

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

Issued by the Board of Directors of Jordan Maritime Authority, by virtue of paragraphs (D) and (W) of Article (5) of Jordan Maritime Authority 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 Authority.
The Director	The Director General of Jordan Maritime Authority.
The Authority	Jordan Maritime Authority.
The Boat, the Yacht	The seaworthy marine unit which is used for sea voyages.
The Boat Driver	The person who is licensed by the Authority to drive the boat or the yacht.
The Boat Owner	The normal or nominal person registered in the Authority's ship registry and has the right of ownership and appointing a driver to it.
The License	The document issued by the Authority to the boat driver or yacht driver who has met the terms and the requirements for driving the boat or the yacht.
The Tourist Coastal Voyage	the movement of the boat or the yacht within the Jordan Territorial Waters:

### **Article 3:**

The Minister shall form a committee called the committee for follow up, implementation of these regulations and issue of the official documents required for driving boats and yachts within and beyond

Jordanian Territorial Waters. The Committee shall be headed by the Director and the membership of:

- 1- The Director of Ship Registration and Maritime Affairs Department at the Authority.
- 2- A representative from Royal Navy.
- 3- A representative from the Port Authority.
- 4- A representative from the Royal Yacht Club.
- 5- A representative from security departments.

#### **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 Authority shall, through the Committee mentioned in Article (3) of these regulations, carry out the required yacht or boat driving tests and recommend to the Director to issue 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 not be less than 20 years old.
- 3- He must be familiar with first-aid treatment, fire fighting and personal safety.
- 4- He must not be convicted against felony or misdemeanor offences, that are immoral and violate public ethics.
- 5- 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 Authority 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 licence 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 2<sup>ND</sup> Marine Engineer 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 Authority 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Marine Engineer certificate endorsed by the Authority with a two-year experience in boat or yacht driving.

- 3) The mandatory safety certificated required for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Marine Engineer 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.

**Article 10:**

The training requirements for granting a license to drive a boat or yacht within or beyond Jordan Territorial Waters are as follows:

- 1- The training shall be carried out on boats of a length not less than (8) meters and an engine power capacity not less than 120 horsepower.
- 2- The Authority shall keep a special record for each boat or yacht driver, including all necessary information about the license applicant, his training, his experience alongwith the remarks of the boat or the yacht owner to be presented to the Committee.
- 3- The Authority 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.

**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 Authority.
- 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 in the covered information to the explanatory, and training publications, that are issued by the authority.
- 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 maouvering 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 provided that all requirements are met properly.

**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 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.

**Article 13:**

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