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Pleasure Boat Operators

Puerto Rico and US Virgin Islands

As part of Customs and Border Protection (CBP) comprehensive effort to improve security at our nation's borders while enhancing legitimate travel, including private boaters CBP has implemented the Local Boater Option (LBO) program. This option is available to frequent small boat operators and passengers in the Tampa, Miami, Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands area. The Local Boater Option will allow CBP to expedite the arrival reporting process to low risk boaters and focus enforcement efforts on high-risk boaters.

Enrollment to the Local Boater Option Program is voluntary, free of charge and will facilitate your clearance procedures. This option will allow participants, under certain circumstances, to telephonically report the arrival of the vessel, make customs declarations for any imported good and submit necessary additional information for immigration inspection purposes. Master/passenger that elect not to participate might/will be required to report to the Port of Entry for a face-to-face inspection.

Eligibility:

All U.S. citizens (USC) and lawful permanent residents (LPR) 14 years of age and older are eligible to participate. Both masters and passengers will be allowed to register; the master will be required to provide vessel information. The registrant's documentation will be reviewed and verified to establish the applicant's immigration status and identity.

Registration Location:

In order to participate in the Local Boater Option, you must contact CBP at the nearest registration location designated by the port of entry. The registrant will be provided an appointment to present all required documentation to CBP Officials. The following locations will be available for registrants in the LBO for Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Port of San Juan

CBP - Pan American Dock West
Isla Grande
San Juan, Puerto Rico 00901
Tel: 787-729-6600 or
787-289-7963

Port of Ponce

Ponce Customhouse
63 Bonaire St.
Playa de Ponce
Ponce, Puerto Rico 00716
Tel: 787-841-3130 / 3131 / 3132

Port of Fajardo

Fajardo Customhouse
500 Union St.
Puerto Real, Puerto Rico 00740
Tel: 787-863-0950 / 0102 / 4075

Port of Mayaguez

Mayaguez Customhouse
30 Gonzalez Clemente Ave.
Mayaguez, Puerto Rico 00680
Tel: 787-831-3342 / 3343 / 3352

-or-

CBP - Mayaguez Public Pier
80 Road No. 3341, Room 103
Mayaguez, Puerto Rico 00681
Tel. 787-831-3311 / 3368
787-831-3440 / 3369

Port of St. Thomas

CBP - Edward W. Blyden Terminal
Veterans Drive
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas VI 00801
Tel: 340-774-6755

Port of St. Croix

CBP – Gallows Bay Marine Facility
St. Croix, VI 00850
Tel: 340-773-1011

Port of St. John

CBP – Cruz Bay, St. John, VI 00831
Tel: 340-773-1011

Participation in this program does not preclude the requirement for a face-to-face inspection upon request by CBP Officers. Affected individuals are encouraged to participate to expedite reporting of arrival and clearance into the United States.

Failure to Report:

Failure to report can result in civil penalties as defined in Title 19, United States Code 4, 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 fine of not more than \$2,000 or imprisonment for one (1) year or both.

If you need additional information or have questions on documentation required to complete your registration, contact any of the Ports listed above.

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Area Port Director, San Juan

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