

Alternative Inspection System Programs

NEXUS

The NEXUS alternative inspection program allows pre-screened, low-risk travelers to expedited processing for U.S. and Canadian border officials. Approved applicants are issued a photo-identification/RFID enabled card, which is valid for 5 years. Participants cross the border in a dedicated lane where they present their card for expedited processing unless selected for a more extensive examination. Small boat operators in possession of a NEXUS member card may report their arrival via telephone.

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 Location

Application for NEXUS participation can be made via the Website address at:

<https://goes-app.cbp.dhs.gov>.

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

SENTRI / FAST

The SENTRI Program is a US/MX Border facilitated traveler program. FAST is a commercial truck driver facilitated traveler program.

I-68 Program

Under the I-68 program, applicants for admission into the United States by small pleasure boats are pre-registered and issued a single boating permit for a 12-month period. The I-68 permit allows boaters to enter the United States from Canada for recreational purposes with only the need to report to CBP for further inspection by placing a phone call to report their arrival. I-68 holders are still subject to reporting to a CBP port of entry upon CBP request.

Contact any local CBP office in advance to make an appointment to apply for an I-68.

- To enroll in the program, each applicant must appear in person for an interview and various law enforcement checks. Proof of identity and citizenship is required at interview.

- Fees are \$16 U.S. dollars for an individual or a total of \$32 U.S. dollars for a family

- An I-68 is issued for a 12-month duration. A new application is required at the end of the 12-month period for continued participation in this program.

Eligibility

U.S. Citizens (USC) or lawful permanent residents, and Canadian Citizens are eligible to apply for I-68 boating permits (proof of status required). Landed immigrants of Canada who are nationals of Visa Waiver Program countries may also apply, but at the time of I-68 application and each subsequent entry they must be in possession of a valid, unexpired passport issued by his or her country of nationality, and an unexpired multiple entry Form I-94W, Non immigrant Visa Waiver Arrival/Departure Form, or an unexpired passport, valid unexpired United States visa and I-94 Arrival/Departure Form. When the I-68 is used by a person who is not a USC or lawful permanent resident of the United States, admission shall be for no more than 72 hours and only if they will remain in nearby shopping areas, nearby residential neighborhoods; or other similar areas, adjacent to the immediate shore areas of the United States.

Registration Location

Applications for the I-68 program are required to be in person at any of the following designated ports of entry; Milwaukee, WI (414) 486-7790
Chicago, IL (312) 296-6534
Duluth, MN (218) 720-5203
Baudette, MN (218) 634-2803
Crane Lake, MN (218) 993-2321
Sault Ste. Marie, MI (906) 632-7221 or (906) 632-2631
Port Huron, MI (810) 985-9541 ext.235
Detroit, MI (313) 393-3949

Toledo, OH (419) 259- 6424
Sandusky, OH (419) 625 – 0022
Cleveland, OH (216) 267 – 3600
Erie, PA (814) 833 – 1355
Buffalo, NY (716) 881-4447
Niagara Falls, NY (716) 282-3141
Lewiston, NY (716) 285-1676

Rochester, NY (585) 263-6293
Alexandria Bay, NY (315) 482-2065
Ogdensburg, NY (315) 393-1390
Massena, NY (315) 764-0677
Champlain, NY (518) 298-8346

Please contact your nearest office for an appointment.

Reporting Suspicious Activities

Please report any suspicious activities observed in Lakes Erie, Ontario and the Niagara River to 1-800-331-0353.

For the St. Lawrence River and Lake Champlain please call 1-800-247-2434.

For other areas call 1-800-505-8381.

U.S. Coast Guard can also be reached using the above numbers or by calling 911 on your cell phone or channel 16 on your marine radio.

Required Travel Documents

U.S. and Canadian citizens 19 years and older who enter the U.S. at land and sea ports of entry will need to present either a Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI) compliant document (Passport, NEXUS card, Enhanced Drivers License, other documents to be determined) or a combination of identity and proof of citizenship documents such as a driver's license along with a birth certificate or naturalization certificate. 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

For passport information, visit www.dhs.gov

For Canada Border Services Agency information call 1-888-CANPASS or visit www.cbsa.gc.ca



Reporting Requirements for Private Boat Operators in the Great Lakes Region

Effective January 2008



U.S. Customs and Border Protection

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has implemented enhanced security procedures for small boat arrivals and inspection of associated crew and passengers.

These procedures require physical reporting to a designated local CBP Office unless enrolled in an Alternative Inspection Systems Program that would allow arrival reporting by telephone.

Boaters are strongly encouraged to apply 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.

Participation in any of the Alternative Inspection Systems Programs does not preclude the requirement for a physical report upon request by CBP.

Who Reports?

All U.S. Citizen and alien boaters, family members and all guests entering the United States MUST REPORT for inspection immediately upon arrival.

When Reporting Is Required

Arrival of a vessel means the time when a vessel first comes to rest in U.S. waters, whether at anchor or at a dock:

- After touching foreign soil;
- After having contact with a foreign vessel, or coming in contact with a vessel entering U.S. waters from foreign waters.

Failure to Report

Failure to report can result in civil penalties as defined in Title 19, United States 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 or imprisonment for 1 year or both.

Reporting Procedures

Customs and Border Protection clearance may be obtained by one of three methods listed below:

1: Be in possession of a pre-approved Form I-68 or NEXUS/SENTRI/FAST member card, and call one of the following numbers to report your arrival up to 4 hours in advance;

Minnesota/North Dakota: 1-800-505-8381

Northern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula:

1-906-632-2631

Port Huron area: 1-810-985-9541 ext. 235

Detroit area: 1-313-393-3793 or 1-313-393-3949

Ohio, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, and

Duluth, MN: 1-888-523-BOAT (2628)

New York State: 1-800-827-2851

Only the master or designee may go ashore to report the arrival to CBP either in person or if participating in the I-68 or NEXUS/SENTRI/FAST programs, by telephone. 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. Each crew member and passenger must also be in possession of an I-68 or NEXUS or SENTRI or FAST card to qualify for phone-in reporting.

-OR-

2: Utilize a CBP Videophone inspection station located;

In MICHIGAN: Mackinac Island

In OHIO: Put-in-Bay (Bass Island), Cedar Point Marina, Brands Marina (Port Clinton), East 55th Street (Cleveland), Lagoons Marina (Mentor), Chagrin Yacht Club (Eastlake), Grand River marina (Fairport), Ashtabula Public Dock.

In ERIE, PA: Presque Isle, Dobbins Landing, Perry's Landing, Lampe Marina.

In NEW YORK: Dunkirk, Erie Basin Marina (Buffalo), North Tonawanda, Youngstown, Wilson, Olcott, Point Breeze, Rochester, Sodus Point, Oswego, Sackets Harbor, Clayton, Alexandria Bay, Morristown, Ogdensburg, and Waddington.

If utilizing 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 eighteen- digit number and must be provided to Border Patrol Agents or other Law Enforcement officers when requested.

-OR-

3: Report in-person for inspection to the nearest open marine Port of Entry during the established hours listed below. For the 2008 boating season these are;

In New York: Heart Island - 9:30 am to 6:30 p.m., May 12 to October 14.

Cape Vincent – 8:00 am to 8:00 p.m., April 28 to October 15.

Ft. Covington – 24/7, April 15 to November 15.

Rouses Pt., NY, the following 3 marinas - 8:30 am to 6:00 p.m., May 15 to September 3:

Barcomb's Marina

Lighthouse Point Marina

Gaines Marina

(After hours call 518-298-8346 upon arrival)

In Ohio, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, and Duluth, MN: call 1-888-523-BOAT (2628) to request in-person report of arrival during normal duty hours.

In Michigan: call (313) 393-3949 for permission and instructions to report to St. Clair, Detroit or Trenton.

Call (810) 985-9541 ext.235 to report to Lexington, Port Huron or Algonac. Call (906) 632-7221 or (906) 632-2631 to report to Sault Ste. Marie (12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.), Drummond Island, or Rogers City.

In Minnesota: Grand Marais, report to the U.S. Border Patrol Station, S. Broadway Street, May – October 9:00 am to 5:00 p.m.

If arrival at a marine Port of Entry occurs after the normal business hours of a port, boaters must utilize one of the phone numbers above to report. A CBP officer will provide further instructions regarding reporting and entry processing.

Information Needed

Please have the following information available when reporting:

Name, Date of Birth & Citizenship of Master (with supporting documentation)

Name of Boat and/or Boat Registration Number

U.S. Decal Number (if 30 feet or longer)

Name, Date of Birth & Citizenship of all Passengers (with supporting documentation)

Home Port and Current Location

Fees

All vessels 30 feet in length or greater are required to pay an annual processing user fee of \$27.50 in U.S. dollars if crossing the international border.

Payment is required for the vessel at or before the time of the first arrival of each calendar year. A non-transferable decal will be issued upon payment and mailed to your address of record. CBP will not grant a clearance if outstanding fees are due.

Decals may be purchased via the Internet at:

www.cbp.gov. Click on "TRAVEL" and then click on "User Fee Decals and Transponders". Follow the online instructions. Please carry a copy of the decal application for verification if you have submitted payment and have not received your decal. You may contact the **User Fee Help Desk** at **(317) 298-1245** or email decals@dhs.gov for free assistance.

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