

## CUSTOMS INFORMATION

### Crossing the USA /Canada Border

- **PASSPORTS or Trusted Traveler documents are required.**
- **Covid-era requirements must be researched by the traveler prior to entry. They may change from time to time.**
- Be polite, helpful, and non-confrontational with Custom & Border Protection/Homeland Security.
- Customs *must* be cleared at designated port immediately upon arrival. Hours vary due to seasonal demand.
- **\*\*\*All passengers must stay on the vessel until cleared by a Customs Officer.**
- A clearance number will be issued to you on arrival to customs. Keep this number for at least one year.
- Be prepared to show 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**.
- Reporting **MUST** be done at a designated port of entry. Customs officers may be present; at others you may report by telephone. Your boat is subject to inspection at the Customs officer’s discretion.
- When contacting or clearing Customs, be prepared to give them the following information:
  - Name and registration # of boat – US Coast Guard Documentation numbers for charter vessels
  - Name of operator (Master) of the vessel – this is the charterer, even if you have hired a skipper
  - Names, nationalities and dates of birth of persons aboard
  - Itemized list of stores and supplies acquired abroad, whether dutiable or not
  - Customs clearance # if given at your prior crossing (Canada & US)
- **A previous “DUI” conviction WILL DISALLOW A TRAVELLER’S ENTRY INTO CANADA – KNOW BEFORE YOU GO!**

#### Canada Customs

<b>Designated B.C. Points of Entry – Seasonal and varied</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 - 5
	June 1 – Mid Sept.   8 -5
	Late September    8 - 5
	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
	Victoria Inner Harbour Customs Dock

#### 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
<b>Alternate:</b>	
Anacortes ( <b>Not recommended</b> )	(360) 293-2331
Customs officers may be unavailable for several hours each afternoon for international ferry traffic clearance.	
Bellingham	(360) 734-5463
By appointment only.	
<b>*TRY THE NEW APP “<a href="#">CBP ROAM!</a>”</b>	
<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>Stay on boat!!</b>	
When entering the U.S. by boat, persons who are not U.S. or Canadian citizens <b>MUST</b> 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 condition is not met.	

Vessels are subject to re-inspection while in Canadian waters, usually by RCMP patrol boat officers.

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. This information is subject to change without notice. See websites listed below.**

### **CANADIAN RESTRICTIONS Upon entering Canada**

These foods are currently restricted, however this **list can change without notice**. Research before you go!

- ❖ No apples, no citrus
- ❖ No pitted fruit (such as apricots, plums, quince, peaches, nectarines)
- ❖ No potatoes
- ❖ No corn on the cob
- ❖ No blueberries
- ❖ Poultry/ Eggs: check online prior to travel, Poultry/Eggs restrictions change frequently

### **LIQUOR & TOBACCO**

You must meet age requirements of the province 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**

Any food you bring into the US must be made or grown in Canada or the US, and *labeled as such*. Don't cross with fresh tropical fruits or vegetables, even if you bought them in the US. This list is **subject to change without notice**.

- ❖ 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 (check online prior to travel, Poultry/Eggs restrictions change frequently)
- ❖ 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 adult (21 yrs. or older) may be entered into the U.S. duty-free.

**PLEASE VISIT CUSTOMS WEBSITES FOR INFORMATION REGARDING RESTRICTIONS, PETS, FIREARMS, RX DRUGS & FOOD REGULATIONS. 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)