

Licenses, Registrations and Documents Required for US Crew to Charter in the BVI with 1 to 12 Passengers For Hire

Item(s) Required	BVI Home Based Reflagged to BVI	BVI Based US flag	USVI Based US Flag USVI pickups w/ 0-7 BVI Pickups	USVI Based BVI Flag USVI pick ups w/ 0-7 BVI Pickups	Department
Vessel Registration w/ Commercial Endorsement	BVI Registration w/ Commercial Endorsement	USCG documented w/ Registry Endorsement	USCG documented w/ Registry Endorsement	BVI Registration w/ Commercial Endorsement	VI Shipping Registry and USCG
Permission from Owner for yacht to operate commercially under another entity (Clearinghouse or bareboat company or Management company)	Yes		Yes		yacht Owner
BVI Shipping Registry Boatmaster Full License or Endorsement of USCG MMC	Full or Endorsement		Full or Endorsement		VI Shipping Registry
STCW Basic Training for all Crew	Yes		Yes		USCG approved course or BVI course if only operating on BVI BML
STCW A-II/3 endorsement for Master	BVI only charters w/ Full BML - No; BVI/USVI charters - Yes; BVI charters w/ USVI pickup/dropoff - Yes; USCG MMC with BML endorsed - Yes		BVI only charters w/ Full BML - No; BVI/USVI charters - Yes; BVI charters w/ USVI pickup/dropoff - Yes; USCG MMC with BML endorsed - Yes		USCG approved courses. BVI/USVI charters are those with itinerary stops in both the BVI and USVI.
Insurance - Liability & Salvage	Yes		Yes		
VHF Radio Station License	Yes		Yes		FCC or equivalent (BVI Telecoms)
Marine Radio Operator License	Yes		Yes		FCC or equivalent (BVI Telecoms)
Annual VISR Registration Exemption	No	yes	No		VI Shipping Registry - \$950 per year
VISR Small Commercial Vessel Certification (SCV), USCG Certificate of Inspection (COI) or CVLA Code Safety Certificate	SCV	CVLA or SCV or COI	CVLA or COI	SCV	VI Shipping Registry, USCG or CVLA
Proof of BVI base location	Yes		No		

BVI Charter Authorization	No	Not Regularly engaged - Yes; Frequently or regularly engaged - No	Customs
BVI Trade License or Trade License through BVI <u>Charter Co.</u>	Full License	Not Regularly engaged - No; Frequently or regularly engaged - Yes	Trades and Licenses (Full License only with BVIlander partial or full ownership, otherwise Temporary License good for 3 months)
Crew BVI Work Permits	Full Permits	Not Regularly engaged - No; Frequently or regularly engaged - Yes	Labour (Full Work Permit only with BVIlander partial or full ownership, otherwise Temporary Work Permit good for 3 months)
BVI Commercial Recreational Vessel License (a.k.a. T12) (Annual vs Per Charter breakeven ~18 charters/yr)	Yes - Annual	Annual or Per Charter	Customs - \$400-\$800 annual based on LOA; \$25-\$45 per charter based on LOA
BVI Cruising Permit Pre-Authorization	No	Not Regularly engaged - Yes; Frequently or regularly engaged - No	Customs
BVI Cruising Permit	Yes - \$4pppd	Yes - \$16pppd	Customs
National Park Trust Permit (if visiting the Park)	Yes	Yes	National Parks Trust
Fishing Registration & License (if fishing)	Yes	Yes	Conservation and Fisheries