



ENTRY to BERMUDA

(See last page for info on clearing back into the US)

There are two separate formalities required for entry to Bermuda – Immigration Clearance of the crew and Customs Clearance of the boat and crew. PLEASE READ THESE PROCEDURES CAREFULLY AS THEY HAVE CHANGED SINCE THE 2008 RACE. The pre-clearance is now Crew Member Pre-Clearance rather than Boat Pre-Clearance.

NEWPORT CHECK IN - IMMIGRATION

Each crew member will have to present him/herself to Bermuda Immigration at Newport Check-In. To reduce crowding at the Immigration desk it is strongly recommended that each crew member present him/herself to Bermuda Immigration at their earliest opportunity on arriving in Newport.

In order to speed immigration formalities and avoid congestion at the RBYC, the Bermuda Department of Immigration has agreed to allow pre-clearance for all crewmembers in Newport. The benefit of this service to all concerned **cannot** be overstated. It is the stamping of the passports and immigration documents that is the time-consuming process. Boats that pre-clear their crew members in Newport will still need to surrender forms to H.M. Customs in Bermuda upon arrival but hopefully this can proceed quite quickly.

Two Bermuda Immigration Senior Officers will be at registration in the Newport Pre-Race Headquarters at the New York Yacht Club Harbour Court for pre-clearance for Bermuda Immigration during the following dates and hours:

Tuesday 15th June 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Wednesday 16th June 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Thursday 17th June 10:00 am to 8:00 pm

In order to pre-clear Immigrations in Newport, **each crew member must present himself** to the Bermuda Immigration Senior Officers with the following documents:

(Note: Documents are NOT available for download. All must be picked up at Newport Race HQ).

Form or Document(s) Required

- **Bermuda Department of Immigration
Passenger Arrival Form (Pink)**
- **A valid Passport**

Completed and signed by:

Each Crew Member

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Each captain should then collect the stamped Passenger Arrival Forms for later presentation to Customs in Bermuda. This will considerably reduce the processing time in Bermuda.

BERMUDA CHECK IN - H.M. CUSTOMS

H.M. Customs Officers will be stationed in the Trophy Lounge at the RBYC entering yachts for Customs formalities.

This office will be manned during the following periods:

Monday 21st June 8 am to 5 pm
Tuesday 22nd June 8 am to 5 pm
Wednesday 23rd June 8 am to 5 pm
Thursday 24th June If required
Friday 25th June 8 am to 4 pm
Saturday 26th June 8 am to 4 pm
Sunday 27th June 8 am to 4 pm (may close earlier - to be announced)

All skippers **shall** check in with a H.M. Customs Officer upon arrival in Bermuda even **if they have pre-cleared and had their passport stamped by Bermuda Immigration in Newport to present the following documents:**

Note: documents are not available for download. The Bermuda Customs Clearance form, Declaration of Health, and Customs Traveler Declaration will be in the Skippers Bags.

<u>Form or Document(s) Required</u>	<u>Completed and signed by</u>
• Bermuda Customs Clearance-vessel, one double sided form per boat (completed in triplicate)	Skipper
• Declaration of Health (one double-sided form per boat)	Skipper
• Customs Traveler Declaration (White w/ blue lettering)	Each Crew
• Bermuda Department of Immigration Passenger Arrival Form (Pink) – page 2 stamped by Immigration	Each Crew Member
• A valid airline ticket for all crew flying out of Bermuda or evidence that such a ticket is waiting at Bermuda. E-tickets are acceptable BUT documentary proof of ticket MUST be shown, i.e. printout showing Locator ID and confirmation of flight itinerary.	Each Crew Member

H.M. Customs' clearance is to be done at the **RBYC** and **NOT** at the Yacht Reporting Center in St. Georges.

Yachts must fly their Quarantine Flag until papers have been presented to H.M. Customs at the RBYC.

If any crew member has a contagious disease, the quarantine flag must remain hoisted and all crew members must remain aboard until a Medical Officer clears the yacht.

For those not using pre-clearance of Immigrations in Newport, they will have to present all crew members' Immigrations Passenger Arrival forms and valid passports to the Customs Officers at the RBYC.

There are no Port charges as the customary passenger tax has been waived for the event. Documentation requirements are as for pre-clearance set out above.

If your crewmember needs to depart Bermuda immediately to catch a flight, please see the Duty Desk to arrange priority in the Customs' line. We appreciate all those waiting in line's support of this situation

MAKE YOUR ARRIVAL SMOOTHER: PRE-CLEAR IMMIGRATIONS IN NEWPORT!!!!

FLY IN, SAIL OUT

Visitors entering Bermuda are normally expected to have a return ticket. However, those who wish to fly into Bermuda and depart by yacht should follow this procedure.

- **The Captain of the yacht should give a letter to each crewmember who will be arriving in Bermuda by air on one-way ticket and leaving on the vessel. The letter should include the full name, date of birth, address and nationality of the crewmember, as well as the name of the vessel he or she will be joining.**

The Landing Permit fee of \$23 must be paid on arrival to an Immigration Officer in either U.S. or Bermuda dollars. Cheques should be made payable to the Accountant General.

H.M. Customs will require confirmation of accommodations if crew are arriving early or staying beyond the departure of the yacht.

CUSTOMS CLEARANCE FOR BOATS BERTHED AT RHADC

All yachts in the Race MUST clear Immigrations in Newport or at the RBYC and must submit documents to H.M. Customs at the RBYC on arrival. For yachts berthed at the RHADC, please contact the RHADC Duty Desk for transport to RBYC for Customs Clearance. Once they have cleared Customs at the RBYC, please contact the RBYC Duty Desk for transport back to RHADC.

BOATS RETURNING TO THE UNITED STATES

Foreign yachts entering the US and United States yachts returning to the US after the race, are responsible for knowing and following US Customs and Border Protection requirements. For more information please go to:

http://cbp.gov/xp/cgov/travel/pleasure_boats/boats/pleasure_boat_overview.xml

There are also links on the [Bermuda Race Newport Logistics](#) web page.