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LLOYD'S SUBAGENCY

SEAMAN BOOK or SEAFARER'S INTEDITY

Seafarer's (crew) identity document is a document issued in accordance with the International Labour Organization (ILO) Seafarers' Identity Documents Convention No 108 (1958) or No 185 (2003), the Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic (FAL Convention) and the relevant national law,

REGULATION (EU) 2016/399 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 9 March 2016 on a Union Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders (Schengen Borders Code)

In other words to stop the days in Schengen Area the only thing what you will need to do is to be Stamped Out in order to be listed as Crew On Board the Yacht and with this the days stop counting of course you will have to always be in the area where the yacht is berthed .

When you will need to travel by air then you should visit a local agent to prepare Sign On and Sign Off Formalities . Sign On when you need to be stamped in Schengen or Sign Off when you will need to be stamped out .

The holder of a SEAMAN BOOK when entering in Greece or any other Country of Schengen Area by a Commercial or Pleasure Yacht or Merchant Ship does not need to have VISA.

The Seaman Book is Not a Residency Document of any type .

This document certifies that the person holding is a seaman as per the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watch keeping for Seafarers (STCW), 1978, as amended from time to time.

Seaman Book is one of the compulsory document for applying crew transit visas.

Seaman Book can be issued by Countries members of IMO who have no Nationality Restrictions to the applicants of a Valid Seaman book from this specific flag state

As a holder of a valid seaman book you are obliged to follow the rules and regulations of a seafarer on board a foreign flag vessel at the country of the port where the yacht will be arriving or berthed .



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KEY REQUIREMENTS AND DOCUMENTATION



1. PASSPORT

Must be valid for at least three (3) months beyond the intended date of departure, issued within the last ten (10) years, and contain a minimum of two (2) blank pages.



2. SEAMAN'S BOOK / IDENTITY DOCUMENT

A valid Seaman's Book is required as proof of crew status.



3. SCHENGEN VISA (WHERE APPLICABLE)

Seafarers' visa applications may be subject to expedited processing, typically within approximately two (2) weeks.



4. LETTER OF EMPLOYMENT / INVITATION

An official letter or contractual document issued by the shipping company, agent, or vessel owner, clearly stating the purpose of entry (e.g., joining or disembarking from a vessel).



5. TRAVEL INSURANCE

Proof of travel medical insurance with a minimum coverage of €30,000, including medical expenses and repatriation.



6. MARITIME-SPECIFIC VISA PROVISIONS

Certain Schengen Member States, such as Spain and Greece, provide simplified or specialized visa procedures for seafarers.



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Complete documents today for a hassle-free journey.

Third-country national seafarers entering the EU to join a vessel or transit generally require a valid passport, a seaman's book, and a Schengen visa (if applicable), along with employment documentation (contract, letter from shipping agent). To facilitate entry, seafarers often utilize specialized "seafarer transit" procedures, allowing them to skip passport stamping upon arrival, provided they present their documentation.

Key Requirements and Supporting Documentation

- **Passport:** Must be valid for at least three (3) months beyond the intended date of departure, issued within the last ten (10) years, and contain a minimum of two (2) blank pages.
- **Seaman's Book / Identity Document:** A valid Seaman's Book is required as proof of crew status.
- **Schengen Visa (where applicable):** Seafarers' visa applications may be subject to expedited processing, typically within approximately two (2) weeks.
- **Letter of Employment / Invitation:** An official letter or contractual document issued by the shipping company, agent, or vessel owner, clearly stating the purpose of entry (e.g., joining or disembarking from a vessel).
- **Travel Insurance:** Proof of travel medical insurance with a minimum coverage of €30,000, including medical expenses and repatriation.
- **Maritime-Specific Visa Provisions:** Certain Schengen Member States, such as Spain and Greece, provide simplified or specialized visa procedures for seafarers.
- **Employment Verification:** You must hold a valid contract, letter of appointment, or letter from the ship agent/owner indicating the vessel's, arrival/departure details.
- **Electronic Verification:** EU countries may mandate electronic verification of Certificates of Competency (CoCs) to ensure they are valid and recognized by the EU.
- **Arrival/Sign-On Procedure:** Upon arrival at a port or airport, a "meet & greet" service is frequently required, and the ship agent will handle immigration formalities.
- **Sign-Off/Exit:** Upon leaving, the seafarer must be officially signed off, and the visa closed if a Schengen visa was used.

Important Notes:

- **Shore Leave:** Valid seaman's books allow for temporary shore leave, but this is at the discretion of the port authority and subject to immigration rules.
- **Crew Changes:** Many European ports use automatic biometric systems (fingerprints/facial recognition) linked to crew lists.