

## **U.S. Department of Homeland Security/Customs and Border Protection CBP**

The following procedures delineate U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP)/Department of Homeland Security requirements for international mariners. As the unified border agency of the United States CBP enforces all customs, immigration and agriculture related laws and regulations.

All mariners are urged to follow the letter of the law as wilful violators will be subject to civil and criminal penalties.

Thank you for your continued support in assuring that international travellers to Newport are met with professional and courteous service. We are sure that a strong partnership between U. S. Customs and Border Protection and the international boating community will continue to keep Newport a safe and welcoming destination for all international travellers. To find additional information on CBP rules and regulations go to [www.cbp.gov](http://www.cbp.gov)

### **U. S. PLEASURE BOATS**

(U.S. Coast Guard documented or state registered owned by U.S. citizens) "The master of any U.S. pleasure boat must report to a Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Officer immediately upon arrival from a foreign port or place and must declare any foreign merchandise purchased or acquired. The report of arrival must include the name of the vessel, its nationality (flag), the name of the master with date of birth, the number of persons on board, and place of mooring. No person shall board or leave the vessel (other than the master to contact CBP) until being granted permission to do so by a U.S. Customs and Border Protection Officer. The master must return to the boat without delay and cannot carry any item from the boat. Immediately prior to exiting the U.S for a foreign port or place the master must obtain clearance from a CBP Officer.

### **FOREIGN FLAG PLEASURE BOATS**

The master of a foreign flag or undocumented foreign vessel must immediately report arrival to U. S Customs and Border Protection and make formal entry within 24 hours. In absence of a Cruising License foreign vessels must obtain a permit to proceed before leaving for another U.S. port. Formal entrance requires the master to complete customs forms 1300-1304 along with a passenger/ crew list. A Cruising License is a Customs and Border Protection document, which allows foreign pleasure boats from certain counties to travel to other U.S. ports without having to make formal entry (paying clearance fees/tonnage tax). The vessel master must report arrival at each U.S. port.

### **U. S CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION IMMIGRATION REQUIREMENTS**

**All persons entering the U.S. from a foreign port or place must present themselves to a U.S Customs and Border Protection Officer immediately upon arrival. All crew members entering the U.S. from a foreign port must present a valid passport and non-immigrant B1/B2 Visa.** U.S. citizens must have a passport when entering from outside the western hemisphere or valid photo identification and birth certificate when arriving from a contiguous territory." Note: You must obtain a Visa if arriving by yacht even if you are from a Visa waiver country. The Visa Waiver program only is in effect if arriving on a consignatory carrier (i.e. commercial air carrier).

### **IMPORTED (PURCHASED ABROAD)**

Sailboats and motorboats with other than outboard motors are dutiable at 1.5 percent/those with outboard motors are dutiable at 1.3 percent.

Temporary entry under Bond-A foreign pleasure boat may be entered duty free for up to 90 days to participate in races or other exhibits if the contests are not for money purses.

### **U. S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION WARNING**

If you fail to immediately report arrival or comply with the above requirements (example: if you allow persons on board your vessel before being cleared by U.S. Customs and Border Protection Officer) you are subject to a penalty of \$5,000 for the first offense and \$10,000 for subsequent offenses and your vessel may be seized. U.S. Customs and Border Protection Officers are vested with warrantless search (border search) authority.

The smuggling of drugs, unreported currency in Excess of \$10,000, weapons or other contraband can result in imprisonment and the seizure of your vessel. Drug use and personal amounts of drugs aboard your vessel can result in the seizure of your vessel or the issuance of a penalty of up to \$5,000 for the first offense and \$10,000 for the second offense. We urge all international mariners to support U.S. Customs and Border Protection and report suspicious activity or violations of the above laws. Under federal law you could be entitled to a reward of up to \$250,000.

**NAVIGATION FEES**

Effective March 12, 2001 pursuant to 19 CFR 4.98 Customs and Border Protection announces a revision to the navigation fees collected by Customs and Border Protection Officers. These fees are collected from private interests for services provided by the government in accordance with 31 U.S.C.

9701. The fees are calculated in accordance with 19 CFR 24.17(d). Entry of a vessel, from a foreign port or place (includes cruising permit):

- a. U.S. Flag.....\$25.00
- b. Foreign Flag.....\$19.00

Clearance of a vessel, including American, to a foreign port or place:

- a. Less than 100 net tons .....\$19.00
- b. 100 net tons and over.....\$37.00

**CONTACT NUMBERS & REPORTING PROCESS:**

**Yachts must report immediately upon arrival,**

1. Call the Customs Area Security Center (CASC) direct at 207-532-2131 ext. 255 (24 Hour Contact)

2. Yacht Master reports the following to CASC:

- a. Intended port of landing
- b. Name of the vessel
- c. Documentation number
- d. Number of crew, names, dates of birth, and citizenship

3. CASC will connect you with a local Customs Border Protection (CBP) Officer for inspection.

4. You may e-mail advanced arrival notice to:CASC-Houlton@dhs.gov

Report Violations to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Supervisor:

Providence: 401-732-6701

Newport: 401-847-2744

(Office Hours: 0800-1700