

pre-screened, low-risk and approved travelers faster processing by U.S. and Canadian border officials.

Approved applicants are issued a photo-identification/Radio Frequency Identification enabled card, which is valid for 5 years. Small boat operators who are NEXUS program participants may report their arrival via telephone but may be selected for a more extensive examination.

#### Eligibility

Citizens or permanent residents of the United States or Canada are eligible for NEXUS. Applicants must be approved by both the United States and Canada and present proof of status.

#### Registration

Application for NEXUS participation can be made via the web site at <https://goes-app.cbp.dhs.gov>.

- Once your application has been reviewed, you will schedule an appointment with CBP for an interview and completion of the application process.
- The application fee is \$50 U.S. or Canadian currency per person for individuals 18 years-of-age and over. There is no fee for minors ages 17 and under.
- For NEXUS toll-free information (United States and Canada), call 1-866-NEXUS26 (639-8726).

#### SENTRI/FAST

SENTRI is a United States/Mexico facilitated traveler program that provides for expedited CBP processing at border crossings for pre-approved, low-risk travelers.

FAST is a commercial truck driver facilitated traveler program. It provides expedited travel to approved commercial truck drivers between the United States and Canada and the United States and Mexico. However, membership in the program also provides necessary documentation for maritime crossings.

#### Canadian Border Boat Landing Program (CBP Form I-68)

The Form I-68 program, allows pre-registered operators of small pleasure boats to obtain a single boating permit for a 12-month period. With the I-68 form, boaters may enter the United States from Canada for recreational purposes by placing a phone call to report their arrival and without the need for further inspection. However, I-68 form holders may be subject to reporting to a CBP port of entry upon CBP request.

#### To Enroll in the Program

- Contact any local CBP office in advance to make an appointment to apply for an I-68 form. Form I-68 is only available at the issuing port of entry or other specified locations where inspections are conducted. A list of issuing ports of entry can be found on the insert within this brochure.
- Each applicant must appear in person for an interview and various law enforcement checks. Proof of identity and citizenship is required at the interview.
- Fees are \$16 U.S. for an individual or a total of \$32 U.S. for a family.
- An I-68 form is valid for a 12-month period and is no longer renewable by mail. A new application must be submitted and approved annually for continued participation in the program.

#### Eligibility

- U.S. citizens 14 years or older, lawful permanent residents, and Canadian citizens are eligible to apply for I-68 forms (proof of status required).
- Landed immigrants of Canada (individuals with legal permanent residence status in Canada) may also apply if they comply with the following requirements:
  - » **Nationals of Visa Waiver Program Countries** at the time of application and at each subsequent entry into the United States are required to have:
    - A valid, unexpired passport issued by his or her country of nationality; and
    - An unexpired, multiple entry, Non-immigrant Visa Waiver Arrival/Departure Form(I-94W).

**NOTE:** As of January 12, 2009, all nationals and citizens of Visa Waiver Program countries will be required by law to obtain a travel authorization prior to initiating travel to the United States. This authorization may be obtained online through the Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA).

For additional information on ESTA, go to [www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/travel/id\\_visa/esta/](http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/travel/id_visa/esta/)

- » **Nationals of Non-Visa Waiver Program Countries** at the time of application and at each subsequent entry into the United States are required to have:
  - A valid, unexpired passport issued by his or her country of nationality;
  - A valid, unexpired United States visa; and
  - Arrival/Departure Form (I-94).

Please note that when the I-68 form is used by a person who is not a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States, admission shall be for no more than 72 hours and only if the individual will remain in nearby shopping areas, nearby residential neighborhoods, or other similar areas adjacent to the immediate shore areas of the United States.

#### Registration Locations

CBP Form I-68 is no longer renewable by mail. To renew or to register for the Canadian Border Boat Landing Program, boat owners must apply at one of the locations listed on the insert within this brochure.

#### Local Boater Option Pilot Program

The Local Boater Option (LBO) Pilot Program is available in the Miami, Tampa, and San Juan areas. The program is open to boat operators who are U.S. Citizens or Lawful Permanent Residents (LPRs) of the United States. This is a voluntary program that allows frequent pleasure boat operators and passengers to register themselves and their vessel with CBP.

The LBO program offers facilitated customs and immigration clearance for recreational, low-risk boaters at time of arrival. CBP offers expedited arrival and reporting processing to boaters enrolled in the program. This program will satisfy the boat operator's legal requirement to report to a port of entry for face-to-face inspection. However, boaters are still required to phone in their arrival to CBP.

## Coast Guard's America's Waterway Watch Program:

The Coast Guard's America's Waterway Watch Program is a national program that asks those who work, live, or recreate on or near the water to be aware of suspicious activity that might indicate threats to our country's homeland security. Anyone observing suspicious activity is asked to contact the National Response Center's Hotline at **877-24WATCH**.

For immediate danger to life or property call 911.

## To Report Suspicious Activity Call 1-877-24WATCH



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# Reporting Requirements

For Pleasure Boat Operators

June 2009



# Local Port Information

## Port of Los Angeles

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## Pleasure Boat Reporting Requirements

The Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI) requires U.S. and Canadian travelers to present a passport or other document that denotes identity and citizenship when entering the United States.

Beginning **June 1, 2009**, U.S. and Canadian citizens returning home by land or sea from Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, or Bermuda will be required to present one of the following travel documents:

- U.S. or Canadian passports;
- U.S. Passport Card;
- Enhanced Driver's Licenses (when and where available);
- Trusted Traveler Cards (NEXUS, SENTRI, or FAST);
- Form I-872 American Indian Card, or Enhanced Tribal Cards (when available);
- Military identification cards (for members of the U.S. armed forces on official orders); or
- U.S. Merchant Mariner Document (for U.S. citizens on official maritime business).

CBP Form I-68 and Local Boater Option (LBO) registrations will only be issued to applicants presenting WHTI-compliant documents. I-68 forms and LBO registrations issued prior to June 1, 2009, will remain valid throughout 2009.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) requires that all U.S. citizens and aliens seeking entry to the United States report their arrival. The requirements contained herein apply to individuals who operate pleasure craft (boats) on lakes, rivers, and international waterways on or near the borders of the United States. Small boats, crew, and passengers seeking entry to the United States are required to physically report to a designated CBP office unless enrolled in an Alternative Inspection Systems Program that would allow reporting arrival by telephone.

Boaters are strongly encouraged to apply in advance for participation in any of the Alternative Inspection Systems Programs described in this document to expedite reporting of arrival and clearance into the United States.

Please note that CBP may require physical reporting in person even though a small boat participates in one of the Alternative Inspection Systems Programs.

### Who Reports?

Anyone who is on board a vessel entering the United States must report, including U.S. citizens, permanent residents, and aliens.

### When Must a Vessel Report?

All operators of small pleasure vessels must immediately report to CBP if they have:

- Arrived or returned from a foreign location;
- Had contact with a foreign vessel or any vessel returning from a foreign location; or
- Received merchandise outside the U.S. territorial waters.

Please note that any small pleasure vessel that leaves a U.S. port and goes into international or foreign waters, without a call at a foreign port, is not required to report. For example, certain fishing vessels, cruises to nowhere, or any vessel that leaves from a U.S. port and returns without calling at a foreign port or place, has not departed the United States.

### Are There Any Processing Fees?

All documented or registered vessels 30 feet in length or greater are required to pay an annual processing (user fee) of \$27.50 (U.S. currency). Payment is required for the vessel at or before the time of the first arrival for each calendar year. Private pleasure vessels not required to pay a user fee include vessels less than 30 feet in length and vessels granted a cruising license, under 19 CFR 4.94, during the term of the license.

Decals may be purchased on the Decal and Transponder Online Procurement System (DTOPS) web site at <https://dtops.cbp.dhs.gov> or by contacting the National Finance Center directly at the following address:

U.S. Customs and Border Protection  
Attn: DTOPS Program Administrator  
6650 Telecom Drive, Suite 100  
Indianapolis, IN 46278

For additional information on DTOPS, please access the following link:  
[www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/travel/pleasure\\_boats/user\\_fee/user\\_fee\\_decals.xml](http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/travel/pleasure_boats/user_fee/user_fee_decals.xml)

## Reporting Procedures

CBP clearance may be obtained by one of the methods listed below.

### Regular Reporting

Boaters must report in-person for inspection to the nearest open marine port of entry during the established hours for the port. Please see insert for hours of operation at this port of entry.

Only the master or designee may go ashore to report the arrival to CBP in person. No other person may leave or board the boat and no baggage or merchandise may be removed or loaded until the report of arrival is made and release granted by a CBP officer.

If an arrival at a marine port of entry occurs after the normal business hours of the port, boaters must call a locally designated number found on the insert within this brochure to advise of their arrival. A CBP officer will provide further instructions regarding reporting and entry processing.

### Alternative Reporting Procedures

If you have a pre-approved I-68 form or a NEXUS, SENTRI, or FAST member card, you may call one of the numbers on the insert to report your arrival up to four hours in advance. Each crew member and passenger must also have their

own I-68 form or NEXUS, SENTRI, or FAST card to qualify for phone-in reporting.

Otherwise, you may report to a CBP videophone inspection station location indicated on the brochure insert. If using a videophone station to report your arrival, all passengers and crew must report to the videophone for inspection with your identity and citizenship documents ready for presentation. Also have a pencil and paper ready to record your inspection receipt number, which the officer will give you upon completion of your inspection. This is an 18 digit number and must be provided to a Border Patrol agent or other law enforcement officer when requested.

## Information and Documentation Needed to Report

Please have the following information available when reporting.

### For the Vessel

- Name of the boat and/or registration number, length, and flag;
- Make, model, year, and color of boat;
- Current location;
- Arrival date and time;
- Home port;
- User fee Decal Number (for private vessels 30 feet or more in length); and
- Return contact number.

### For Master, Crew and Passengers

- Full name, date of birth, citizenship, passport number, and address.
- U.S. and Canadian citizens 19 years and older who enter the United States at land and sea ports of entry will need to present a WHTI-compliant document.
- Children age 18 and under will be able to enter with proof of citizenship. Verbal claims of citizenship and identity alone will not be sufficient to establish identity and citizenship for entry into the United States.

For other **U.S. reporting information** visit [www.cbp.gov](http://www.cbp.gov). For **passport information** visit [www.state.gov](http://www.state.gov). For **Canada Border Services Agency information** call 1-888-CANPASS or visit [www.cbsa.gc.ca](http://www.cbsa.gc.ca).

## Failure to Report

Failure to report can result in civil penalties as defined in Title 19, U.S. Code, Section 1436 to include a penalty of \$5,000 for the first violation and \$10,000 for each subsequent violation with the conveyance subject to seizure and forfeiture. In addition to being liable for a civil penalty, any master who intentionally commits a violation under subsection (a) of the above stated section upon conviction is liable for a fine of not more than \$2,000 and/or imprisonment for 1 year.

## Alternative Inspection Programs

### NEXUS

NEXUS is a joint program with the Canada Border Services Agency that provides