



# CUSTOMS INFORMATION

## Crossing the U.S./Canadian Border

- **AS OF JUNE 1, 2009, PASSPORTS WILL BE REQUIRED FOR ALL PERSONS OVER THE AGE OF 15!**
- Customs *must* be cleared at designated port immediately upon arrival. Each office's 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.
- 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 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 DUI WILL DISALLOW YOUR ENTRY INTO CANADA.

### Canadian Customs

<b>Designated B.C. Points of Entry</b>	
<b>All locations contact Canada Customs toll-free</b>	
<b>(888) 226-7277</b>	
Bedwell Hrbr:	Closed Before May 1 May 1 – Sept 7 8 am – 8 pm After Labor Day 8 am – 5 pm
The following are open year round 24 hrs a day:	
Nanaimo:	Nanaimo Port Authority Basin Brechin Point Marina
Sidney:	Port Sidney Marina Canoe Cove Marina Royal Victoria YC Outstation Van Isle Marina
Vancouver:	False Creek Public Dock Steveston Harbour Dock
Victoria:	Oak Bay Marina Victoria Inner Harbour Dock

### US Customs

<b>Designated U.S. Ports of Entry:</b>	
Friday Harbor	(360) 378-2080
Roche Harbor	(360) 378-2711
Port Angeles	(360) 457-4311
	May 14 – Sept 16 8 am – 8 pm
	After Sept 16 8 am – 5 pm
Anacortes	(360) 293-2331
Arrive early at this site. Customs officers are unavailable from 1-4pm 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><i>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 condition is not met.</i></b>	

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

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.

### CANADIAN RESTRICTIONS

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

- ❖ No apples
- ❖ No pitted fruit (such as apricots, plums, quince, peaches, nectarines)
- ❖ No potatoes
- ❖ No fresh corn

### LIQUOR & TOBACCO

If you meet the age requirements of the province or territory where you enter Canada, you are 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. 200 cigarettes and 100 cigars.

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

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