

Local Notices to Mariners

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Subject	New Reporting Procedures for recreational vessels sailing to and from the UK

This notice applies from **1st January 2022** and is intended for use by owners of pleasure craft who sail their craft to or from the UK and specifies the customs arrival and departure requirements.

Full Details are available on gov.gg website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/notice-8-sailing-your-pleasure-craft-to-and-from-the-uk/notice-8-sailing-your-pleasure-craft-to-and-from-the-uk>

Check if you need to notify the customs authorities on arrival

When arriving direct from outside the UK you must phone the National Yachtline (0300 123 2012). You will also need to inform the Yachtline if any of the following apply:

- UK VAT has not been paid on the vessel
- you have on board goods which are to be treated as surplus stores
- you have prohibited or restricted goods
- there is any notifiable illness on board
- there are any people on board who need immigration clearance
- you have carried out repairs or modifications that are not running repairs since the vessel last left the UK

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- you have goods for personal use that you need to declare and pay UK tax or duty on

You will need to comply with any further instructions that you are given.

If you are arriving from outside the UK, the National Yachtline will ask you to complete [form C1331](#) which is available on the gov.uk website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/import-and-export-pleasure-craft-on-non-eu-voyages-leaving-or-arriving-in-uk-c1331n>

You should send the completed forms to:

United Kingdom Border Force
Yacht Reports
Freight Clearance Centre
Lord Warden Square
Western Docks
Dover
Kent
CT17 9DN

You must not land goods or persons or transfer them to another vessel until a Border Force officer says you may do so.

Goods you must declare

If you are arriving from outside the UK, you must declare:

- any animals or birds
- pets if required by the Pet Travel Scheme
- any prohibited and restricted goods including certain foodstuffs
- the pleasure craft itself, if it is liable to UK VAT
- any goods which, as a visitor, you intend to leave behind when you depart from the UK
- any tobacco goods, alcoholic drinks in excess of the allowances set out in Notice 1: UK Customs Information

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- any other goods you have acquired outside the UK, where the total value of these goods exceeds £270, subject to conditions described in Notice 1: UK Customs Information

This includes any equipment which you may have bought and had fitted to the boat outside the UK. If anyone on board fails to declare goods in any of these categories, that person may be liable to a fine and the goods may be seized.

Find out if you need to fly the yellow 'Q' flag

If you are arriving from outside the UK **(and this includes the Channel Islands)** you must fly the yellow 'Q' flag so that it can easily be seen as soon as you enter UK waters (the 12 mile limit).

Do not take down the flag until you have finished reporting to the customs authorities. If you do not comply you will be liable to a penalty.

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