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Survey of Pleasure Craft

1. Background

The Tourism Authority Act 2006 (as amended) provides for the survey of pleasure craft. Indeed, **Section 59 (Issue and renewal of the pleasure craft licence)** of the Act provides the following:

‘Subject to section 60 and subsection (3), the Authority may, after consideration of an application under section 57, grant the application and issue a Pleasure Craft Licence to the applicant :

(a) Where it is in presence of a favourable survey report and or counter examination report as the case may be’

In line with the above legal provision, the Tourism Authority receives requests for survey in respect of new and existing pleasure craft to determine their seaworthiness and whether they have adequate and appropriate safety equipment, which are a prerequisite for the issue of licences.

2. Survey Fees

Length of pleasure craft	Survey fees (Rs.)
Less than 6 m	Rs. 1,500
More than 6 m but less than 12 m	Rs. 2,500
More than 12 m but less than 24 m	Rs. 3,500



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3. New Measures to ease Survey of Pleasure Craft

As from 01st July 2014, a number of measures have been taken to facilitate the survey of pleasure craft, including the following:

- Booking of Survey
 - On application for survey and payment of survey fee, the pleasure craft operator is informed of available dates and locations where the survey could be carried out and is given the opportunity to choose the date of survey and location of survey in line with slots available in the schedule
- Places where survey will be carried out by Assistant Examiners of the Tourism Authority

Region / Stretch	Places where surveys are carried out (Survey Points)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Port-Louis - Cap Malheureux 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tombeau Bay(Fisheries) ▪ Pointe aux Piments (Villa Mon Plaisir) ▪ Trou aux Biches NCG Post ▪ Mon Choisy(near wall Northern tip) ▪ Grand Bay Yatch Club ▪ Cap Malheureux (jetty behind church)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grand Gaube – Trou D’Eau Douce 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Trou Deau Douce(Debarcadere) ▪ Belle Mare (Emeraude Hotel) ▪ Bras D’eau (Public Beach) ▪ Grand Gaube (Debarcadere) ▪ Roche Noires (near church)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GRSE – Belle Ombre 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ GRSE(NCG Deux Freres) ▪ Pointe Jerome(near sand quarry) ▪ Blue Bay(near jetty)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pointe-aux-Sables- Le Morne 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Albion (Public Beach) ▪ Flic en Flac (NCG post) ▪ Riviere Noire (La Carangue) ▪ La Gaulette (near Jetty Liverpool) ▪ Le Morne (near Lux Hotel)



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4. Survey at places other than at Survey Points

Considering the commitment of boathouses/diving centres (attached to hotels) to ensure the availability of pleasure craft at all times as well as difficulties encountered by some operators to move their pleasure craft to survey points, the following policy has been introduced in October 2014:

- **An additional fee of Rs. 2,000 per craft would be applicable for the survey of a pleasure craft at a place other than an approved survey point**
 - At a Boathouse/Diving Centre found within the hotel premises
 - At boatyards, customs/harbour, etc.

N.B. An application for survey at a location other than at an approved survey point will have to accompany the additional fee mentioned above.

5. Validity of Survey

A new policy in respect of validity of survey of pleasure craft is being implemented since **01st of July 2014**. Details of the policy are outlined below.

(i) FIBERGLASS Pleasure Craft

Age of craft	0 < Age < 05	05 < Age < 08	08 < Age < 10	10 < Age < 16	>16 years
Validity of Survey	Five years minus age of craft (years)	Eight years minus age of craft (years)	Ten years minus age of craft (years)	Two years	One year
Max. Validity of survey	05 years	03 years	02 years	02 years	01 year

(ii) For WOODEN Pleasure Craft



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Age of craft	0 < Age < 03	03 < Age < 06	06 < Age < 08	> 8 years
Validity of Survey	Three years minus age of craft (years)	Six years minus age of craft (years)	8 years minus age of craft (years)	
Max. Validity of Survey	03 years	03 years	02 years	One year

Basis for survey for LOCAL craft

New Craft	Second Hand	
	Change of Ownership	Craft registered by other Authorities
Validity of survey will start as from the date of the survey	Validity of survey will be determined by considering the date of the 1 st survey (Mauritius Ports Authority, Tourism Authority, National Coast Guard or any other foreign body)	Validity of survey will be based upon date of original registration with other Authorities / Ministries In case the date of original registration is not available, then the date of construction as specified on Boat Builder/ Boat Construction Certificate will be considered

Basis for survey for IMPORTED craft

New Craft	Second Hand
Validity of survey will start as from the date of the survey	Validity of survey will be based upon date of original registration. In case the date of original registration is not available, then the date of construction as specified on Boat Builder/ Boat Construction Certificate will be considered

Exceptional cases

Besides, in the under-mentioned exceptional cases, a new survey will have to be carried out:

- a) Accident involving a pleasure craft
- b) A pleasure craft has sunk
- c) Major modification in the Pleasure Craft
- d) Complaints leading to strong suspicion



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Cases whereby a new survey would not affect the validity of a survey:

- a) Change in category of a Pleasure Craft from IL to OL
- b) Change in carrying capacity
- c) Change in activity of a Pleasure Craft
- d) Change in colour of a craft
- e) Small modifications in Length and Beam

On another note, it is important to highlight that, *in cases, where an Assistant Examiner, or a Surveyor, is of the view that a pleasure craft cannot be assigned a “survey validity” as per abovementioned policy, he may assign a survey certificate, the validity of which will be less than provided. Yet, in such cases, the Assistant Examiner shall have to show good and sufficient cause.*

6. Policy for Issue of a Duplicate Survey Certificate

- a) Section 121 of the Tourism Authority Act 2006 (as amended) provides that “Where a licence is lost, defaced or rendered illegible, the Authority may issue a duplicate licence, as the case may be, on payment of the prescribed fee”.
- b) The prescribed fee for the issue of a duplicate Pleasure Craft Licence is Rs.1500 as per Tourism Authority (Pleasure Craft Licence Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2007, GN No. 83 of 2007.
- c) Considering that several requests for the issue of a duplicate survey certificate have been received at the Authority and that no provision has been made for the issue of a duplicate survey certificate under the Tourism Authority 2006, the Licensing Committee has decided that a duplicate survey certificate can be issued subject to:
 1. submission of an application for a duplicate survey certificate as per template below, accompanied by a Police Memo mentioning clearly the Pleasure Craft Registration Number, as specified on the survey certificate.
 2. Payment of a fee of Rs. 500