

# Merchant Marine Circular

Panama Maritime Authority  
General Directorate of Merchant Marine  
Control and Compliance Department

## MERCHANT MARINE CIRCULAR MMC-377

**To:** Master, Ship-owners, Operators, Company Security Officers, Ship Security Officer, Legal Representatives of Panama Flagged Vessels, Recognized Security Organizations (RSO) of Panama Flagged Vessel.

**Subject:** Bareboat Charter insert in the Continuous Synopsis Record (CSR).

**Reference:** Law No. 57 of August 6, 2008.  
Resolution 106-14-DGMM of March 9, 2012.  
Resolution JD No. 048-2020 of May 14, 2020.  
MMC-183 Continuous Synopsis Record (CSR) online application.  
MMC-368 Technical E-Certificates onboard.

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1. The purpose of this Merchant Marine Circular is communicate all the owners, operators and Legal Representatives to apply according to Merchant Marine Circular MMC-183 for the Continuous Synopsis Record (CSR) immediately the vessel has registered and cancel in any of the Bareboat Charter modalities established by the Panama Merchant Marine, in order to maintain the correct sequential number and update the information of the CSR in order to avoid any inconvenient with maritime authorities.
  2. All the information submitted on the following website link <http://certificates.amp.gob.pa/certificates>, should be completely accurate in order to avoid mistakes of the information transferred to the CSR Certificate. In case that one or more items do not apply or are not available, the same must be marked with "NC" (NO CHANGE) or "NA" (DOES NOT APPLY), except of point 1, 2 and 3 which are filled automatically, during the submission of information.
  3. **REGISTRATION OF FOREIGN SHIPS UNDER BAREBOAT CHARTER IN PANAMA (CHARTER IN):**
    - 3.1. According to Law No. 57 2008, article 70 any vessel operating pursuant to a bareboat charter-party registered at a foreign register may be registered in the Merchant Marine without leaving the foreign register, provided this is permitted under the legislation of the country of registration. In this case, the interested party shall submit and apply for the Continuous Synopsis Record (CSR) through



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the Platform E-SEGUMAR and submit the documents described in MMC-183 and the following document:

- a) The last CSR issued by the first or last registry.
4. Vessels registered in the mentioned bareboat charter register shall be issued with a certificate of registration by the General Directorate of the Merchant Marine as evidence of their registration in the Merchant Marine, which shall contain the vessel's particulars as specified by the General Directorate of the Merchant Marine. In addition, this Directorate shall issue a Navigation Chartered Vessels (Navigation Patent) and a Radio License due to the bareboat charter (Law No. 57 of August 6, 2008, article 72).
  5. For this case, Panama Maritime Authority will indicate the period of the Bareboat Charter, as it appears in the Navigation Chartered Vessels, in the Remarks section of the CSR, in order to maintain the sequential and chronological information about the vessel.
  6. **REGISTRATION OF PANAMANIAN VESSELS UNDER FOREIGN BAREBOAT CHARTER (CHARTER OUT):**
    - 6.1. According to Law No. 57 of August 6, 2008, article 80 vessels registered in Panama engaged in foreign trade operating pursuant to a bareboat charter-party may be temporarily registered in a foreign special bareboat charter register with the prior consent of the General Directorate of the Merchant Marine, and without having to terminate its Panamanian registration. In this case, the interested party shall submit to apply for the Continuous Synopsis Record (CSR) the following document:
      - a) A consent from the Merchant Marine Directorate (please attach this document in DOC box).
  7. Those ships that at the date of their registration with Panama are unaware of the certain date of the beginning of the bareboat charter must provide prior to the CSR issuance, an approximate date for the beginning and termination of the charter contract, in order to make the respective entry in the Remark section.
  8. For this case, Panama Maritime Authority will indicate the period of the Bareboat Charter, as it appears in the Consent from the Merchant Marine Directorate, in the Remarks section of the CSR in order to maintain the sequential and chronological information about the vessel.



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## 9. REGISTRATION OF THE BAREBOAT CHARTER WITHOUT CHANGE OF PANAMANIAN FLAG (PANAMA-PANAMA).

9.1. For those Panamanian flagged vessels that have been issued CSR with the bareboat charter annotation (point 5 CSR) without having previously requested or registered the Bareboat Charter in the Ship Registry Department, they must to obtain the Navigation Chartered Vessels (Navigation Patent) for the issuance of next CSR Amendments.

10. For those Panamanian flagged vessels that from the date of this Merchant Marine Circular publication request a Continuous Synopsis Record (CSR) with the bareboat Charter annotation (point 5 CSR) must to present the following documents to the Ship Registry Department in order to obtain the Navigation Chartered Vessels (Navigation Patent), previously to the CSR.

1. Copy of the bareboat charter-party.
2. Duly authenticated owners' and mortgagees' consent, if any.
3. Certificate of ownership and encumbrances issued by the vessel's register.
4. Original copy of the document issued by the charterer appointing the resident agent, to be duly authenticated if it has been issued abroad.
5. Any additional information requested by the General Directorate of the Merchant Marine.

11. For both cases, the Panama Maritime Authority will indicate the period of the Bareboat Charter, as it appears in the Navigation Chartered Vessels, in the Remarks section of the CSR in order to maintain the sequential and chronological information about the vessel.

12. In both cases, the Ship Registry Department will perform the relevant verifications.

For further assistance, please note below the contact points.

**January, 2021** – New reference - Resolution JD No. 048-2020 of May 14, 2020.

**December, 2020** – Modification of paragraph # 4, 9.1. and 10 and Change of PMA phone numbers and email.

**November, 2019**



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