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No. 36 of 2023

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## **AN ACT TO AMEND THE WATER SKIING AND MOTOR BOAT CONTROL ACT**

[Date of Assent - 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2023]

**Enacted by the Parliament of The Bahamas**

### **1. Short title and commencement.**

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Water Skiing and Motor Boat Control (Amendment) Act, 2023.
- (2) This Act shall come into force on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2023.

### **2. Amendment of section 2 of the principal Act.**

Section 2 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) in the definition of “motor boat” by the insertion, immediately after the words “a vessel registered under the” of the words “Boat Registration Act or the”; and
- (b) by the insertion of the following new definition in the appropriate alphabetical order —  
““**register**” means the register of motor boats maintained by the Port Controller or Family Island Administrator in accordance with section 10;”.

### **3. Amendment of section 9 of the principal Act.**

Section 9 of the principal Act is amended in subsection (2) by the deletion of the words “seventy-five dollars” and the substitution of the words “one thousand dollars”.

**4. Insertion of new section 9A into the principal Act.**

The principal Act is amended by the insertion of a new section 9A into the principal Act as follows—

**“9A. Inspection.**

- (1) Subject to the provisions of subsection (3), of this section, every motor boat before being registered under this Act shall, together with the machinery, sail, gear, fixtures, equipment, apparel and appurtenances used therewith, be submitted for the inspection of the Port Controller, and the Port Controller shall decide whether such boat is fit and proper to be registered, and after registration an inspection shall take place annually.
- (2) Where any alteration affecting the terms of the licence or the of such boat is made to any boat which is registered under this Act, or to any machinery, sail, gear, fixtures, equipment, apparel or appurtenances thereof, such boat shall within fourteen days of the making of such alteration be submitted for the inspection of the Port Controller.
- (3) The owner of the boat shall pay the fee specified in the *Schedule* for the inspection.”.

**5. Repeal and replacement of the Schedule to principal Act.**

The Schedule to the principal Act is repealed and replaced as follows —

**“SCHEDULE**

(section 13)

Motor Boat Registration Fees

A.	First time registration of a boat —	
	Under 19 feet	\$1,000.00
	20 feet to 39 feet	\$3,000.00
	40 feet to 49 feet	\$7,000.00
	50 feet to 59 feet	\$10,000.00
	60 feet to 79 feet	\$14,000.00
	80 feet to 99 feet	\$18,000.00
	100 feet to 199 feet	\$25,000.00

200 feet and over                      \$35,000.00

For the purposes of this paragraph, the length of a vessel shall be taken to be the distance between perpendiculars at the stem and the stern.

B. Annual Registration for a boat —

Under 19 feet	\$200.00
20 feet to 39 feet	\$700.00
40 feet to 49 feet	\$1,650.00
50 feet to 69 feet	\$2,300.00
60 feet to 79 feet	\$3,000.00
80 feet to 99 feet	\$3,800.00
100 feet to 199 feet	\$5,000.00
200 feet and over	\$8,000.00

For the purposes of this paragraph, the length of a vessel shall be taken to be the distance between perpendiculars at the stem and the stern.

C. Transfer of Registration Fee

For each transfer of registration \$ 50.00

D. Duplicate Certificate of Registration Fee

For every copy of a certificate \$ 60.00

E. Inspection fees for motor boats

Under 19 feet	\$50.00
20 feet to 39 feet	\$75.00
40 feet to 49 feet	\$100.00
50 feet to 69 feet	\$125.00
60 feet to 79 feet	\$150.00

80 feet to 99 feet	\$175.00
100 feet to 199 feet	\$200.00
200 feet and over	\$225.00".