

Consulting service for boat registration

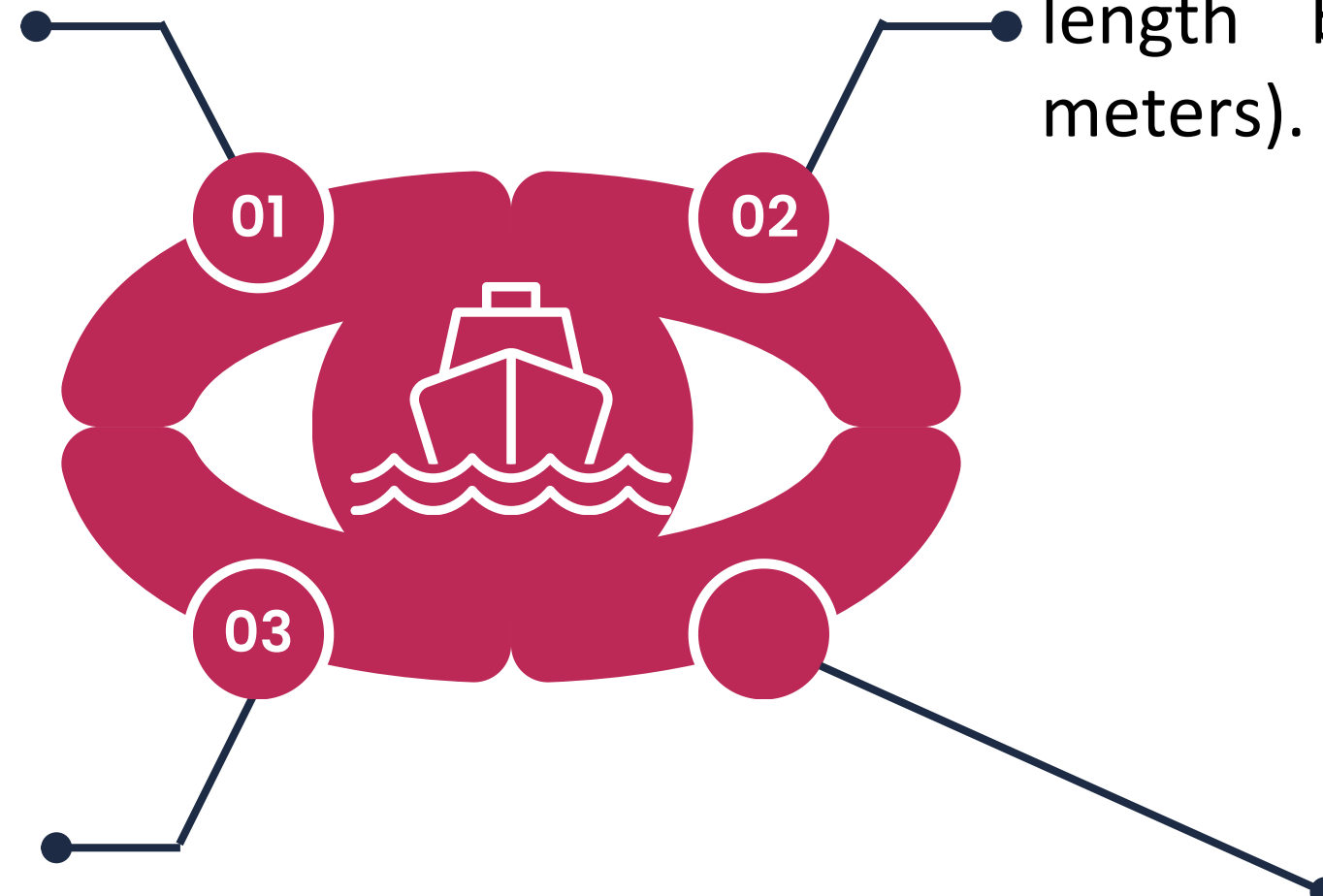


What are the types of boats?

Pleasure crafts (rowing and sailing units, motor units with hull length not exceeding 10 meters).

Pleasure boats (units with hull length between 10 and 24 meters).

Pleasure ships (units with a hull length exceeding 24 meters, which will not be considered in this guide).



The obligation of registration applies only to boats and ships. Dinghies do not need to be registered, although they may be registered at the owner's discretion.



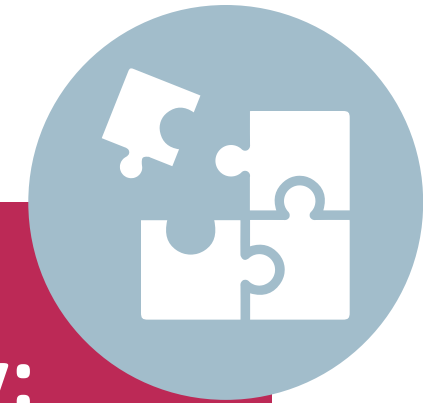
When can registration be useful?

For dinghies, registration can be useful in case of change of ownership:



Unregistered dinghy:

proving the change of ownership is more difficult as it relies on good faith and/or a suitable document to prove the transfer of ownership.



Registered dinghy:

a modification in the register at the office where the dinghy's registration was made is required.



When can registration be useful?

If the dinghy is registered, it is subject to the legal regulations for pleasure boats:

- ▶ Obligation of periodic equipment and safety checks
- ▶ Production of mandatory documents

Documents required for registration:

- ▶ Ownership title of the unit (public deed, authenticated private deed, and registered).
- ▶ EU conformity declaration of the boat issued by the manufacturer or private importer.
- ▶ Engine power declaration or declarations of conformity issued by the manufacturer, or engine homologation certificate.
- ▶ Copy of the purchase invoice or fiscal receipt demonstrating compliance with tax and possibly customs obligations.
- ▶ Declaration of assumption of responsibility regarding events arising from the operation of the unit.

▶ For commercial use, it will also be necessary to present the certificate of registration in the Companies Register.



Temporary Registration

By submitting the documents for registration, it is possible to obtain the temporary registration of the vessel and the assignment of the registration number, and the following are then issued:

- ▶ Provisional navigation license
- ▶ Safety certificate

It is important to underline that, after six months from the assignment of the registration number without the ownership title being presented, the registration is considered not to have occurred, and the owner must return the provisional license and the safety certificate to a Telematic Desk.



FOREIGN CITIZENS OR RESIDENTS ABROAD

Italian citizens and residents of other European Union Member States residing abroad, but who wish to register or maintain the registration of their boats in the telematic archive, must establish a domicile in Italy or appoint a representative with a domicile in Italian territory. The choice of a representative with a domicile in Italy is also required for citizens and companies from non-EU countries, in order to provide the authorities with a point of reference for any communications.



Documents required for navigation:

If the dinghy is registered, it is subject to the legal regulations for pleasure boats:

- ▶ Boat License: Essential beyond 6 miles, regardless of engine power.
- ▶ RID Extract: History of ownership transfers.
- ▶ Navigation License: With registration number, it authorizes the pleasure craft.
- ▶ Safety Certificate: Issued by the S.Te.D, it attests to the vessel's compliance.
- ▶ Power Declaration: Declares engine power and displacement, required on board.
- ▶ Insurance Policy: Covers third-party liability for damages.
- ▶ RTF License: Certifies VHF suitability, necessary for navigation.
- ▶ CE Conformity and Marking: Safety requirements for boats up to 24 meters.
- ▶ Owner's Manual: Contains understandable instructions and safety information.



Annual tax on pleasure craft

| Hull length | Annual tax |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| from 14,01 to 17 meters | 870 euros |
| from 17,01 to 20 meters | 1.300 euros |
| from 20,01 to 24 meters | 4.400 euros |
| from 24,01 to 34 meters | 7.800 euros |
| from 34,01 to 44 meters | 12.500 euros |
| from 44,01 to 54 meters | 16.000 euros |
| from 54,01 to 64 meters | 21.500 euros |
| over 64 meters | 25.000 euros |



The tax is reduced by 50% for sailing units with auxiliary motor, whose ratio between sail area and engine power (expressed in Kw) is not less than 0.5.



It is also reduced:

- ▶ by 15% after 5 years from the date of construction of the pleasure craft
- ▶ by 30% after 10 years from the date of construction
- ▶ by 45% after 15 years.

These periods start from January 1st of the year following the construction year.



Less expensive flag options

Flag

POLAND
3/7 days temporary license
30 days permanent license

Renewal

- ▶ No expiration, inspection, or fee.
- ▶ The license is permanent.
- ▶ Radio operation license and MMSI expire every 10 years

Registration

- ▶ For new boats, everything can be done online with document scanning, for pre-registered boats, a cancellation certificate from the RID is required.

| Flag | Renewal | Registration |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ (approximately €300 for renewal) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ There are no mandatory safety equipment requirements (they are at the discretion of the captain). |
| <p>ITALY</p> <p>20/40 days for registration</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Safety certificate to be renewed ▶ every 8 years and then every 5 years, ▶ cost for inspection and renewal is around €450 plus maintenance. Radio license expires every 10 years. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Through the STED counter, with original documents and postal receipts or agency. ▶ Obtaining the MMSI Radio License is done through the Telecommunications Inspectorate, it is a separate procedure, takes about a month. |
| <p>SLOVENIA</p> <p>3 weeks for permanent license</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Every 5 years, €260. Annual MMSI fee €50. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Original documents and certificate are required ▶ Cancellation from RID |

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| FRANCE | ▶ 50% ownership must be held by a European citizen | ▶ A registration fee + annual engine power tax is paid → may be a good option for catamarans and sailboats ▶ Registration times range from 2 to 4 weeks ▶ The vessel must have been built within the European Union, or import taxes must have been paid within the EU. ▶ If the vessel has a crew, at least 35% of it must be composed of EU citizens. |

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