

IAATO Yacht Membership Guidelines & Observer Requirements

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To facilitate an orderly review process for IAATO membership applications from yachts, including mega-yachts, the following guidelines have been adopted: ¹

1. Inquires from **private** sailing or motor yachts, regardless of size, continue to be directed as follows:
 - a. IAATO will direct inquiries from private non-IAATO yachts to the availability of free information as part of its educational outreach program; e.g., website, pamphlets, posters, and media outreach.
 - b. IAATO will direct inquiries for further assistance to the *IAATO Yacht Services Providers and Operators*, as found on the IAATO website: http://www.iaato.org/yachts/yacht_operators_and_serv_prov.html
2. IAATO membership applications for **private** sailing or motor yachts may be accepted or considered for Associate member status on the proviso that any intended Antarctic operation is organized by an *IAATO Yacht Services Provider or Operator*.
3. IAATO membership applications from sailing or motor yachts (under 40 meters or under 200 gross registered tons) intending ongoing **commercial** (for charter hire) voyages to Antarctica continue to be accepted and considered for Provisional Operator member status. Participation in the IAATO Dockside Observer Scheme is required.
4. IAATO membership applications from sailing or motor yachts (longer than 40 meters or more than 200 gross registered tons) – either **commercial or private** – be accepted and considered for Provisional Operator member status on the proviso that the applicant agrees to:
 - a. Carry an IAATO-approved Expedition Leader (EL) during its first season of Antarctic operation or, if the applicant intends to become a Member, to carry an IAATO Observer as defined in the IAATO Bylaws.
 - b. Enter all planned Antarctic itineraries into the IAATO Ship Scheduler or otherwise ensure that its itineraries will not conflict with IAATO Member landings as indicated in the Ship Scheduler; and
 - c. Uphold and comply with all other IAATO Bylaws, Objectives and standard operating procedures, including Article X Sections B and C.

¹ As adopted by IAATO Members at the 22nd Annual Meeting (2011), revised at the 23rd Annual Meeting (2012)