended Range Tenders shall be surveyed by the same Appointed Surveyor/RO surveying the mother yacht for compliance with the Commercial Yacht Code. Tender(s) details and survey outcome shall be duly included in the mother yacht's survey report and the tender(s) shall be mentioned on the COC.
- 6.4 Upon satisfactory completion of the surveys, the attending surveyor shall issue a Commercial Yacht Extended Range Tender Survey Report using the dedicated Form: TM Commercial Yachts Extended Range Tender Survey Report
- 6.5 The TM Commercial Yachts Extended Range Tender Survey Report together with a copy the tender's Certification and a copy of the Builder's Declaration of Conformity shall be sent to the Administration. Upon the satisfactory review of the survey report, and upon payment of the necessary fee, the Administration will issue a Commercial Yacht Extended Range Tender Certificate.