



# Flying the Flag of Responsibility

Christos Vardikos, Greek Maritime Lawyer and Consul of the Commonwealth of Dominica in Greece, looks at the advantages of registering your yacht under the Commonwealth of Dominica

**T**he Commonwealth of Dominica, widely known as Dominica (which is different from the Dominican Republic) is an English speaking country located in the Central region of the Eastern Caribbean, between Martinique and Guadeloupe.

## The Flag of Responsibility

The Commonwealth of Dominica is proud to offer diligent Ship Owners, Managers, Operators and Mariners the opportunity to join an International Shipping Registry. At present, the Commonwealth of Dominica's open International Ship Registry is one of the fastest growing and most efficiently managed Ship Registries. The Administration provided tools for compliance ensure a sustainable, cost effective, and efficient system that owners may take advantage of to improve their financial viability.

## Why fly with the Commonwealth of Dominica? Vessel/Yacht Registration

Registering a Vessel under the Commonwealth of Dominica is efficient, straightforward and cost effective. Dominica Maritime Registry provides the client administrative and technical support throughout the complete process. Their Registry offers owners, cost effective vessel registration with no tonnage tax or size restrictions. Dominica Maritime Registry has many convenient international locations to process registrations quickly and electronically to maintain cost effectiveness.

## Benefits for registering under the Commonwealth of Dominica flag

- Registration is fast and simple.
- Competitive pricing.
- Proactive IMO Participation
- Statutory Surveys and Certification Programme
- Multiple incentive programmes including Tonnage Fee Cap
- An extensive global technical support network available worldwide from our qualified staff and experienced mariners.
- Dedicated staff providing prompt and efficient customer Service
- The Registration procedures, documentation, preferred mortgage standards and administrative contracts are acknowledged by reputable international lending institutions.
- Flag State Inspection Programme to enhance Port State Compliance and Response Support
- STCW "White List" Mariner Training, Licensing and Certification Programme for Issuance of Original Certificates of Competence
- 24 Hour Emergency Support

The Commonwealth of Dominica is pleased to announce that regulations have been updated to allow Private Yachts to charter

out for a period of up to eighty four (84) days. This will allow Yacht Owners the ability to recoup some of the operational costs associated with Yacht Ownership.

- Private yachts of 12 meters or more in length may be chartered out for 84 days per calendar year (in accordance with International Regulations) provided that the yacht operates under a minimum safe manning certificate, among other requirements.
- The Registry permits a private yacht to be chartered out for up to 84 days in any one calendar year to allow for the yacht owner to recoup some of his/her operating expenses. This chartering privilege exempts the yacht from having to be registered as a commercial yacht.
- The Registry provides a free self inspection programme to help yacht owners ensure safety on their craft. Dominica International Maritime Registry offers Technical and Statutory services to their fleet of vessels. Their global network of inspectors and surveyors allows for easy survey coordination at competitive pricing.



The Flag State Inspection and Detention Prevention Programme was created with the goal of assisting ship owners and operators with the safe operation of their vessels and to reduce the number of deficiencies and detentions received during Port State Control inspections.

The Commonwealth of Dominica is a duly recognised nation by the Secretary General of the United Nations' International Maritime Organisation as to giving complete and full effect of the STCW Convention by issuing both Original Certificates of Competence and Endorsing Certificates of Competence of other recognised countries.

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