The southbound travel for yachts from Guangdong
Guidelines on the Procedures for the Southbound Travel of Guangdong-registered Yachts Into Hong Kong Waters

Guangdong-registered yacht owners/masters intending to travel southbound may begin processing cross-boundary procedures as early as 30 days before arrival in Hong Kong, and must complete online declaration procedures for Hong Kong and the Mainland respectively, no later than 30 hours before arrival in Hong Kong and four hours before leaving Mainland waters. The relevant procedures are as follows:-

Step 1. Before arrival in Hong Kong (completed entirely online: eBS)

1. Registering an account: Owners/masters register an Electronic Business System (eBS) account[1] with the Hong Kong Marine Department
2. (If necessary) Within 30 days before arrival:
    - Apply for Permission to Navigate In Hong Kong Waters ("Permission to Navigate")
    - Berthing, choose one of two options:
        - Designated anchorage: Use the Dynamic Yacht Monitoring System on eBS to reserve an anchorage
        - Privately-operated yacht club/pier: Upload proof of berth
3. You can apply at the same time:
    - Department of Health: Free Pratique (no later than 30 hours before arrival)
    - Marine Department: Pre-Arrival Notification (no later than 24 hours before arrival)
    - Immigration Department: List of arriving crew and passengers (no later than 24 hours before arrival)

Step 2. Leaving Mainland waters (Mainland online + port)

4. Four hours before leaving Mainland waters: Submit information online via the Mainland's Single Window
5. Undergo departure inspection at one of the six designated ports (on-site inspection as needed)
   [Note: The six ports are Nansha Ferry Terminal in Guangzhou, Shekou Cruise Homeport in Shenzhen, Shenzhen Airport Ferry Terminal, Jiuzhou Port Passenger Terminal in Zhuhai, Wanshan Port in Zhuhai, and Sunsea Yacht Club Marina, Zhongshan Port]

[1] https://ebs.mardep.gov.hk/eBSVYPortal/captchaAuth?lang=en

Step 3. After arrival and before departure in Hong Kong (immigration of vessel and personnel onboard)

6. Within 24 hours after arrival (eBS): Apply for Arrival Clearance (comprehensive permit) + pay fees. If necessary, a supplementary application for "Permission to Navigate" can be made as needed (refer to Step 2)
7. Within 72 hours before departure (eBS): Apply for Port Clearance (valid for 72 hours) + paying fee
8. Immigration of personnel onboard: Follow the arrangement in the acknowledgement email and proceed to the designated approved anchorage; or, within 24 hours after arrival and before departure in Hong Kong, the yacht master or his/her representative must bring the travel documents of all persons onboard to the Harbour Control Section of the Immigration Department for processing (Address: 2/F, Central Government Pier, 32 Man Fai Street, Central, Hong Kong)

Reference materials and enquiries

- For procedures on yachts entering and leaving Mainland waters, you may consult the local maritime, customs, border inspection, and other relevant authorities.
- The Hong Kong Marine Department has uploaded reference materials on port formalities procedures for yachts entering and leaving Hong Kong waters, marine safety and rules, marine refuse and oil pollution, marine conservation, and green navigation to its website. For details, please refer to the following website: https://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/public-services/port-services/notes-ymaster/index.html
- For enquiries about port formalities procedures for yachts entering and leaving Hong Kong waters, you may contact the Hong Kong Marine Department by calling 2852 3058 or by email: pfo_mdd@mardep.gov.hk.