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ATTENTION

PLEASURE BOAT OWNERS/CAPTAINS ARRIVING FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES

All vessels arriving directly from a foreign area or port must **immediately** report their arrival to United States Customs.

Foreign vessels arriving on a cruising permit or permit to proceed must also report their arrival when crossing state lines.

The Customs office in Beverly, MA (a three man office) is responsible for coverage of the Massachusetts coastline from Lynn to the New Hampshire border. All vessels arriving from foreign (including Canada) must immediately report to the Beverly office. Be advised that Customs may not be available if you arrive at a location that is outside the Ports of Gloucester or Salem (Marblehead).

It is recommended that you provide advance notice of arrival, if possible. Otherwise, you may be required to wait until an inspector is available.

A vessel anchored in U.S. territorial waters (within ten miles of shore) is considered to have entered the United States.

No one may leave the vessel until a Customs officer grants permission to go ashore. The captain of the vessel may go ashore to report arrival to Customs but must then return to the vessel and await clearance. **No visitors are allowed on board and no merchandise may be discharged until the vessel has cleared Customs.** Violations may result in penalties and/or seizure of the vessel.

Fees: U.S. vessels must purchase a Customs user fee decal for \$25.00

Foreign vessels must pay a \$19.00 entrance fee for each arrival from a foreign port. There is no charge for a cruising permit.

Foreign pleasure boats may not be chartered while operating within the United States. Nor may they be offered for sale in the United States without the owner first filing a formal entry and paying duty on the vessel.

Identification requirements: U.S. citizens must provide either a passport or a certified copy of their birth certificate. Foreign nationals must provide either a U.S. resident alien card or a passport with a valid U.S. visa. The only visa requirement exception is for Canadian and Bermudan citizens or citizens of a UK Commonwealth nation with Canadian or Bermudan residency status.

Reporting requirements violations or violations of the U.S. CUSTOMS ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY may result in fines and/or seizure of your vessel. Please call your local Customs office if you have any questions or concerns.