

REGISTRATION/OWNERSHIP OF ANTIGUA & BARBUDA FLAGGED VESSELS

A vessel may be registered in Antigua and Barbuda if it is owned or bareboat chartered by:

- a citizen of Antigua and Barbuda,
- a national of a CARICOM Member State or
- a firm or company incorporated or registered under the laws of Antigua and Barbuda

A vessel may also be registered if the owner or bareboat charterer appoints a *principal representative* in Antigua and Barbuda.

Company Formation

There are two main corporate entities which may be established in order to satisfy the ownership requirements outlined in the Merchant Shipping Act. These are External Companies (registered under the Companies Act) and International Business Corporations (IBCs) (incorporated under the International Business Corporation Act).

External Companies are regulated by the Intellectual Property and Commerce Office and can be registered by an Attorney-at-Law or Corporate Management and Trust Service Providers.

IBCs are regulated by the Financial Services Regulatory Commission and can be incorporated by Corporate Management and Trust Service Providers (listed below).

List of Corporate Management and Trust Service Providers in Antigua and Barbuda for International Business Corporations (IBC) formation:

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Principal Representative

The Merchant Shipping Act also provides for the owner of a vessel to register the ship if they appoint a principal representative in Antigua and Barbuda. A principal representative can be: a citizen of Antigua and Barbuda; a national of a CARICOM Member State; or a firm or company incorporated or registered under the laws of Antigua and Barbuda provided that they also satisfy any of the following conditions:

- an Attorney-at-Law qualified to practice law in Antigua and Barbuda; or
- a corporate management and trust services provider appointed under the Corporate Management and Trust Service Providers Act.

The principal representative is required to have a Power of Attorney sufficient to satisfy the Director of ADOMS that they are authorized to act for the Owners of the ship in all matters to secure compliance with the Merchant Shipping Act and Regulations.

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