



DMCA introduces government entities to 'Implementing Regulations' for licensing of marine craft in Dubai

As part of ongoing collaboration and partnership with relevant government entities

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Dubai Maritime City Authority (DMCA), the government authority charged with regulating, coordinating and supervising all aspects of the maritime sector in Dubai, recently held an introductory meeting with officials and managers from industry-related government agencies to discuss the Implementing Regulations (IR) of Resolution No. 11 of 2010 for licensing of marine craft in the emirate of Dubai which was recently issued under Resolution No. 11 of 2013 by H.H. Sheikh Hamdan Bin Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai and Chairman of the Dubai Executive Council.

The meeting featured three presentations through which DMCA shed light on its role as a maritime authority and introduced the audience to the latest industry news and resolutions for marine craft licensing in Dubai, which is poised to ensure a safe maritime sector under the highest standards of excellence and efficiency.

Nawfal Al Jourani, Director of Communications at Dubai Maritime City Authority, delivered an elaborate presentation on the vision, mission, values and objectives of DMCA, focusing on factors that contribute to enhancing Dubai's maritime sector and the public regulations and strategic partnerships. Al Jourani further shed light on DMCA's key contributions to boosting the industry's competitiveness through the adoption of best international practices and regulations based on comprehensiveness and efficiency to build an attractive maritime investment environment and therefore promote Dubai's leading position on the global landscape.

Mohammed Al-Bastaki, Director of Maritime Operations, Dubai Maritime City Authority, spoke about the maritime activities entrusted to DMCA, including the allocation of dedicated coastal zone areas to facilitate access to the various marine craft, allocation of new anchorage areas, vessel refueling, marine buoys and warning signs system management and other initiatives that contribute to maritime safety and secure navigation.

Adel Kalantar, Head of Registration and Licensing Department, Dubai Maritime City Authority, introduced the audience to the licensing and registration mechanisms covering recreational, tourism and commercial craft and traditional wooden dhows, which is subject to compliance with Dubai's technical specifications, maritime safety systems and requirements. DMCA also has the capacity to issue relevant resolutions and regulations governing maritime activities in territorial waters, in line with the best international maritime practices.

Amer Ali, Executive Director, Dubai Maritime City Authority, said: "It is important to abide by the regulations for licensing marine craft in Dubai's regional waters as stipulated by the Implementing

Regulations aimed at organizing the local maritime industry under the best international practices and the highest levels of maritime safety, environmental security and safe navigation, in line with the directives of H.H. Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai. DMCA remains committed to leveraging our strong strategic relations with its partners, as part of our efforts to adopt best practices to optimise performance and promote Dubai's maritime industry at the local, regional and international levels."

"Our commitment to the Implementing Regulations of Resolution No 11 of 2010 for licensing of marine craft in Dubai complements our ongoing approach to issue well-developed regulations to establish clear industry foundations and promote productivity and competitiveness, while building on an integrated, safe and sustainable maritime environment that is able to respond to market changes and emerging trends to attract regional and international investors and ultimately position Dubai as a first-class international maritime hub," Ali concluded.

Attending the meeting were Department of Finance - Government of Dubai (DOF), National Transport Authority (NTA), Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA), Ports Police, Drydocks World, Dubai Municipality, Dubai Coast Guard, Dubai Customs and Dubai Department of Tourism and Commerce Marketing (DTCM), in addition to representatives from Knowledge and Human Development Authority (KHDA), Nakheel, Dubai Education Zone, Dubai Department of Economic Development, Centre for Marine Pollution Control and Dubai Fishermen Cooperative Society.

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