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### LEGAL OPINION

#### Bareboat charter / Exploitation declaration

The owners of a vessel chartered her under bareboat charterparty terms to bareboat charterer. The parties failed to submit to the competent authorities the Declaration of Exploitation, which applies where a party different than the Owner exploits the vessel.

The vessel's manager, ordered supplies to the vessel, which were not paid for, and the supplier sued the Owner. The latter denied liability, being mere Owner and exploiting the vessel, alleging that the liability was for the Bareboat Charterer.

However, the fact that the Declaration of Exploitation had not been submitted, led to the approval of the supplier's claim, because the Owner was deemed to be also the exploited of the vessel.

Piraeus One-membered First Instance Court Judgment no 491/2023, Judge: St. Dedikousi, NOMOS legal platform.

NOTE: The supplier was considered as a bona fide third party and Owner had to pay. The Owner maintains a claim against the Bareboat charterer for the amounts paid to the supplier.

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