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**U.S. Customs and
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FACT SHEET

Reporting Requirements for all Private Boat Operators In Minnesota/North Dakota Boundary Waters

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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 location unless enrolled in an **Alternative Inspection Systems Program** that would allow arrival reporting by phone. Boaters are strongly encouraged to apply for participation under the Alternative Inspection Systems Programs.

Affected individuals are encouraged to participate 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 travelers (including United States citizens and lawful permanent residents) seeking entry to the United States **MUST REPORT** their arrival.

When Reporting Is Required:

Masters of vessels must report their arrival to CBP if having been engaged in any of the below activities:

- After having been at any foreign port or place (touched land);
- After having had contact with any hovering vessel;

Documentary Requirements under the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI)

Travelers are required to present an approved WHTI travel document upon entry into the United States. These documents include, but are not limited to, a passport, lawful permanent resident card, or any CBP Trusted Traveler document (i.e. NEXUS card). For more information on WHTI document requirements, contact the nearest CBP office or Port of Entry for assistance or www.getyouhome.gov -or- http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/travel/vacation/ready_set_go/

Reporting Procedures:

The master or designee may go ashore only to report the arrival to CBP either in person or via Outlying Area Reporting Station (OARS), or if participating in the I-68 or a CBP Trusted Traveler Program, by phone. 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 crewmember and passenger must also be in possession of an I-68 or a CBP approved Trusted Traveler document to qualify for phone-in reporting.*

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.

Where to Report:

Masters, crew and passengers participating in any Alternative Inspection Program (as identified below) may utilize the following number for phone-in arrivals: ***1-800-505-8381***

Telephone reporting may be made 24 hours a day 7 days/week. A CBP officer will provide further instructions regarding reporting and entry processing.

Physical **in-person** reporting may be completed at the:

- Baudette, MN Port of Entry between the hours of 8 AM-12 Midnight
- Crane Lake, MN Port of Entry. From May 10 – September 28, travelers may report between the hours of 7 AM – 7 PM. From September 29 – May 09, travelers may report between the hours of 10 AM – 6 PM.
- Ely, MN Port of Entry. From May 24 – September 7, travelers may report between the hours of 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM.
- Grand Marais, MN. From May 10 – September 28, travelers may report to the U.S. Coast Guard Station, between the hours of 9 AM - 5 PM.

The boat must be made available for inspection and boarding by CBP officers if instructed to do so.

Reporting may also be accomplished by using one of the CBP established Outlying Area Reporting Stations (OARS). Travelers choosing not to participate in the I-68, SVRS, or a CBP Trusted Traveler Program may utilize the OARS system. OARS sites are located at 3 locations along the U.S.-Canada border in Minnesota:

Young's Bay	Northwest Angle, MN
Carlson's Landing	Northwest Angle, MN
Bohman's Landing	Rainy Lake, MN

Fees:

All documented or registered 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. If you report your arrival in person or by telephone and a fee is applicable, you may charge the fee to your American Express, Discover, Visa or Master Card. 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.

Information on obtaining a CBP User Fee Decal may be found via the Internet at:

User Fee Decals and Transponders - CBP.gov

ALTERNATIVE INSPECTION SYSTEMS:

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 the entire boating season. The I-68 permit allows boaters to enter the United States from Canada for recreational purposes and report their arrival to CBP from a telephone at the earliest opportunity. *I-68 holders are still subject to reporting to a CBP port of entry upon CBP request.*

- To enroll in the program, each applicant must appear in person for an interview and various law enforcement checks. Proof of 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. The names and dates of birth of children less than 14 years of age may be listed on one or both parents' I-68, however it is recommended that each child have a separate I-68 form.
- Once issued, an I-68 is valid for 12 months from the date of issue and must be renewed in person at a CBP office.
- The I-68 permit is **NOT** a stand-alone WHTI compliant document. Permit holders will still need to have a WHTI approved document in their possession upon arrival to the U.S.

Eligibility:

U.S. Citizens (USC) or lawful permanent residents, Canadian Citizens, or landed immigrants of Canada who are nationals of Visa Waiver Program countries are eligible to apply for seasonal boating permits (proof of status required). 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 Locations:

Applications for I-68 permits must be made in person at the following Minnesota and North Dakota ports of entry between 8 AM-11:30 PM unless otherwise specified:

Warroad, MN	Pembina, ND
Baudette, MN	Dunseith, ND
International Falls, MN	Grand Portage, MN
Roseau, MN	Carbury, ND (9:00 am – 10:00 pm)
Crane Lake, MN (May 14-Sept 30: 7:00 am – 7:00 pm; Oct 1-May 13: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm)	
Ely, MN (May 28-Sept 11: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm)	
Grand Marais, MN (May 15-Sept 20: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm)	

(New) Small Vessel Reporting System: CBP has implemented a new Small Vessel Reporting System (SVRS). SVRS is a web-based automated on-line reporting system operated by CBP to allow participants to expeditiously report their intended arrivals from foreign. The implementation of the SVRS will allow boaters to voluntarily enroll, record people and vessel information, and report intended international arrivals in advance of departure from foreign. New applicants will be able to enroll and make an appointment for a face-to-face interview with a CBP Officer at an authorized interview site (same locations as I-68 registration locations as identified above). Once participation in the SVRS is granted by CBP, the participant will receive an email with their Boater Registration (BR) number and password for SVRS. Eligibility to SVRS is the same as identified under the I-68 program (see information above). Current members of the I-68 program or any CBP Trusted Traveler program will be allowed to participate in the SVRS program. Participants must apply on-line for a password to access the float plan functions. SVRS will issue a float plan number that will be need by the

participants when calling-in to report their arrival to CBP. Information about the SVRS and how to apply can be found online at: http://cbp.gov/xp/cgov/travel/pleasure_boats/boats/svrs.xml

OARS

The OARS program utilizes videophone technology that allows both audio and video communication with a CBP officer at a port of entry. OARS are used to facilitate the reporting of travelers who arrive to the U.S. at very remote locations away from any CBP inspectional facilities. Use of the system is free to the traveler and requires no pre-enrollment. OARS employs the same eligibility requirements as the I-68 program.

Travelers utilizing OARS must have in their possession a WHTI approved travel document.

TRUSTED TRAVELER PROGRAMS:

NEXUS:

The NEXUS alternative inspection program allows pre-screened, low-risk travelers to be processed with little or no delay by U.S. and Canadian border officials. Approved applicants are issued a WHTI compliant photo-identification/proximity card, which is valid for 5 years.

Participants typically cross the border in a dedicated lane where they present their RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) proximity card for expedited processing unless selected for a more intensive examination. Small boat operators in possession of a NEXUS card, however, may report their arrival via telephone.

To enroll in the program, each applicant must complete an application and mail it to a Canadian Customs Processing Center or apply online at: <https://goes-app.cbp.dhs.gov/>

- Include a check for \$50.00 (US Currency) per person for individuals 18 years of age and over or pay online.
- Appear in person for an interview and biometrics capture (fingerprints and photo).

Eligibility:

Citizens or permanent residents of the United States or Canada are eligible for NEXUS. Non-permanent residents demonstrating a need to utilize the NEXUS system may also be eligible. Applicants must be approved by both the United States and Canada and present proof of status. For information on the application process, program requirements, and available enrollment center locations, for NEXUS or other CBP Trusted Traveler Programs visit: http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/travel/trusted_traveler/

In Minnesota and North Dakota, applicants may complete their enrollment at the International Falls, MN, and Warroad, MN or Pembina, ND Ports of Entry.

REPORTING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES:

Please report any suspicious activities observed to
(800) 505-8381

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