

AIRCRAFT AND VESSEL REQUIREMENTS

1. Cruise Ships

The following documents are required

- a. Clearance from last port
- b. Form C2 - Inward report of vessels
- c. Form C4 - Vessels passenger list
- d. Form C5 - Declaration of Consumable Stores
- e. Form C6 - Declaration of dutiable goods in possession of the crew
- f. Ten dollars postage stamp
- g. Health declaration

2. Pleasure Vessels

Applicable to:

- **Pleasure Vessels (Arriving Under It's Own Power)**
- **Pleasure Vessels Imported By a Bona-Fide Visitor**

The following documents are required

- a. Inward report pleasure vessel – Form C2A
- b. Cruising permit (Form C39) issued by Customs after clearance
- c. A pleasure vessel arriving in The Bahamas shall be subject to a fee of BS\$150.00 Dollars up to 35 feet and three hundred BS\$300 dollars for vessels more than 35 feet. If the vessel departs and returns within 90 days, it is exempted from payments of fees. This fee is to cover the cost of a Fishing Permit, a Cruising Permit, Attendance Fee and transportation fees payable to a Customs and Immigration Department.
- d. Where a pleasure vessel under paragraph one carries more than four passengers, every additional passenger of or above the age of six years, who is not a resident of the Bahamas, shall be subject to a tax of BS\$15.00 as specified under The Passenger Tax Act.

The Owner/Master of a pleasure vessel after completion of the necessary arrival document is issued with a Temporary Cruising Permit (Form C-39) for twelve months, initially. After the twelve month period, the Comptroller, on application, can subsequently renew the Cruising Permit for a fee of BS\$500.00 each year up to two years, making a period of stay in The Bahamas, three years in total. At the end of the three year period the vessel must leave the Bahamas or be duty paid.

No Customs clearance is required for vessels under this category when leaving for the United States. However the master of the vessel is required to return the Cruising Permit form C39 and Immigration cards by mail to (Comptroller of Customs P.O. Box N-155 Nassau, Bahamas).

Pleasure Vessels (Not Arriving Under its Own Power)

The following documents are required

- a. Entered on Form C41
- b. Deposit equal to Customs duty required on bond Form CB7
- c. Once entered cruising permission will be granted on Customs form C42.
(Temporary Import Permit for pleasure vessels not arriving under its own power)

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If the pleasure vessel leaves on a freighter the form C41 will be used as the export entry and all other relevant documents (form C39 Cruising Permit and form C42 Temporary Import Permit as well as the Immigration Forms) must be surrendered at this time.

Pleasure Vessels (Domestic Based)

The following documents are required

- a. Entered on Form C2A.
- b. Proof of duty payment of vessel required.
- c. All goods acquired while abroad must also be duty paid including all fuel in excess of 800 gallons
- d. Travel throughout the Bahamas on Form C38

3. Commercial Aircraft

The following documents are required when a commercial aircraft is being entered.

- a. Form C7 – Aircraft general declaration.
- b. Form C8 – Aircraft cargo manifest (If The Aircraft Has Cargo)
- c. Form C9 – Aircraft passenger manifest (Not Normally Required)

4. Private Aircraft

The following documents are required

- a. Form C7A – Inward declaration and Cruising Permit for private air craft