

9(a-4) Visa for Yachtsmen/Sailors

Kindly prepare the printed documents in the following order. Please do not staple the documents, paper clips may be used to keep the documents in order.

- Printed copy of the duly filled-out visa application form with passport size photo taken within the last six (6) months with plain white background
- Original and photocopy of passport valid for at least six (6) months beyond the authorized period of stay
- Original and photocopy of Hong Kong Identification Card (HKID)
- Tickets or flight reservation (entry and exit)
- Letter from the owner/captain indicating the following:
 1. Port or area of entry
 2. Date of entry and period of stay
 3. List of crew and passengers
 4. Particulars of the vessel:
 - Type
 - Name
 - Registration
 - Call sign
- Boat Insurance Policy
- Cargo manifest
- Character reference/shipping agent in the Philippines (if any)
- Letter of permission from a parent/guardian for minors not traveling with a parent/guardian

IMPORTANT:

- Personal appearance of the applicant is required for the submission of the documents.
- All travelers to the Philippines on board privately-owned yachts and sailboats are required to obtain a visa regardless of nationality.
- The Visa Officer may require other supporting documents from the applicant depending on the evaluation of the visa application. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.
- All documents in any foreign language must be submitted with English translation.
- Some cases require an authority from the Department of Foreign Affairs of the Philippines in Manila prior to the issuance of a visa. In such cases, the processing time will take 7 to 10 business days upon receipt of the applicant's printed documents.
- Foreign nationals with no nationality indicated on their passport must submit a visa application at least two (2) months before their intended date of travel to the Philippines

since prior approval from the Department of Foreign Affairs of the Philippines in Manila is required before a visa can be issued. Please do not purchase airline tickets unless and until the visa has been approved. Flight reservations may be submitted in lieu of a confirmed flight booking when submitting the documents to the Consulate.

- For further visa-related inquiries and/or concerns, please send an email to hongkongpcg.visa@dfa.gov.ph or call 2823-8520. The Visa Section accepts visa applications from Monday to Thursday, 9 A.M. to 2 P.M.
- Submission of visa application is strictly by appointment only. Interested applicants may send an email to the above-mentioned email address to request for the link to the visa appointment system, soft copy of the visa application form, and list of general requirements for the desired visa type.