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Welcome to the May edition of Boating Insider!

The May edition of NBAM Insider highlights a productive month for the National Boating Association of Maldives, marked by continued engagement with industry stakeholders and government authorities across key areas of marine tourism development. During the month, NBAM participated in discussions on international collaboration opportunities, industry exhibitions, and operational and regulatory matters affecting the safari and boating sector.

This edition features key highlights from recent meetings and ongoing efforts to strengthen industry coordination, improve regulatory alignment, and support the sustainable growth of the marine tourism sector in the Maldives.

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Maldivian Launches Historic Direct Flights Between Melbourne and Malé

The Maldives has taken a significant step in strengthening its global connectivity with the launch of the first-ever direct flight service between Melbourne, Australia, and Malé. Operated by Maldivian, the national airline of the Maldives, the new route establishes a direct air link between the two countries and is expected to enhance tourism, trade, and people-to-people connections.

The inaugural flight arrived at Velana International Airport to a ceremonial water salute and a warm Maldivian welcome, marking a milestone for the nation's aviation and tourism industries. The service is operated using Maldivian's Airbus A330 aircraft, with flights departing Malé every Sunday and Melbourne every Tuesday.

Speaking on the occasion, Maldivian Managing Director Ibrahim Iyas described the launch as a defining moment for both the airline and the country's aviation sector. The new route is expected to provide Australian travellers with a more convenient and seamless travel experience while creating opportunities to expand visitor arrivals from the Oceania market.

The launch comes as the Maldives continues its efforts to diversify and strengthen its source markets. Australia has emerged as a growing market for the destination, particularly among high-value leisure travellers seeking unique island experiences, diving adventures, luxury resorts, and liveaboard holidays.

Supporting the new route, Visit Maldives has partnered with Maldivian to implement a series of destination marketing initiatives across Australia and New Zealand. These efforts aim to increase destination awareness, expand market reach, and capitalize on the improved accessibility offered by the direct connection.

As part of these initiatives, Visit Maldives has also entered into a strategic partnership with Luxury Escapes, one of the region's leading travel and lifestyle platforms. The collaboration will include destination showcases, travel trade engagement programmes, digital marketing campaigns, travel agent training, webinars, and media familiarisation trips designed to promote the Maldives to both consumers and industry stakeholders.

For the Maldivian tourism sector, the direct Melbourne–Malé service represents more than a new air route. It strengthens the country's position in the Oceania market, improves accessibility for Australian and New Zealand travellers, and creates new opportunities for resorts, guesthouses, safari vessels, dive operators, and other tourism-related businesses.

As international connectivity continues to expand, the new route is expected to play an important role in supporting visitor growth and reinforcing the Maldives' reputation as one of the world's premier island destinations.



Maldives Showcases Culinary Excellence at World chefs Congress & Expo 2026

The Maldives strengthened its position as an emerging gastronomy destination through its participation in the World chefs Congress & Expo 2026, one of the world's leading culinary events, held from 16–19 May at the International Convention Centre Wales in Newport, United Kingdom.

Represented by Visit Maldives Corporation (VMC), the destination showcased its rich culinary heritage, diverse gastronomic experiences, and world-class dining offerings to an international audience comprising chefs, hospitality professionals, travel trade partners, media representatives, and food influencers from around the globe.

The World chefs Congress & Expo is a premier platform that brings together culinary experts, educators, hospitality leaders, and industry stakeholders to exchange knowledge, explore emerging trends, and foster international collaboration. The event features culinary competitions, expert-led discussions, exhibitions, and networking opportunities, making it an important venue for destinations seeking to strengthen their presence within the global culinary tourism market.

At the event, Visit Maldives highlighted the unique culinary identity of the Maldives, which is deeply rooted in island traditions and shaped by centuries of cultural influences. Alongside showcasing authentic local cuisine, the Maldives also promoted the exceptional dining experiences available across its luxury resorts, emphasizing the destination's growing appeal among travellers seeking immersive and high-end gastronomic experiences.

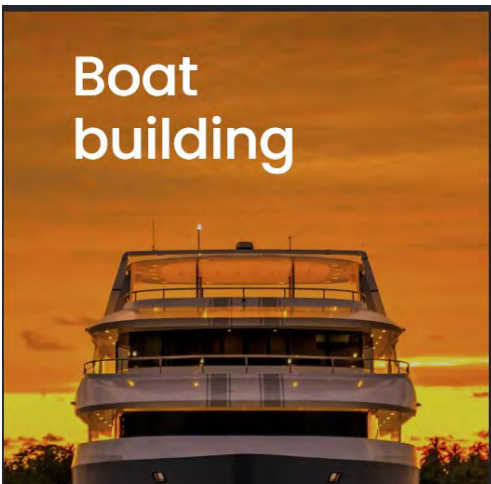
A key attraction at the Maldives stand was the live demonstration of traditional Maldivian cuisine, offering visitors a firsthand experience of the flavours, ingredients, and cooking techniques that define the nation's culinary culture. The stand also facilitated business meetings with travel trade and culinary professionals, while promotional materials and destination information were distributed to enhance awareness of the Maldives as a culinary and tourism destination.

Participation in the congress provided valuable opportunities to strengthen relationships with international culinary associations, renowned chefs, hospitality leaders, and media representatives. These engagements are expected to support future collaborations, increase destination visibility, and generate wider exposure for the Maldives within influential culinary and travel networks.

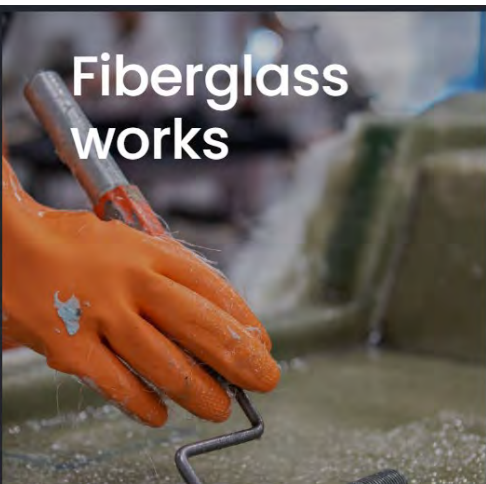
The event also enabled Visit Maldives to gain insights into emerging food and travel trends, helping to inform future destination marketing strategies and align tourism offerings with evolving consumer preferences.

As the Maldives continues to diversify its tourism products beyond its traditional sun, sea, and sand appeal, culinary tourism is increasingly becoming an important pillar of the visitor experience. Participation in global platforms such as the World chefs Congress & Expo reflects the country's commitment to promoting experiential tourism, enhancing destination visibility, and creating new opportunities for sustainable growth within the tourism industry.

By showcasing its culinary heritage on an international stage, the Maldives continues to strengthen its reputation as a destination where exceptional hospitality, authentic cultural experiences, and world-class dining come together to create unforgettable journeys for visitors from around the world.



Boat building



Fiberglass works



Landscaping



Visit Maldives expands Australian market push through partnership with Luxury Escapes

Visit Maldives Corporation (VMC) has entered into a strategic partnership with Luxury Escapes Pty Ltd, one of Australia's leading travel and lifestyle platforms, in a move aimed at strengthening the Maldives' presence across the Australian and New Zealand markets.

The partnership was formalised through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 16 May 2026 at Luxury Escapes' headquarters in Melbourne. Signed by VMC Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director Ibrahim Shiuree and Luxury Escapes Co-Founder and CEO Adam Schwab, the agreement marks a significant step in expanding destination visibility and engagement within one of the Maldives' key long-haul source markets.

The collaboration comes at a particularly opportune time, coinciding with the launch of the first-ever direct flights between Melbourne and Malé. The new air connection is expected to significantly enhance accessibility for Australian travellers and create fresh opportunities for tourism growth from the Oceania region.

Under the agreement, Visit Maldives and Luxury Escapes will work together on a comprehensive programme of trade, consumer, media, and retail marketing initiatives designed to increase awareness of the Maldives and inspire travel demand across Australia and New Zealand. Planned activities include destination showcases, travel trade engagement events, retail campaigns, integrated consumer promotions, and targeted marketing efforts aimed at both travel professionals and consumers.

Luxury Escapes will leverage its extensive reach and influence within the travel sector to deliver destination-focused campaigns featuring Maldives promotional content, curated travel offers, and storytelling initiatives. The partnership will also include a dedicated Maldives feature on Luxury Escapes TV, providing additional exposure to Australian audiences and showcasing the diverse experiences available across the destination.

Media and trade engagement form a key component of the collaboration. Familiarisation programmes for media representatives, travel agent training sessions, webinars, destination presentations, and targeted digital and print campaigns will support efforts to deepen market knowledge and strengthen industry relationships. These initiatives are expected to enhance destination awareness while encouraging greater engagement with Maldivian tourism products and services.

For Visit Maldives, the partnership aligns with broader efforts to diversify source markets and maintain sustained destination visibility in strategically important regions. Australia continues to demonstrate strong potential as a high-value market, particularly as traveller preferences increasingly shift toward experiential, luxury, and nature-based tourism offerings, segments in which the Maldives holds a strong competitive advantage.

The collaboration also presents opportunities to support more balanced tourism flows throughout the year. Australia's winter travel season coincides with the Maldives' shoulder season, creating favourable conditions for attracting visitors during traditionally quieter periods and supporting a more consistent pattern of arrivals.

As competition for international travellers intensifies, strategic partnerships such as this play an increasingly important role in destination marketing. By combining Visit Maldives' destination expertise with Luxury Escapes' extensive consumer reach and industry influence, the partnership is expected to strengthen the Maldives' position within the Australian and New Zealand markets while supporting long-term tourism growth.

The agreement reflects a shared commitment to promoting the Maldives as a world-class travel destination and ensuring that the destination remains highly visible, accessible, and desirable to travellers across Oceania.



Photo: Visit Maldives



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Vaavu Atoll Diving Incident Draws International Attention



A tragic diving incident in Vaavu Atoll in May 2026 drew significant international attention after five Italian divers lost their lives during an underwater cave expedition near Alimathaa. The incident prompted one of the most complex search and recovery operations ever undertaken in the Maldives.

The group, consisting of four tourists and a diving instructor, reportedly went missing on 14 May while exploring an underwater cave system. Search and rescue efforts were immediately launched by the Maldives National Defence Force (MNDF), Maldives Police Service, and other authorities.

The operation took a further tragic turn when MNDF Staff Sergeant Mohamed Mahudhee lost his life while participating in the recovery mission. His death highlighted the challenging conditions faced by rescue personnel conducting deep-water operations.

Given the technical complexity of the cave environment, international specialists, including experienced deep-diving experts, were brought in to assist local authorities. Following several days of coordinated efforts, all missing divers were located and recovered from the cave system.

In response to the incident, the Ministry of Tourism and Civil Aviation suspended the operating licence of the vessel involved pending investigation and reiterated its commitment to maintaining the highest safety standards within the tourism industry.

The incident has sparked renewed discussions within the international diving community regarding cave-diving safety, specialised training requirements, and operational oversight for advanced diving activities. Experts have noted that cave diving presents unique risks due to restricted access to the surface, challenging navigation conditions, and the need for specialised equipment and expertise.

As investigations continue, the tragedy serves as a reminder of the importance of rigorous safety protocols and responsible diving practices, particularly in highly technical underwater environments. The Maldives tourism industry, renowned for its world-class diving experiences, continues to work closely with relevant authorities to uphold safety standards while preserving its reputation as one of the world's premier dive destinations.



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Large-scale coral restoration event held at Dhoonier Wreck as part of Asia Media Summit 2026



One of the Maldives' largest coral restoration activities was conducted at the Dhoonier Wreck site near Kudagiri Island as part of the Asia Media Summit 2026, bringing together approximately 300 international media delegates from more than 40 countries in a major conservation initiative.

The activity was jointly organised by Visit Maldives Corporation (VMC), Housing Development Corporation (HDC), and Public Service Media (PSM), and held on 14 May 2026. Delegates participated in coral planting by attaching fragments to specially designed underwater frames, which were later deployed at the Dhoonier Wreck site under the guidance of dive professionals and marine experts.

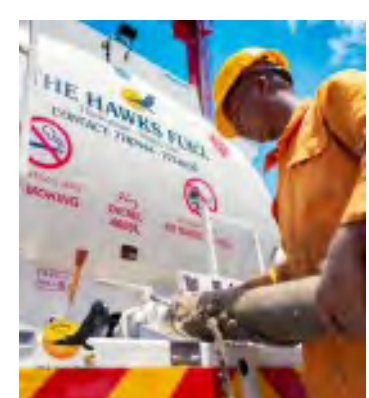
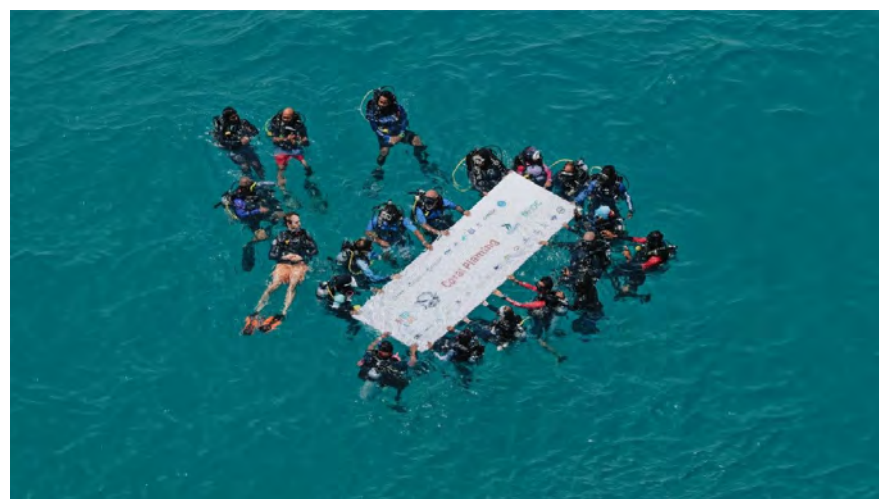
The initiative forms part of the broader Dhoonier Wreck regenerative tourism project launched in 2025 by VMC and HDC, which is transforming submerged Dornier aircraft into an artificial reef designed to support marine biodiversity while creating a unique dive experience.

The project combines coral restoration, marine conservation, and experiential tourism, positioning environmental protection as an interactive part of the visitor experience while supporting the Maldives' shift towards more sustainable tourism development.

The participation of international media provided significant global exposure, highlighting the Maldives' commitment to marine conservation and collaborative environmental initiatives.

The coral planting activity was supported by multiple public and private sector organisations across tourism, aviation, security, and marine research sectors, reflecting a broad national effort to strengthen reef restoration and ocean sustainability.

The initiative reinforces the Maldives' growing focus on regenerative tourism and long-term marine ecosystem protection as part of its national tourism strategy.



Surprise sighting of whale shark near Kandooma Maldives



Marine observers suggest the sighting may be linked to broader migratory movement patterns across the Maldivian atoll system, potentially driven by shifting currents and localized plankton availability. Kandooma Thila itself is known for strong currents, vibrant coral formations, and regular pelagic activity, conditions that can occasionally attract larger transient species.

Following the encounter, Holiday Inn Resort Kandooma Maldives has shared relevant imagery and footage with the Maldives Whale Shark Research Programme (MWSRP) to assist in potential identification through the organisation's national whale shark database. The programme's "Big Fish Network" has documented more than 800 individual whale sharks in Maldivian waters, helping researchers track migration routes, population health, and behavioural patterns.

Divers at Holiday Inn Resort Kandooma Maldives experienced an extraordinary underwater encounter last month when a whale shark estimated at approximately six metres in length appeared during a dive at the renowned Kandooma Thila site in South Malé Atoll.

The sighting took place on 13 April during a guided dive led by Ibrahim Shaan, Dive Centre Manager at the resort's PADI 5-star Dive Centre. The whale shark remained in the vicinity for more than 30 minutes, calmly circling alongside divers before disappearing into deeper waters.

Described as a juvenile estimated to be between 8 and 15 years old, the encounter is considered particularly rare for the South Malé Atoll, where whale shark sightings are infrequent compared to the globally recognised aggregation site in the South Ari Atoll Marine Protected Area (SAMPA).

Speaking about the experience, Shaan noted that the encounter was one of the most memorable of his diving career, highlighting the unusual nature of the prolonged interaction within a site typically known for reef and pelagic activity rather than whale shark presence.

The Maldives is widely regarded as one of the world's premier destinations for whale shark encounters, supported by its warm waters, nutrient-rich currents, and seasonal plankton blooms that attract large marine species. Whale sharks, the largest fish in the ocean, are filter feeders that migrate vast distances in search of plankton and fish spawn, rather than predating on other marine life.

According to the resort's Director of Marketing & Sustainability, Sharon Garrett, contributions from dive operators and resorts play an important role in advancing marine conservation efforts. Whale sharks are identified through their unique spot patterns, which function like fingerprints and allow researchers to track individual animals over time.

She further highlighted the importance of such research in understanding seasonal movement patterns, ecosystem health, and the long-term sustainability of marine tourism in the Maldives, including the development of responsible wildlife interaction guidelines and conservation policies.

The resort also reiterated the importance of responsible diving practices when encountering whale sharks, including maintaining safe distances, avoiding physical interaction, refraining from flash photography, and allowing the animal to move freely without interference. Boat strike injuries remain one of the most significant threats to whale sharks in Maldivian waters, underscoring the need for heightened awareness among operators and visitors.

Beyond its rarity, the encounter serves as a reminder of the Maldives' rich marine biodiversity and the unique experiences it continues to offer within its globally renowned dive environment. Located just 45 minutes by speedboat from Velana International Airport, Holiday Inn Resort Kandooma Maldives is recognised for its access to some of the country's most celebrated dive sites and its strong focus on marine-based guest experiences.

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Strengthening Marine Stewardship: SAMPA Vessel Registration and the Future of Sustainable Tourism in the Maldives

The South Ari Marine Protected Area (SAMPA) continues to stand as one of the Maldives' most significant marine conservation and tourism zones, globally renowned for its resident whale shark population and rich coral ecosystems. As tourism activity in the region grows, regulatory authorities have intensified efforts to balance sustainable tourism with long-term environmental protection.

A key development in this direction is the strengthened vessel registration system for all operators conducting activities within SAMPA.

Mandatory Vessel Registration for SAMPA Operations

All vessels engaging in tourism activities within SAMPA, including whale shark watching, diving, snorkeling, and safari operations are now required to be formally registered through the national OneGov platform. This requirement ensures that only compliant and monitored vessels operate within the protected area.

The registration process requires operators to submit key documentation, including vessel registration certificates, maritime licenses, seaworthiness documentation, passenger certifications, and identification details of the designated focal point.

Once approved, vessels receive official authorization to operate within SAMPA, typically within a few working days, enabling authorities to maintain an up-to-date registry of active operators in the region.

Strengthening Compliance and Monitoring

The enhanced regulatory framework places strong emphasis on operational compliance and real-time monitoring. Registered vessels are required to adhere to strict guidelines designed to minimize environmental impact and ensure visitor safety.

These include mandatory installation of propeller guards, adherence to whale shark interaction protocols, and compliance with designated speed limits in sensitive zones. Operators are also required to coordinate with on-site rangers before entering controlled areas and maintain communication during operations.

In addition, new monitoring mechanisms, including vessel tracking

and zone-based control measures, have been introduced to improve oversight and reduce congestion in high-traffic marine areas.

A Shift Toward Controlled Eco-Tourism

Recent developments in SAMPA management reflect a broader national commitment to transitioning toward controlled eco-tourism. Rather than unrestricted access, the focus is increasingly on regulated, low-impact tourism that prioritizes marine conservation.

Stricter enforcement measures, including increased ranger presence and coordinated monitoring with law enforcement agencies, have been implemented to ensure adherence to guidelines. These efforts aim to reduce disturbances to marine life while maintaining the Maldives' reputation as a premier destination for responsible marine tourism.

Enhancing Safety and Conservation Outcomes

The updated framework also addresses safety concerns within the protected area. Vessel operators are now required to comply with enhanced safety protocols, including the use of protective equipment and adherence to certified operational standards.

At the same time, conservation efforts remain central to SAMPA's management strategy. Whale shark protection guidelines continue to play a key role in shaping tourism behaviour, ensuring minimal disturbance to one of the region's most iconic species.

As SAMPA evolves under a more structured management approach, the Maldives continues to demonstrate leadership in marine conservation-based tourism. The integration of digital registration systems, strengthened enforcement, and sustainable tourism policies reflects a forward-looking strategy that seeks to protect natural resources while supporting the livelihoods of local operators.

The success of SAMPA will ultimately depend on continued collaboration between regulators, operators, and the wider tourism industry, ensuring that this unique marine environment remains protected for generations to come.

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SOUTH ARI MARINE PROTECTED AREA

Protecting our marine life, supporting sustainable tourism and safeguarding the natural beauty of the Maldives.



SAMPA VESSEL REGISTRATION (SOUTH ARI MARINE PROTECTED AREA)

Environmental Regulatory Authority (formerly EPA functions for this service) requires all vessels operating in SAMPA to be registered before engaging in tourism or marine activities such as:



WHALE SHARK
WATCHING



DIVING /
SNORKELING TRIPS



FISHING OR SAFARI
OPERATIONS



WHY REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

- ✓ Compliance with conservation rules
- ✓ Monitoring of vessel activity
- ✓ Protection of whale sharks and coral ecosystems



REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- ✓ Vessel registration certificate
- ✓ Maritime license
- ✓ Seaworthiness certificate
- ✓ Passenger certificate
- ✓ National ID (for focal point / representative)



HOW TO REGISTER

- 1 Apply through the OneGov portal
- 2 Submit application + documents online
- 3 Wait for approval (usually up to ~7)
- 4 Certificate is issued digitally once approved



KEY COMPLIANCE RULES AFTER REGISTRATION



Mandatory propeller guards



Must notify rangers before entering SAMPA



Must share live location while operating



Must comply with whale shark interaction rules (distance + speed limits)



Entry restrictions may apply for non-compliance



LATEST TOURISM & OPERATIONAL UPDATES (2025–2026)

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STRONGER ENFORCEMENT & POLICE SUPPORT

- Joint monitoring by rangers + police
- Focus on reducing accidents and illegal vessel movement



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MANDATORY FLAGS & VESSEL CONTROL

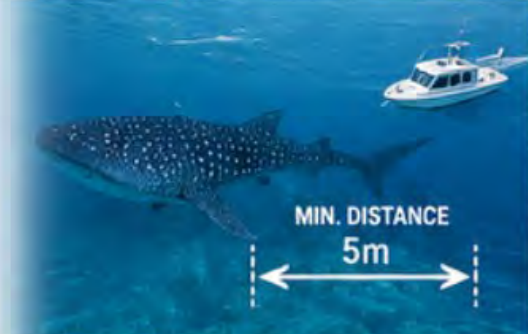
- Mandatory flag display for vessels in whale shark contact zones
- Controlled entry system with ranger coordination
- Vessel limits in high-activity zones (to reduce overcrowding)



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WHALE SHARK INTERACTION RULES (STRICT)

- No close chasing or disturbance of whale sharks
- Speed restrictions: very slow speeds near animals (down to ~2–5 knots in contact zones)
- Minimum safe distance rules enforced
- Tourists must not enter from reef-side approaches



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SAFETY & ENVIRONMENTAL UPGRADES

- Mandatory propeller guards (strict enforcement timeline)
- Controlled vessel entry limits in contact zones
- Requirement for certified guides and trained crew
- Improved real-time monitoring systems for rangers



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TOURISM MANAGEMENT DIRECTION (IMPORTANT TREND)

- Controlled eco-tourism (not mass tourism)
- Reduced vessel congestion in whale shark zones
- Stronger licensing for captains and guides
- Data-driven enforcement using tech monitoring systems



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IN SHORT



Registration is mandatory for all SAMPA vessels via OneGov



Rules are getting stricter (flags, tracking, safety gear, speed limits)



Tourism is being shifted toward controlled, low-impact eco tourism



Enforcement is now stronger with police + digital monitoring support



Let's work together to protect our marine heritage for generations to come.



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NBAM Updates:

Trident India Explores Collaboration Opportunities with Maldives Marine Tourism Sector

The National Boating Association of Maldives (NBAM) held discussions with Trident India, a global design and production agency specialising in exhibition and experiential event solutions, to explore potential collaboration opportunities within the Maldives’ marine and tourism industry.

Trident India introduced its expertise in exhibition stand design and international event production, expressing interest in working with Maldivian stakeholders to develop marine-focused exhibitions, destination showcases, and experiential marketing platforms.

NBAM provided an overview of the Maldives’ tourism structure—resorts, guesthouses, and liveaboards—highlighting liveaboards as a key marine tourism segment. NBAM also shared its participation in international promotional activities in collaboration with Visit Maldives, including events in India and upcoming dive exhibitions in Malaysia in 2026.

The discussion also touched on the potential for marine expos in the Maldives, as well as challenges related to high logistics costs for exporting boats, which limit international participation for local builders.

Both parties expressed interest in future B2B networking sessions and industry collaboration aimed at strengthening links between India and the Maldives marine tourism sector.



NBAM Discusses Operational Challenges with Customs



NBAM also met with Customs authorities to address ongoing operational challenges faced by safari operators, particularly regarding liquor clearance procedures and regulatory consistency.

NBAM raised concerns over continued inconsistencies in documentation requirements despite earlier discussions indicating procedural simplification. Operators reported delays caused by varying interpretations of requirements across officers.

A key issue discussed was the requirement to submit passenger arrival and departure details for liquor collection. NBAM highlighted operational difficulties, guest privacy concerns, and the need for smoother coordination, suggesting greater use of inter-agency data sharing under the Maldives 2.0 digitalisation initiative.

NBAM also noted inconsistencies in procedural enforcement and raised concerns about competitive imbalance between licensed safari operators and unregulated businesses.

Customs reiterated that controls are necessary to prevent liquor leakage into local communities, while acknowledging NBAM’s concerns and agreeing to review certain data requirements and explore system improvements.

Both parties agreed on the need for standardised procedures, improved inter-agency coordination, and continued dialogue to enhance operational efficiency in the marine tourism sector.

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Black	Blue E967	Aircraft Blue B941	Ocean Blue E992	Caribbean Blue C935
Blue B915	Signal Blue B913	Arctic Blue S419	Storm Grey K724	Surf Grey F684
Opal Green B601	Signal Green L549	Light Green E302	Signal Red C287	International Orange D260
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BOARD MEETING

The 5th Executive Board Meeting of the National Boating Association of Maldives (NBAM) for the 2025–2027 term was held on 18 May, chaired by President Mr. Ismail Shareef. The meeting brought together Board members to discuss key association updates and industry-related matters affecting the marine tourism sector.

The Board approved the minutes of the previous meeting (04/2025–2027) and reviewed ongoing work related to the Boating Awards. Members discussed category updates, including proposals for recognising marine training institutions, introducing a new category for local boat builders, and splitting the Slipway/Dry Dock category into two separate awards. It was also agreed to include stronger Dhivehi language elements in award branding.

NBAM's participation in MIDE 2026 was confirmed, with designated members appointed to represent the association at the exhibition.

A key discussion focused on marine tourism safety and recent industry incidents. Members highlighted the need for a coordinated national approach to marine safety, improved emergency response capacity, and consistent enforcement of regulations across all sectors. Concerns were also raised regarding the importance of due process in regulatory actions and avoiding premature decisions before investigations are completed.

Under other matters, the Board briefly discussed operational issues including propeller guard usage, whale shark interaction guidelines, shortage of qualified captains, and ongoing concerns related to enforcement consistency and unregistered operators. The continued practice of shark feeding was also noted, with members calling for clearer enforcement of existing regulations.



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