

# US Customs Information

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The U.S. Customs Service sector facility is in Houlton, ME; its phone numbers are 207-532-2131, extension 255. The local (Beverley, MA) office number is: 978-921-0782. **If you do not get an answer at the Beverley office, DO NOT leave arrival information on the answering machine. Call the Houlton facility and be sure you speak to a human!**

## **U.S. Vessels Arriving From Canada**

U.S. vessels should purchase a Customs User Fee decal prior to departure for Canada. A decal can be purchased by completing form CF 339V for \$25, and online registration is required. See <https://tradelinks4.mellon.com/cbp/Dispatcher>

## **Foreign Vessels Arriving in the United States**

Foreign vessels from foreign ports are required to report to U.S. Customs immediately upon arrival at their arrival at their first port of entry. At that port form CF1300 (copy attached) is required. An entrance fee of \$19 must be paid for each arrival from a foreign port. Foreign vessels are not required to obtain a "Cruising License" if the Captain does not intend to go anywhere other than Marblehead prior to returning to Canada. However, if a Cruising License is desired, application must be filed with the U.S. Customs officer on arrival. There is no charge for a Cruising License. A foreign vessel is not eligible for the Customs User Fee decal.

Unless the applicable duty is paid to U.S. Customs, foreign vessels may not be sold or offered for sale in the United States. This normally requires a formal entry, and the services of a Customs Broker.

## **Arrival Process – Clearing Customs Before the Race**

Vessels from foreign ports are required to report to U.S. Customs immediately upon their arrival at their first U.S. port of entry. Since the Beverley office covers a large area of coastline and three airports they may be slow in responding during non-office hours. They would, therefore, appreciate as much advance notice as possible (1.5 – 2 hours). Please ask the BYC Dockmaster to inform U.S. Customs of your pending arrival date/time when you check with him in advance of arrival.