

Charter Party (Voyage / Time)

Maritime, Shipping & Ports

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This guide explains what the tool produces, how to use the output, and what to watch for. The actual output (draft/report) is generated on the tool page.

Background

Drafts a voyage or time charter party framework from discrete terms — parties, vessel, cargo or period, freight or hire, laytime or off-hire and key clauses. Use it as a structured starting point for a charter, to be reviewed by a maritime lawyer.

Purpose of this tool & output

Draft or review a charter party

How the output is used

Use the draft to draft or review a charter party (voyage or time) — the freight/hire, laytime, off-hire and liability terms — reviewed by a lawyer.

Who receives it

The agreement is between the shipowner/disponent owner and the charterer; each keeps a signed copy.

Fees & charges

Stamp duty per your state stamp act where applicable; the freight/hire and laytime terms are the key commercial content.

Who should vet it

A shipping lawyer, to check the laytime/demurrage, off-hire, liability and law/arbitration clauses before signing.

Important cautions

A draft framework, not legal advice; charter parties are complex, use standard forms and allocate major cost and risk (laytime, off-hire, liability, safe port). Have a maritime lawyer or experienced broker review before fixing.

Companion documents

- Bareboat / Demise Charter Agreement
- Ship Agency Agreement
- Stevedoring / Handling Agreement
- Ship Management Agreement
- Seafarer Employment Agreement (SEA)
- Bunker Supply Agreement

processes vary by state and change over time — confirm with your state authority.