

Bahamian Customs and Immigration

Arriving by Boat

Boaters must clear Customs and Immigration upon arrival into the Bahamas which they may do at our Marina, an officially designated Port of Entry. As you enter port, fly the yellow quarantine flag and have our dock master notify Customs of your arrival.

No one other than the Captain is permitted to leave the boat, until your vessel has been cleared. Customs and Immigration will come to your vessel. Everyone on board must have proof of citizenship and fill out an immigration card. US citizens can present a passport or birth certificate. A driver's license by itself is not acceptable.

Before leaving The Bahamas, be sure to surrender your copy of the immigration card at the last Bahamian port you visit.

Entry Fees

The fee for boaters for boats up to 35 feet is \$150.00 and the fee for boats over 35 feet is \$300. These fees are inclusive of a cruising permit, fishing permit and departure tax for up to four persons. This includes the first four persons only. Each additional person will be charged \$15 departure tax.

Firearms

If you have a firearm on board, you must declare it with Customs. You must provide the serial number and manufacturer, plus an exact count of ammunition. Though you are allowed to have a firearm on your boat, you cannot take it off the boat unless you obtain a permit from the Bahamian police ahead of time. Weapons must be under lock and key at all times. Any infraction of this law is dealt with severely.

Bringing your Pet

An Import Permit is required for all animals being brought into The Islands of The Bahamas. These are available in advance for a \$10 fee for each animal. Download the required entry form on this page or write to The Director of Agriculture, Trade and Industry, P.O. Box N-3704, Nassau, Bahamas, Tel: (242) 325-7502. Dogs and Cats must be six months of age and have current proof of rabies vaccination and a health certificate.

Replacement Parts

Spare parts and replacement boat parts may be imported into the Bahamas duty free, as long as the boat they are intended for has a cruising permit and transire (issued upon entrance into the Bahamas). Equipment shipped imported as cargo, will be subject to a six percent stamp duty based on the value of the parts. Invoices for imported goods are required in all cases.

Fishing and Diving Regulations

Having paid fees on entry, every vessel would have received a valid fishing permit from the Customs officials. Licenses issued to individuals are not sufficient when fishing from a boat. Fishing gear is restricted to hook and line and you may not fish with more than six rods at a time. Bag limits are as follows:

- **Lobster or crawfish: six tails per person, at any time. Annual closed season is April 1 to July 31. Minimum size limits are 3 3/8 inch carapace length or six inches tail length. Egg-bearing female crawfish are protected.**
- **Conch: Harvesting and possession of conch without a well-formed lip is prohibited. Bag limit at any time is 10 per person.**
- **Wahoo/Dolphin/Kingfish: Six fish per person, any combination.**
- **Stone crabs: Closed season is June 1 to October 15. Minimum harvestable claw is four inches. Harvesting of female prohibited.**
- **Turtle: Illegal to import; although legal to eat in The Bahamas.**
- **Spearfishing: Hawaiian sling is the only approved spearfishing device. Use of Scuba gear or an air compressor to harvest fish, conch, crawfish and other marine animals is prohibited. Spearfishing is not allowed within one mile off the coast of New Providence, within one mile off the south coast of Freeport, Grand Bahama and within 200 yards off the coast of all Out Islands. Spearing or taking marine animals by any means is prohibited within national sea parks.**
- **Vessel Bag Limit: 20 pounds of scalefish, 10 conch and six crawfish per person may be exported from The Bahamas.**