

ENTRY AT BERMUDA

THERE WILL BE A NEAR RECORD FLEET IN THE RACE AGAIN THIS YEAR. 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 VESSELS IN NEWPORT.

THE BENEFIT OF THIS SERVICE TO ALL CONCERNED **CANNOT** BE OVERSTATED. ALL SKIPPERS ARE STRONGLY URGED TO USE THE PRE-CLEARANCE SERVICE AVAILABLE IN NEWPORT. COMPETITORS THAT PRE-CLEAR IN NEWPORT WILL NOT NEED TO REPORT TO CUSTOMS IN BERMUDA.

Two H.M. Customs Officers and two Bermuda Immigrations Officers will be at registration in the Newport Yachting Center in Newport for pre-clearance for Bermuda Customs during the following dates and hours:

Tuesday 17 th June	8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Wednesday 18 th June	8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Thursday 19 th June	10:30 am to 6:30 pm

In order to pre-clear in Newport, each skipper must present himself to H.M. Customs Officers with the following documents: (NOTE: Forms are not downloadable as they are duplicate/triplicate forms. They will be available at Newport Check-In.)

Form or Document(s) Required	Completed and signed by
Pleasure craft/departure form, one double sided form per boat (completed in triplicate)	Skipper
Immigration two part passenger form	All crew
Declaration of Health, one double-sided form per boat	Skipper
Passport	All Crew

Please note that your passports **must** be stamped by the Bermuda Immigrations Officers in Newport to avoid clearing in Bermuda

Notes:

Aliens require proof of residency in US if returning back to the US

Crew sailing in and flying out:

- Should be aware that some airlines do not include the \$25 airport departure tax; and
- H.M Custom's Officers will require presentation of a valid airline ticket 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.
- If you are flying into Bermuda and departing by yacht, the skipper or owner of the yacht should give a letter to each crewmember flying in and sailing out. The letter should include full name, date of birth, address and nationality as well as the name of the vessel the crewmember will be joining.
- Each skipper must supply a crew list and he/she will be held responsible by Immigration for their crew.
- Yachts may lower their quarantine flag on arrival at Hamilton or St. Georges if free of all sickness, but if any crewmember has a contagious disease, the

quarantine flag must remain hoisted and all crewmembers must remain aboard until a Medical Officer clears the yacht.

For those not using pre-clearance in Newport, H.M. Customs Officers will also be stationed in the Trophy Lounge at the RBYC entering yachts for Immigration formalities. This office will be manned during the following hours:

Monday 23 rd June	8 am to 5 pm
Tuesday 24 th June	8 am to 5 pm
Wednesday 25 th June	8 am to 5 pm
Thursday 26 th June	If required
Friday 27 th June	8 am to 4 pm
Saturday 28 th June	8 am to 4 pm
Sunday 29 th June	8 am to 4 pm (may close earlier – to be announced)

Skippers **do not need** to check with a Customs Officer upon arrival in Bermuda **if they have pre-cleared and had their passport stamped in Newport**. Skippers who have had crew changes since Race Registration or did not Pre Clear in Newport do need to see the Customs Officers at the RBYC. For those that must clear Customs in Bermuda, clearance is to be done at the RBYC and NOT at the Yacht Reporting Center in St. Georges.

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

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