

**REGULATIONS FOR ORGANISING, LICENSING AND
MONITORING OF SAFE NAVIGATION OF BOATS, YACHTS,
PLEASURE AND WATER SPORTS BOATS WITHIN AND
BEYOND JORDANIAN TERRITORIAL WATERS**

Issued by the Board of Directors of Jordan Maritime Authority by virtue of paragraph (K) of Article (9) of Jordan Maritime Authority Law No. (47) for the year 2002.

**CHAPTER ONE
GENERAL PROVISIONS**

Article 1:

These regulations shall be named (**Regulations for Organising, Licensing and Monitoring of Safe Navigation of Boats, Yachts and Pleasure and Water Sports boats 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 Authority	The Director General of Jordan Maritime Authority.
The Tugboat	The maritime unit used for towing and tugging ships into and out of port berthing facilities or rescuing or providing assistance to them.
The Boat	The seagoing marine unit used for navigation.
The Yacht	The seagoing marine unit used for navigation for touristic purposes.
The Boat Driver	The person who is licensed by the Authority to drive a boat or a pleasure yacht.
The License	A document issued by the Authority to the boat or yacht driver after satisfying the requirements of granting that license.

Article 3:

Jordanian 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 4:

Organising, licensing, registering and monitoring of boat and yacht activities, and issuing the navigation license and other related documents shall be carried out by the Authority's concerned departments; Maritime Safety and Technical Affairs Department & Ship Registration and Seafares Affairs Department, as follows:

- A- Review the documents submitted for getting a boat or a yacht license, and the above-mentioned Departments shall be entitled to acquire any documents they see necessary for approving the license.
- B- Conducting a technical inspection of the boat or yacht to ensure compliance with the terms and requirements of the regulations.
- C- The issuance of navigation license to the boat or yacht after the all requirements and conditions are properly met.

CHAPTER TWO THE REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSING THE BOATS

Article 5:

The conditions for granting the navigation license to boats and yachts which can carry more than (12) persons and navigate within the Jordanian territorial waters, are:

- A- The boat or yacht driver must carry a license duly issued by the Authority.
- B- The boat/ yacht must be seaworthy with a valid insurance covering the boat, the crew and the passengers. The boat / yacht shall be subjected to a periodical maintenance and inspection, including the hull and the

submerged parts, within a period not exceeding (12) months. A special record shall be kept by the Authority for this purpose.

- C- Placing the name and the number of the boat/yacht on both sides; at the the front and rear, quite clear and readable from a distance not less than (50) meters as determined by the Authority.
- D- Making available the necessary fire fighting equipment which shall include manual fire extinguishers checked up by the concerned authorities designated by the Authority in accordance with the international requirements and standards. The quantity and quality of these extinguishers must conform with the size of the boat/ yacht and their location on the boat/yacht and must be placed on:

- The bridge.
- The halls.
- Living rooms.
- The engine rooms.

In case a fixed fire fighting system is available on the boat/yacht, this system must be functioning well and sanctioned by a specialized party approving that necessary yearly check ups of the system are carried out. The boat / yacht shall be equipped with an emergency board which must contain signals and proper instructions in case of fire, drowning, evacuation along with the duties of each crew member in emergency. Necessary training of must be carried out.

- E- Having all the seats, the furniture and the equipment properly fixed on the boat.
- F- Carrying onboard a radio communication set covering sea area (1) of a distance not more than (50) nautical miles.
- G- Having a compass with proper lighting.
- H- Having a sufficient number of life buoys fixed on both sides of the boat.
- I- Having a sufficient number of life jackets with the name and number of the boat fixed on them in accordance with the requirements of the Safety of Life at Sea Convention (SOLAS), and deposited in boxes on the boat/yacht deck, as follows:
 - 100% of the total number of the crew and the passengers of the boat/ yachts (life jackets).
 - + 10% of the total number of passengers for children (life jackets).
 - +5% of the total number of passengers (spare life jackets).
- J- Having a signaling light.
- K- Having two manual alert signs (Hand Flares).

- L- Having a first-aid kit.
- M- Having adequate maintenance equipment.
- N- Having a standby electric power.
- O- Having a water pump.
- P- Having a white flag for call of assistance.
- Q- Having ventilation means for closed areas.
- R- Having navigational lights as required by the Prevention of Collision Convention 1972.
- S- Having an Echo Sounder.

Article 6:

The conditions for granting the navigation license to boats, yachts, pleasure boats and boats of companies providing marine services with a capacity not exceeding (12) persons and navigating within the Jordanian territorial waters, are:

- A- The boat or yacht driver must carry a license duly issued by the Authority.
- B- Having a valid insurance covering the boat/yacht, crew and the passengers.
- C- Having on board the following equipment:
 - Manual fire extinguishers of the powder type and conforming with the size of the boat/yacht carrying an annual validity certificate.
 - Two life buoys.
 - Having a sufficient number of life jackets conforming with the number of passengers with the name and number of the boat fixed on them in accordance with the requirements of the Safety of Life at Sea Convention (SOLAS).
 - Navigational lights as required by the Prevention of Collision Convention 1972.
 - First Aid kit.
 - Water pump.
 - White flag for assistance call.
 - Adequate communication means.
 - Whistle.
 - Two oars.
 - Anchor.
 - Manual water-proof light.
 - Flag carrying (ALPHA) sign indicating that there is a diver.
 - An orange flag to raise in case of danger or security threat.

- Placing the name and the number of the boat/yacht on both sides; at the the front and rear, quite clear and readable from a distance not less than (50) meters as determined by the Authority, and raising the Jordanian flag.
- Having all the seats, the furniture and the equipment properly fixed on the boat.

Article 7:

The conditions for issuing a navigation license to small fishing boats are:

- A- Having on board life jackets conforming to the number of fishermen licensed for the boat with the boat number and name placed on it.
- B- Having the boat painted red or orange.
- C- Having a white flag for assistance call.
- D- Having a First Aid kit.
- E- An orange flag to raise in case of danger or security threat.
- F- Placing the name and the number of the boat/yacht on both sides; at the the front and rear, quite clear and readable from a distance not less than (50) meters as determined by the Authority and raising the Jordanain flag.
- G- Having proper communication means, a transmission set, a whistle, two oars, an anchor and a manual light.

Article 8:

The conditions for granting a navigation license for glass boats are:

- A- The boat must have the following specifications:
 - Painted white color and the submerged part of it painted in blue.
 - An umbrella painted blue.
- B- Placing the name and the number of the boat on both sides; at the front and rear, quite clear and readable from a distance not less than (50) meters as determined by the Authority.
 - Raising the Jordanain flag.
 - The thickness of the floor glass shield touching the water surface must not be less than (6) ml, with an area proportional to the boat size and having the validity period fixed on it. The glass shield shall be inspected and replaced periodically to ensure the safety of the passengers.
- C- The boat must, at all times, have the following equipment onboard:
 - Life jackets compatible with the requirements of the Safety of Life at Sea Convention (SOLAS) and the number of the passengers.

- One life buoy.
- One functional dry-powdered fire extinguisher.
- First Aid kit.
- Manual water pump.
- White flag for call of assistance.
- Orange flag to be raised in case of danger or security threat.

D- Valid insurance policy for the boat, the crew and the passengers.

Article 9:

The conditions for licensing water sport boats, jet skis and pedals are:

A- Water sport boats or the jet ski or the pedals must be owned by persons or commercial companies licensed by the Authority to perform these activities, and must be registered at the ships registrar office of the Authority with valid insurance for the jet ski, the boat and its crew and the passengers.

B- Submitting a written commitment by the owner or the company to the Authority that water skiing boat shall not be driven by persons under 18 years of age.

C- Granting navigation license is conditional to submitting a written commitment by the Jet Ski owner or the company owning the Jet Ski, to the Authority containing a straight forward pledge for the following:

1- People who are under sixteen years of age are not to be let out or drive Jet Ski.

2- Driving the Jet Ski by people, who are sixteen years old or older, must be carried out under the supervision, monitoring and responsibility of the owner or the company.

D-The availability of life jackets with specifications compatible with the requirements of the Safety of Life at Sea Convention (SOLAS) and the number of the passengers.

E- Placing the name of the boat or the pedal or the jet ski and its number on both sides.

Article 10:

The requirements to issue a navigation license to government and private tugboats which navigate within the Jordanian territorial waters are as follows:

A- The tugboat master must have a marine officer certificate at a minimum while the engineer must have a marine engineer certificate, in accordance with the tug's engine capacity of the engine pursuant to the requirements of the (STCW) Convention.

B- The tugboat must be seaworthy while its maintenance, cleaning and inspection of hull and submerged parts should be carried out regularly and within periods not exceeding (36) months. Such maintenance and inspection shall be documented in a special record issued by the Authority in the presence of its inspector.

C- There must be a valid insurance policy, for the tugboat, the crew and the passengers.

D- The tugboat must have onboard with the following equipment:

- Fire extinguisher of various kinds and functions (Foam, carbon dioxide, pressured water or powder) and it must be deposited in places according to its use on the tugboat. The number of extinguishers shall be compatible with size of the boat and must be regularly checked and certificated by an accredited agency.
- At least one life raft capable of accommodating the crew members with a validity certificate issued by a body commissioned by the Authority.
- Navigation lights pursuant to the requirements of the Prevention of Collision Convention 1972.
- Two radio communications sets as requires by the Convention (IMO Sea Area 1).
- A compass with adequate lighting.
- Four life buoys.
- The availability of sufficient life jackets with compatible with the requirements of the Safety of Life at Sea Convention (SOLAS) and the number of the passengers.
- An electric lamp capable of transmitting Signaling Light at day time.
- At least six pieces of assistance signs as follows:
 - Two manual signs (Hand Flares).
 - Two buoyant smoke signs.
 - Two rocket parachute flares.
- First aid kit.
- Sewer water pump to be used in emergency cases.
- Reserve electric power source.
- Internal communication set.

- General warning set.
- Fire extinguishing pump/ fixed fire extinguisher system.
- Hoses for fire extinguisher with sprinkler.
- A standby steering wheel unit.
- Radar set.
- Mobile Search Light source.
- Depth gauge device (echo sounder).
- Placing the name, the number and the port of registration of the tugboat on both sides at the front and rear, quite clear and readable from a distance not less than (100) meters as determined by the Authority, and raising the Jordanian flag.

Article 11:

The requirements for granting a navigation license to tugboats owned by the public or the private sectors and navigating beyond Jordanian territorial waters, on international voyages are as follows:

- A- The availability of all the fittings, equipment, certificates and documents as required by the relevant international conventions and codes of the IMO or the international classification societies commissioned by the Authority.
- B- The availability of a valid insurance policy for the boat, the crew and the passengers.

Article 12:

The requirements for granting navigation license to boats and yachts (small passenger ships of length less than (24) meters) which carry more than (12) passengers and which navigate beyond the Jordanian territorial waters are:

- A- The availability of all the fittings, equipment, certificates and documents as required by the relevant international conventions and codes of the IMO or the international classification societies commissioned by the Authority.
- B- The availability of a valid insurance policy for the boat, the crew and the passengers.
- C- Notwithstanding the provisions of para. (1) of this Article, Despite of what is mentioned in paragraph (A) of this Article, the Authority may grant boats navigating in areas close to the territorial waters the necessary exceptions according to the type of the voyage as long as

these exceptions do not jeopardise maritime safety, security and marine environment protection.

Article 13:

The requirements for granting navigation license to boats and yachts, which carry less than (12) passengers, and navigate beyond the Jordanian territorial waters, are:

- A- The availability of a duly licensed driver for the boat or the yacht, by the Authority.
- B- The availability of a valid insurance policy for the boat or the yacht, the crew and the passengers.
- C- The availability of the following equipment and fittings on the boat at all times:
 - 1- Manual fire extinguishers compatible with with the boat size which use dry powder and have a valid yearly certification.
 - 2- Four life buoys.
 - 3- One life raft.
 - 4- Life jackets with specifications conforming to the requirements of the (SOLAS) Convention and the number of boat/yacht passengers.
 - 5- Depth gauge device (echo sounder), navigation maps and navigation lights which conform to the requirements of collision prevention rules.
 - 6- First aid kit.
 - 7- A water pump.
 - 8- White flag for call of assistance.
 - 9- Proper communication device of VHF transmission set.
 - 10- A whistle.
 - 11- (2) Oars.
 - 12- Manual lamp and manual call-of-assistance signs.
 - 13- A flag marked with (ALFA) to indicate that a diver is underwater.
 - 14- An orange flag to be raised in situations of danger or security threat.
 - 15- Placing the name and the number of the boat on both sides at the front and rear, quite clear and readable from a distance not less than (50) meters and raising the Jordanian flag.
 - 16- Having all the seats, furniture components and the equipment on the boat fixed.

Article 14:

The requirements for granting a navigation license for maritime barges, floating cranes, mobile and immobile platforms, are:

- A- All maritime barges and cranes and the equipment carried on them, that are operating within the Jordanian territorial waters shall be subjected to a periodical inspection by the Authority to ensure their technical viability to navigate.
- B- The maritime barges and cranes shall be tied with special buoys at locations that ensures safety of navigation in the Jordanian territorial waters.
- C- The cranes and the barges shall be given numbers by the ship registry officer at the Authority.
- D- Placing the name of the barge, its number and its load capacity at its both front and rear sides.
- E- The availability of navigation lights according to work requirements of international construction standards the prevention of collision Convention
- F- Having a white light on each barge/ crane while it os tied to the buoys.
- G- The availability of an orange colour flag, to be raised as a signal that there is a danger or a security threat.

CHAPTER THREE

PROCEDURES OF CHECKING ON AND THE ISSUANCE OF THE NAVIGATION LICENSE

Article 15:

Procedures for the issuance of navigation license and checking on the boats and yachts are set as follow:

- A- Submitting the application to the Authority on the specified license form on condition that the yacht, the boat or the water sports boat is registered with the Authority.
- B- Carrying out the technical check which within three days of the date of submitting the application. The check on shall cover the hull, the engine, equipment, safety equipment, fire fighting devices and the floor glass shield.
- C- If the boat or the yacht has single engine, the Authority shall specify the areas where the boat shall be confined to navigate in.
- D- The license shall be issued after completing document procedures and the payment of the required yearly fees.

Article 16:

Prior the issuance of the navigation license, the boat, its documents and safety equipment shall be checked by the Authority. Sudden inspection shall take place in coordination with the Royal Navy to ensure the full compliance with safety requirements and the Authority shall be notified of any violations.

CHAPTER FOUR PROCEDURES OF MONITORING BOATS MOVEMENTS AND SAFE NAVIGATION

Article 17:

The navigation areas for the boats, the yachts, the pleasure boats, the glass boats and water sport boats (Water ski), including Jet Ski, are set as follows:

- A- The navigation area for water ski hauling boats shall be restricted to the area which starts from the last point of the swimming area within the hotel buoys and up to (180) meters inside the sea.
- B- The navigation areas for jet skis shall be confined to an area located within a distance of (220) meters inside the sea from the hotel area and extends up to the anchorage area. However, the jet ski is not allowed come closer than 100 meters from any ship.
- C- The mooring area for the jet skis that are used commercially shall be on floating platforms inside the sea at a distance up to (220) meters and shall takeoff and return from these platforms. If the jet ski is owned by individuals, it shall start its takeoff and return from the yacht clubs.
- D- Glass boats shall not be allowed to sail in the specified areas in paras. (A) and (B) of this article, the areas facing hotels and the entrance of yacht clubs excluding cases of passenger ascend and descend to and from the boat. Also, these boats can not sail close to port berthing facilities and shoul meep a distance of (50) meters from these facilities.
- E- Aqaba Special Economic Zone Authority (ASEZA) shall be responsible for organizing the sea area covered by the Organisation, Development and Use of Coastal Areas Bylaw issued by (ASEZA).

Article 18:

All drivers of boats, yachts, pleasure boats, glass boats, and water sport boats, including the jet skis have to observe the following safety instructions during operation and navigation:

- A- Keeping away from swimming areas within the boundaries established by the hotels on shores, the ship navigation and anchoring areas, and the port facilities.
- B- Exercising extreme caution while driving their boats and avoid exposing others to disturbance or danger.
- C- Sailing within the Jordanian territorial waters unless they are licensed to go beyond them.
- D- Not using open inflammable sources such as gas cylinders, and using only the available built-in heat sources of the boat as it is originally designed.
- E- Preserve the maritime environment, and never throw any wastes or materials in the sea.
- F- Use of the available communication equipment on boats, and not keeping the communication set of the boat busy for a long time on the main channels unless it is necessary. Communication channel (16) on V.H.F set shall be used at emergency cases only.
- G- All passengers shall wear the life jackets when the boat is sailig outside the area specified to it.
- H- All skiers and users of all kinds of water sports on the boats, Jet Ski or pedals, have to wear life jackets.
- I- Raising the flag which indicates diving if there are divers.
- J- Raising the orange flag, in situations where a maritime security threat to the boat or yacht, prevails, and immediately use any communication set for notification.
- K- Not overloading the boat with extra crew members or passengers other than the number specified in the navigation license.
- L- Use any communication set available for notifying of any accidents or threat to safety of life or marine environment.

CHAPTER FIVE

FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 19:

The Director shall have the right to freeze the navigation license of any marine unit covered by these regulations for (3) months if any of the provisions of the regulations are violated. The liscence may be withdrawn in

case of recurrence of the violation after conducting the necessary investigation.

Article 20:

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