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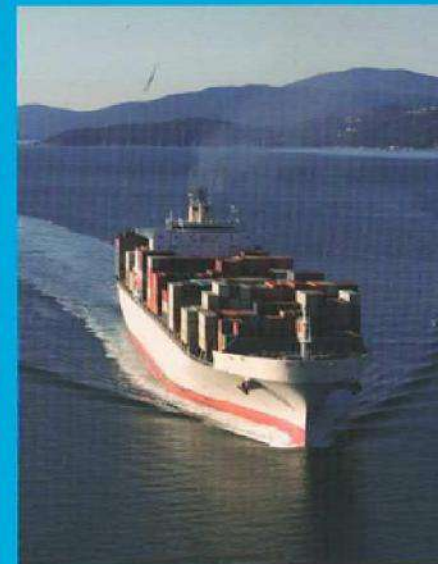
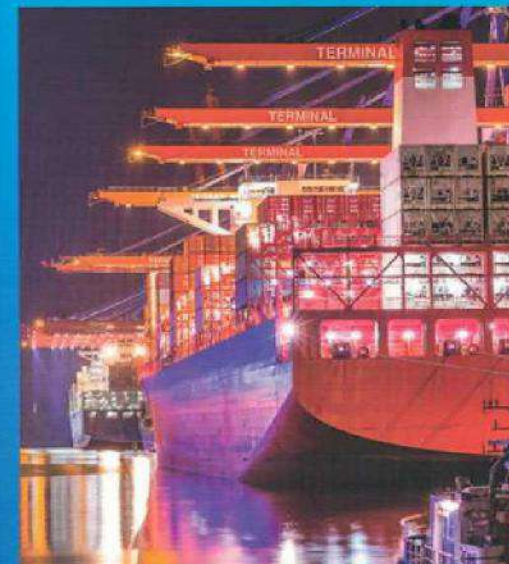
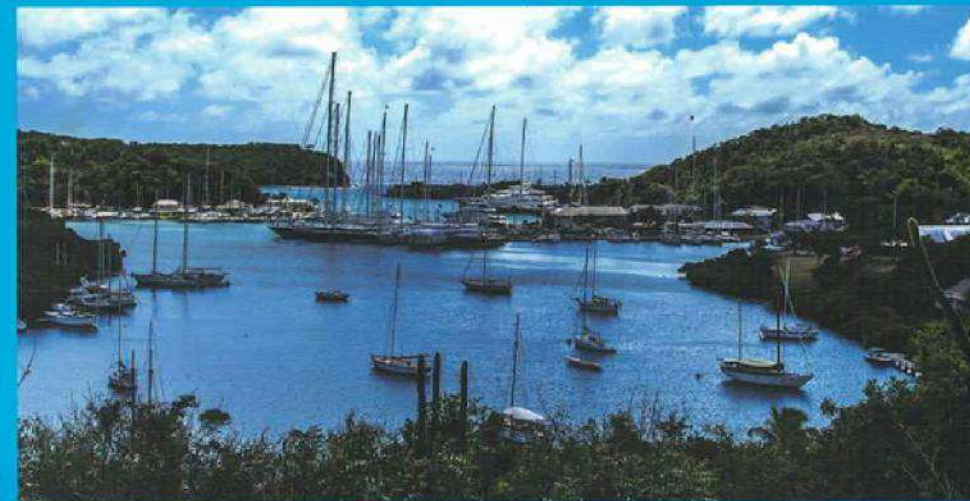
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ANTIGUA & BARBUDA

Antigua and Barbuda is an independent English speaking state located in the middle of the Leeward Islands, part of the Lesser Antilles, which is comprised of two large islands and several smaller ones.

Known as the land of 365 beaches, it is positioned where the Atlantic Ocean meets the Caribbean Sea, and has an area of 281 km² that encompasses sandy reef-lined beaches, rainforests and idyllic resorts.

Antigua's capital is St. John's and is home to a national museum which displays indigenous and colonial artefacts. English Harbour is an international yachting hub, the site of the historic Nelson's Dockyard, and home to a number of world renowned sailing events.

Barbuda, with its capital Codrington, is located north of Antigua and is known for its pink sandy beaches with one beach measuring 12 miles long. Leisure activities include a visit to the bird sanctuary, swimming, snorkelling, fishing and caving.



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THE FLAG

The Department of Marine Services and Merchant Shipping (ADOMS) is the Maritime Administration of Antigua and Barbuda that offers a quality Ship and Yacht Registry in a competitive and dynamic industry.

ADOMS embraces a cohesive set of modern, national shipping legislations, which reflect mandatory international shipping regulatory instruments, international norms, and best practices that cover all aspects of safety, security, seafarers' welfare, and the requirements for cleaner oceans and sustainable shipping.

Customer service focused, the registry offers competitive incentives to meet the needs of the ship owners' requirements for efficient and economic ship and yacht operations.

Since its inception in 1986, the ship registry has grown progressively and has attained the position where today it is ranked among the top registries in the world's merchant fleet. Internationally well recognized by prominent industry stakeholders, the principal office is located in St. John's, Antigua, and is supported by two branch offices in Oldenburg and Bremerhaven, Germany. Ships and yachts flying the Antigua and Barbuda flag are welcome in all ports around the world and are supported by a worldwide coverage of nautical professionals who perform statutory surveys, inspections, audits and issue mandatory statutory certificates that enable these vessels to trade.

Antigua and Barbuda has signed agreements with Recognized Organizations and Recognized Security Organizations, which are all International Association of Classification Societies (IACS) members, who act for and on behalf of the Administration.

REGISTRATION ADVANTAGES

- Simple registry procedure.
- Twenty four (24) hour support and registry services.
- Qualified, experienced, diverse, multilingual team.
- Registry listed in top twenty five (25) of the world fleet.
- Thirty years of experience in Ship and Yacht Registration.
- Mortgage facility (registration, transfer, transmission, discharge).
- Direct representation at IMO through an appointed IMO Permanent Representative.
- Modern comprehensive maritime legislation which reflects all relevant IMO Conventions.
- Issuing of Endorsements and Seafarers' Books for Seafarers - Member of the IMO "White List".
- Multiple port of registry options including the world heritage site – the historic English Harbour.
- Speedy formation of international business corporations (predominant structure for vessel ownership).
- Wide range of ownership structures (individuals, international business corporations, external companies).
- Wide range of Quality Classification Societies recognized to carry out delegated functions and statutory surveys.
- Several practical registry options – provisional, under construction, permanent as well as demise registry both in and out.
- Established ship and yacht registry with a sound legal system based on English law and well recognized by banks, marine finance organizations, maritime lawyers and others.
- The Large Yacht Code (LY2) fully incorporated into Antigua and Barbuda law along with the Workboat Code for commercial yachts under 24 metres.

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

A vessel may be registered in the ownership of an individual (who must be a citizen of a CARICOM Member State) or a company. Companies registered under the Antigua and Barbuda International Business Corporation (IBC) Act or registered as an external company under the Antigua and Barbuda Companies Act are eligible. All other companies must have a national as the majority shareholder. There are a number of Corporate Management and Trust Service Providers in Antigua and Barbuda to assist in the formation of a company.

Registration of a vessel under the flag of Antigua and Barbuda can be completed in two easy steps:

- **Step 1**
Submit an application for vessel registration along with proof of ownership (an invoice for new vessels or a bill of sale for vessels in service), the IBC Registration Certificate, and a Deletion Certificate/Closed Transcript from the previous registry. Other documents may be required depending on the size and intended use of the vessel.
- **Step 2**
Payment of requisite fees. Fees are determined based on the size and intended use of the vessel. There is a minimum charge of USD\$520.00 (XCD\$1404.00) per registration.

Registration can be completed in less than seventy-two (72) - hours subject to the accuracy of the documents submitted.

