

Travel Tips for Sailing to/from Bermuda



Participants in the 2016 Newport Bermuda Race and members of return crews can make their lives and those of Bermuda Department of Border Control officials easier by following a few simple steps:

Racing crew: Bermuda Department of Border Control officers will be posted at Race Headquarters in Newport to provide pre-clearance services. In order to take advantage of this **each individual crew member must apply in person with passport in hand** (and return flight confirmation if applicable – see below), **as well as the completed Immigration Passenger form and Customs Traveler Declaration** (a single form may be presented for immediate family members sharing a common household). **Skippers must also provide the completed Bermuda Customs Clearance and Additional Crew and Passenger list.** All forms will be provided in Newport. Pre-clearing will help avoid long waits to clear in at RBYC and put you closer to that first post-race Dark 'n Stormy. The Border Control officers will process and return all forms, which are then expected to be collected by skippers and turned in to Border Control for the crew at RBYC check-in upon arrival in Bermuda.

Racing crew returning by air: If you're racing to Bermuda but flying home, you'll need to present your return ticket, boarding pass or airline confirmation to Bermuda Department of Border Control during your in-person pre-clearance interview at Harbour Court.

Return crew arriving by air: In order to clear Border Control at Bermuda's airport, you'll need a letter from your skipper confirming you're a part of the boat's return trip crew and an anticipated departure date. You'll also need your passport and a completed Bermuda Customs form (they are supplied by your airline, in flight).

Racing crew returning on a different boat: In these circumstances you'll also need a letter from your return boat skipper confirming you're a part of the boat's return trip crew and an anticipated departure date.

Entering Bermuda: On entering Bermuda, only the skipper needs to report to Border Control officers to submit, for him/herself and all other crew who have pre-cleared in Newport, the Immigration Passenger forms and Customs Traveler Declarations for each, and the Bermuda Customs Clearance and Additional Crew and Passenger List **AND the Declaration of Health** for the yacht. **Crew that did not pre clear in Newport must accompany their skipper to the Border Control Officers in Bermuda with their passport and all paperwork outlined above.**

Clearance from Bermuda: All skippers must present their **Bermuda Customs Clearance and Additional Crew and Passenger list** along with completed Immigration Passenger form and Passport for crew joining in Bermuda for the return trip to the Border Control officers at RBYC for outward clearance.

Read more about [Bermuda Race Customs and Immigration](#).

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