

# MALTA VAT LEASING SCHEME

The Malta Superyacht VAT Leasing Scheme is an approved EU VAT registration programme offered by the Maltese VAT Authorities.

It offers owners looking to purchase a new boat, attractive savings on VAT through the introduction of a schedule of VAT rates, which are significantly lower than other standard EU VAT rates.

TYPE OF CRAFT	EFFECTIVE RATE OF VAT
Sailing or motor boats over 24 metres in length	5.4%
Sailing boats between 20.01-24 metres in length	7.2%
Motor boats between 16.01-24 metres in length	7.2%
Sailing boats between 10.01-20 metres in length	9.0%
Motor boats between 12.01-16 metres in length	9.0%
Sailing boats up to 10 metres in length	10.8%
Motor boats between 7.51 -12 metres in length	10.8%
Motor boats up to 7.5 metres in length	16.2%

Guidelines published  
and in place since

**2005**

An effective rate of  
VAT as low as

**5.4%**

Lease installments can  
be payable over

**up to  
36 months**

## CONDITIONS

In order for the reduced rate of VAT to apply, the following conditions must be satisfied:

- The vessel must go to Malta at the start of the lease and again upon completion
- The Lessor must be a Maltese Company
- Prior approval from the Commissioner of VAT is required
- The Lessee must pay to the Lessor an initial contribution of 40% of the value of the yacht
- The lease instalments are payable each month up to a maximum of 36 months
- The Lessor is expected to make a profit from the lease agreement
- The final purchase value of the yacht must be at least equal to 1% of the original value of the pleasure craft and this will be subject to the full VAT rate at 18%

Where an owner chooses to exercise the purchase option at the end of the lease, they will receive a VAT Paid certificate and will be free to navigate in EU waters without any restrictions.

Want to know more?

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