

TIME CHARTER REQUIREMENTS AND REGULATIONS

The hiring of a private vessel for yachting, sailing, or motoring for a specific period of time with a customized itinerary. Charters are private and arranged by guests for use of the entire vessel (family, friends or corporate/office).

Definitions

- **Term** infers “Time” - a specific block of time consisting of 24 hour period(s)
- **Charter** means- a private group agrees to take “temporary use” and/or control of where and what a vessel will be doing under their direction, with a Licensed Captain who meets or exceeds licensure.

Requirements

- Agreement letter/contract with charter clients will include rules & regulations as set forth by Key West Bight Management Board (Board);
- Must comply with all Federal, State, and Local requirements
- Vessel shall have fully functional “galley”/kitchenette;
- Vessel will have independent running water system with water storage tank;
- Vessel should have capability for shore power/electricity, and DC battery power;
- Vessel must include working “heads” / toilets, holding tank, and onboard shower/bathing facilities;
- Vessels must have permanent enclosed safe bunking to sleep the number of chartered passengers and provide towels and linens;
- Owner will be responsible for guests and respond to all emergency calls at the Dock;
- Vessel will comply with all USCG regulations for vessel safety and equipment operation on board including licensed captain operating as written in the Federal Code of Regulations (CFR) No(s). 46 & 47;
- Owner cannot advertise as accommodations in lieu of a land based hotel or rental;
- Must maintain a detailed daily log tracking all rentals, overnight stays, number of guests, and trips leaving the dock which will be available to staff upon request.

Application Process

- To be considered for Term Charter status a commercial tenant shall make application to the Board;
- Tenants application shall provide a full description of intended operations as well show the Board that the applicant meets all the above requirements;
- The Board shall have final say on granting of Term Charter status;

Violation

- Any Owner that is found to be violating any of the above provisions above will have their Term Charter status revoked;
- Revocation of Term Charter status will be at the discretion of the Port and Marine Services Director and all decisions will be final.