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Manager, Sailfishing Charters (PTY) Ltd
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Dear Sir

Re: Foreign skippers working illegally on "Bare boats" charters.

Tourists wishing to come to Seychelles and spend their holiday cruising around the islands, occasionally hire "bare boats" from yacht charter companies and are skippered by one them on board.

There are also groups of tourists who rent bare boats and private skippers are brought in the country to skipper the boat. After the first group is gone the skipper remains in the country and awaits for the second or third groups. The skipper even attends to transfers of clients from and to the airport and also does the chandelling.

I would like to advise that this kind action is considered as illegal employment. We wish to have your cooperation in ensuring that such circumstances outline in para 2 above are not condone and local skippers are recruited for such trips. This will also assist in ensuring that local maritime and environmental laws are observed.

We thank you for your assistance and collaboration.

Yours Sincerely

Ronald Fock-Tave
Director General of Immigration

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CEO Seychelles Tourism Board
CEO Seychelles Licensing Authority

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