

Guidance Notes for Yacht Insurance

These Guidance Notes do not constitute part of the Policy wording. They refer to the Policy and are intended to assist the Insured in respect of his duties in relation to Yacht Insurance.

1 - Policy of Insurance

The Policy of Insurance is a contract of insurance between Al-Bahriah Insurance & Reinsurance S.A.L. being “the Insurer” and the Yacht Owner being “the Insured”. The contract is issued in duplicate, one original copy for the Insured and one copy to be signed and returned by the Insured to the Insurer. The Policy should be read carefully and if anything is incorrect or does not comply with the Insured instructions, the Insured must advise the Insurer immediately to make corrections.

2 - Material Information

The Insured has an obligation to fully and truly disclose all material information and facts to the Insurer when applying for a new insurance or when renewing an existing one. If there are any significant changes during the period of insurance or during the renewal of insurance, the Insured must advise such information to the Insurer to seek his approval.

3 - Insured Value

The Insured Value specified in the schedule of the Policy should reflect the current market value of the Yacht which the Insurer as agreed to insure. The Insured must ensure that the sum insured corresponds to the current market value. If there are modifications or alterations that increase the value of the Yacht, the Insured must demonstrate to the Insurer the work carried out on the Yacht by supporting invoices justifying such increase in value.

4 - Warranties and Exclusions

The Policy of Insurance is designed to insure Yachts of various sizes and types. There are expressed Warranties, Exclusions and Limitations set out in the Policy. The Insured must comply with all expressed Warranties. If the Insured is in doubt about any of these Warranties or Exclusions, or if the Insured believes that such Warranties do not apply to his type of Yacht, he must inform the Insurer to seek clarifications.

5 – Boat/Dinghy/Tender

This is the small boat belonging to the parent Yacht that is marked with the Yacht name and number. Any boat must be safely secured when not being used. Jet-skis, motor scooters are not boats and cannot be covered unless they belong to the Yacht. Additional equipments such as life-rafts, wind generators and other added navigation equipments are not covered unless an Insured Value is agreed for each of these items in the schedule of the Policy.

6 – [Fire and Safety](#)

The Yacht must comply with all statutory requirements of the Flag State within which she is registered in relation to Fire Fighting Equipments and Life Safety Appliances. The Yacht should be adequately equipped and all safety equipments should be kept well maintained.

7 – [Theft Prevention](#)

The Insured must take reasonable and precautionary steps against any loss, damage, liability, expense. Theft prevention should be well implemented by not leaving the Yacht in any public or unsafe place unattended without appropriate security provisions. The Insured should ensure that any outboard engine to the Yacht or its boat is secured by an anti-theft device in addition to its normal method of attachment. Theft of the Yacht or any part thereof is covered only if securely lashed to the Yacht or inside a locked compartment on board the Yacht or in a locked building and there is evidence of forcible and violent entry or exit.

8 – [Condition Survey](#)

The Insurer may require the Insured to submit the Insured Yacht for a Condition Survey. The Insured is requested to cooperate with the attending surveyor and must:

- Allow the surveyor to board and inspect the Yacht.
- Confirm all necessary arrangements for slipping and berthing.
- Provide copy of title documentation, licence, manuals and manufacturer's specifications.
- Ensure batteries are charged, engines are working, instruments and systems connected.
- Make available certification compliance and applicable documentation of Flag & Class.
- Ensure that all vessels' gear, equipment and boat are properly fitted on the Yacht.
- Make available any recent and past service records and related repair invoices.
- Remove all equipments, loose gear and stores allowing surveyor to access all enclosed areas.
- Make sure that underwater surface is free of weed growth and barnacles.
- Demonstrate that engine(s), steering gear, navigational equipments, closing devices, bilge pumps, fire fighting system and life saving appliances are in good working condition.

9 – [Defects and Recommendations](#)

If a list of defects or recommendations requiring significant remedial actions is issued by the surveyor, the Insured will rectify all defects and comply with all recommendations. Failure of compliance with any recommendation may prejudice any claim connected with or related to such recommendations having been made. It is important that the Insured confirms to the Insurer that any and all recommendations are complied with.
