



NOTICE TO MARINERS

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Port of Southampton – Sailing your pleasure vessel to and from the UK

This is an extract from Notice 8 issued by HM Customs and Revenue and is intended for owners of pleasure craft who sail their crafts to or from the UK and details the customs arrival and departure requirements.

Private use means recreational (non-commercial) use; this can also include the use of a company owned vessel for private recreational purposes.

Do I need to notify the customs authorities on arrival?

You must call the National Yachtline when you arrive in the UK direct from:

- a country outside the UK
- the Channel Islands

Telephone: 0300 123 2012 - *opening times: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week*

Following phoning and notification to National Yachtline, you must follow any instructions given.

If arriving from outside the UK, National Yachtline will ask you to complete form C1331.

You should send the completed forms to:

United Kingdom Border Force
Yacht Reports,
Freight Clearance Centre
Lord Warden Square

Western Docks,
Dover
Kent,
CT17 9DN

You must not land goods or persons or transfer them to another vessel until a customs official says you may do so.

Notice 8 has further detailed entry requirements such as:

- What goods must I declare?
- Taxes and duties you may need to pay to import a vessel into the UK
- When is an imported vessel able to get VAT or import duty relief
- Are there any immigration requirements when I arrive in the UK?
- Will I have to pay VAT on a vessel to be kept in the UK?
- What documents will be required to provide proof of the UK VAT status on a used vessel?
- Extending the period of visit, or deciding to live permanently in the UK

For further guidance please follow this link to read [HM Customs and Revenue Notice 8.](#)

Do I need to fly the yellow 'Q' flag?

If you are arriving from outside the UK (and this includes the Channel Islands) you must fly the 'Q' flag, where it can readily be seen, as soon as you enter UK waters (the 12-mile limit). Do not take down the flag until you have finished reporting to the customs authorities. Failure to comply will make you liable to a penalty.

This Notice is self-cancelling on 30th September 2021.

**Vessel Traffic Services Centre
Ocean Gate, Atlantic Way
Southampton**

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Harbour Master**

19th January 2021

Owners, Agents, Charterers, Marinas, Yacht Clubs and Recreational Sailing Organisations should ensure that the contents of this Notice are made known to the masters or persons in charge of their vessels or craft.

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