

RETURN OF DEATH FORM

The Merchant Shipping Act 1976, as amended, Sections 149, 240A and 271 require Masters to report any loss of life on a Bahamian registered vessel. The Act gives the Bahamas Maritime Authority the power to hold a Preliminary Investigation into the cause of death.

If a citizen of the Bahamas who has been employed by a foreign or Commonwealth ship dies, the Master should report the matter to the Bahamas Maritime Authority as soon as feasibly possible.

Surname: **Given Name(s):** **Age:**

Date of Death (dd/mm/yyyy): **Time of Death:**

Please return the completed form and associated documents to:

Bahamas Maritime Investigations Department
BAHAMAS MARITIME AUTHORITY
120 Old Broad Street
LONDON EC2N 1AR

OR
casualty@bahamasmaritime.com

Section A: Vessel Details

Name of Vessel:

IMO Number:

Official number:

Port of Registry:

Call sign:

No. of crew onboard:

No. of passengers onboard, (if applicable):

Location of Death (e.g. Lat/Long, name of port or other geographic reference):

Date and time of departure from last port:

Voyage from:
to:

Summary of Events:

Section B: Deceased Details

Surname:

Given Name(s):

Sex:

Occupation or Profession:

Marital Status:

Passport Number:

Nationality:

Date of Birth:

National ID Number:

Place of Birth:

Usual Residence of the Deceased:

Cause of Death:

Certified Correct by Medical Practitioner:

Signature:

Print Full Name:

Date:

Section C: Other Information

Ship's Agent in Port:

Contact:

Address:

Is this a return of a crewman?

No**Yes** *(Please attach form PDS-1)*

Manner of Disposal of the Body

Has the body passed into the effective custody of the next of kin?

No

Yes

Please enter – Next of kin's name:

Relationship to deceased:

Address:

What was the name of the funeral home where the body was sent?

Name:

Contact:

Address:

Has the deceased's embassy or consulate been involved?

No

Yes

Please enter Name:

Contact:

Address:

Summary Checklist

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|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Official Log Book Entries | <input type="checkbox"/> Master's Report | <input type="checkbox"/> Doctor's Report |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Witness' Statement(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Death Certificate | <input type="checkbox"/> Police Report |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Autopsy Report | <input type="checkbox"/> Passport Copies | |

All documents must be in English or accompanied by English translations.

The Master should immediately advise the Bahamas Maritime Authority by the fastest mode of communication available. Ideally, please send Form RBD-1 by email.

Signature by Master:

Date:

Master's Stamp: