

## CUSTOMS INFORMATION

### Crossing the U.S./Canadian Border

- **PASSPORTS ARE REQUIRED!**
- Customs officers may be under great stress at times. Cruisers should make every effort to be polite, helpful, and non-confrontational.
- Customs *must* be cleared at designated port immediately upon arrival. Hours vary due to seasonal demand. Most recordings will tell you what to do if no one is available when you call.
- **\*\*\*All passengers must stay on the vessel until cleared by a Customs Officer.**
- You will receive a clearance number when you complete your arrival to customs. Log this number with the date, time and place where the vessel reported. Keep this number for at least one year.
- You may be required to have a copy of your Charter Agreement to prove authorization to possess the craft. Ship's Papers should be removed from the vessel ONLY if a customs official asks to inspect them.
- Anchoring out & going into Customs the next day is **not allowed**.
- You *must* report at a designated port of entry. At some locations, customs officers will be present; at others you *must* report by telephone, your boat may be subject to inspection.
- When contacting Customs, be prepared to give them the following information:
  - Name and registration # of boat – WN number or US Coast Guard Documentation numbers
  - Name of operator (Master) of the vessel
  - Names, nationalities and dates of birth of persons aboard
  - Itemized list of stores and supplies acquired abroad, whether dutiable or not
  - Customs clearance # (Customs & US)
- A previous conviction for a "DUI" WILL DISALLOW YOUR ENTRY INTO CANADA

#### Canada Customs

<b>Designated B.C. Points of Entry</b>	
Border Information Service (204) 983-3500 or (506) 636-5064 (outside of Canada) (800) 461-9999 (within Canada)	
Bedwell Harbour:	Closed Before May 1 May 1 – May 31    8 am - 5 pm June 1 – Mid Sept.    8 am - 8 pm Late September    8 am - 5 pm Closed after late Sept
The following are open year round 24 hrs a day:	
Nanaimo:	Nanaimo Port Authority Basin Brechin Point Marina Town site Marina (Canpass only)
Sidney:	Port Sidney Marina Canoe Cove Marina Royal Victoria YC Outstation Van Isle Marina
Vancouver:	False Creek Public Dock Steveston Gas Dock All Marinas until further notice.
Victoria:	Oak Bay Marina

#### US Customs

<b>Designated U.S. Ports of Entry:</b>	
Friday Harbor	(360) 378-2080
Roche Harbor	(360) 378-2711 or (360) 378-2080
Port Angeles	(360) 457-4311
Anacortes	(360) 293-2331
Arrive early at this site-customs officers are unavailable for several hours each afternoon due to the International ferry check-ins.	
Bellingham	(360) 734-5463
By appointment only.	
<b>Note:</b> If there is no inspector on duty when you arrive at a designated port of entry, call 1-800-562-5943.	
<b>When entering the U.S. by boat, persons who are not U.S. or Canadian citizens MUST have a valid I-94 in their passport, meaning they've already entered the U.S. via a land border or an international airport. They will be denied entry if this</b>	

Vessels are subject to re-inspection while in Canadian waters, usually by RCMP officers when their patrol boat reaches a marina.

The pin # system is no longer in use. In order to clear Customs via the 800-phone number, everyone on board must possess either a valid I-68 or a Nexus card. For more information on obtaining either of these, contact any port of entry.

\*\*Border restrictions into Canada and the US change daily. Please research the law regarding what food, plants and animals may cross unrestricted. See websites listed below.

### CANADIAN RESTRICTIONS

Other than restricted foods, you can carry quantities of food appropriate to your anticipated stay.

- ❖ No apples, no citrus
- ❖ No pitted fruit (such as apricots, plums, quince, peaches, nectarines)
- ❖ No potatoes
- ❖ No corn on the cob
- ❖ No blueberries

### LIQUOR & TOBACCO

You must meet age requirements of the province or territory where you enter Canada. Each eligible person is allowed to bring in, free of duty and taxes, either 1.5 liters of wine, or 1.14 liters (38.5oz) of hard liquor, or 24-12oz bottles of beer or ale, per person and not more than 1 carton of cigarettes & 2 cans of tobacco & 50 cigars per person.

### US RESTRICTIONS Upon return from Canada

As a general guideline, any food you bring into the US must be made or grown in Canada or the US, and *labeled as such*. Don't bring fresh tropical fruits or vegetables in, even if you bought them in Seattle. Subject to change without notice, use the following list to minimize problems:

- ❖ No beef, lamb or veal, whether fresh or cooked, canned or frozen, or part of another dish, regardless of where you bought it
- ❖ No pet food with beef or beef by-products in any form
- ❖ No poultry. Eggs are okay
- ❖ No fresh citrus
- ❖ No fresh produce (vegetable or fruit) grown *outside* the US or Canada
- ❖ No corn on the cob

### LIQUOR

Generally, one liter per person may be entered into the U.S. duty-free by travelers who are 21 or older.

PLEASE VISIT CUSTOMS WEBSITES FOR INFORMATION REGARDING RESTRICTIONS, PETS, ENDANGERED SPECIES, FIREARMS, PRESCRIPTION DRUGS & FOOD REGULATIONS AS NEW INFORMATION IS BEING POSTED DAILY.

US CUSTOMS [www.cbp.gov](http://www.cbp.gov)

CANADIAN CUSTOMS [www.cbsa.gc.ca](http://www.cbsa.gc.ca)