

NZ GUIDE FOR VISITING SMALL CRAFT AND SUPERYACHTS



NEW ZEALAND
CUSTOMS SERVICE
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BORDER REQUIREMENTS

Yachts and small craft arriving in New Zealand must comply with all border entry requirements that are in place to protect New Zealand.

Prior to arrival the master of every vessel must:

1. Notify border agencies at least 48 hours before entering New Zealand waters, 12 nautical miles from the coastline with an Advance Notice of Arrival (ANA). From time to time additional documents may also be required from a Health perspective, currently vessels need to provide an Extended Notice of Arrival (ENofA) etc. See NZ Customs website for up to date requirements. These documents need to be emailed to yachts@customs.govt.nz

On arrival in New Zealand the master of every vessel must:

2. Display the international Q-flag upon entering New Zealand waters
3. Report directly to an approved port of entry for border clearance formalities.
4. Complete and provide the following required entry documentation:
 - Advance Notice of Arrival (Small Craft) (Form NZCS 340) – Form should have been emailed already to yachts@customs.govt.nz
 - Inward Report (Small Craft) (Form C1B)
 - Import Entry (Temporary) for Yachts and Small Vessels (Form C4G)
 - Passenger Arrival Card for each person on board. Each person aboard must have a valid passport containing a valid permit/visa (if required) for the intended length of stay.
 - Border Cash Report (cash or bearer-negotiable instruments in excess of NZ\$10,000 must be declared on this form)
 - Last Port Clearance
 - Ministry for Primary Industries Master Declaration.
5. Each person on board (including crew) must pay a Border Processing Levy when they arrive and when they leave NZ. An invoice will be sent to the email address you give us on your advance notice of arrival form. Payment can be made by credit card online.

<https://www.customs.govt.nz/personal/paying-customs/>

You can find further information regarding Customs and Biosecurity procedures on the links below:

<https://www.customs.govt.nz/covid-19/maritime-border/private-yachts-and-small-craft/>

<https://www.mpi.govt.nz/import/border-clearance/ships-and-boats-border-clearance/yachts-and-other-recreational-vessels/>

You should also:

- Contact Taupo Maritime Radio ZLM on SSB 4125, 6215, 8291, 12290 or 16420 KHz when nearing New Zealand.
- Confirm your arrival four hours before arriving at the port of entry through Maritime Radio which maintains a Ch 16 VHF watch along the coast.
- Confirm actual arrival at the port through Ch 16 VHF.

Superyachts exceeding 500GT should also report to the local harbourmaster's office upon arrival on the NZ coast:

Northland

harbourmaster@nrc.govt.nz

Auckland

harbourmaster@at.govt.nz

Wellington

harbours@gw.govt.nz

Marlborough - Nelson

harbours@marlborough.govt.nz

Southland

kevin.osullivan@es.govt.nz

INFORMATION

GENERAL INFORMATION

The New Zealand Customs Service (Customs) acts on behalf of a number of government agencies, and are your first point of contact when arriving into or departing our beautiful shores. When you arrive at a Customs port of entry, you will be met by Customs and Ministry for Primary Industries officers. All people and goods must remain on board until the craft has been cleared. If arriving somewhere other than a Customs port of entry, the master of the craft must immediately report to a Customs or Police officer

- » Opuā
- » Whangarei
- » Auckland
- » Tauranga
- » New Plymouth
- » Gisborne
- » Napier
- » Wellington
- » Nelson
- » Picton

- » Lyttelton
- » Timaru
- » Port Chalmers
- » Bluff

IMMIGRATION REQUIREMENTS

Customs will provide immigration and emigration services on arrival and departure. To understand what steps to take before you travel to New Zealand, please click on the link below:

<https://www.travellerdeclaration.govt.nz/before-you-travel/steps-to-travelling-to-new-zealand/>

ALLOWANCES AND PROHIBITED/RESTRICTED IMPORTS

There are a number of goods that are restricted or prohibited in New Zealand. Please check that you comply with these rules; you also will need to make a declaration on your arrival card.

You can find more detailed information regarding your allowances and prohibited/restricted imports on the link:

<https://www.customs.govt.nz/personal/travel-to-and-from-nz/>

IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST VISIT TO NEW ZEALAND?

You will need a Customs Client Code Number

If this is your first visit to New Zealand with your private yacht, please complete a [NZCS 224A](#), prior to your arrival and email this to clientcodes@customs.govt.nz, in the subject line please type "Private Yacht Importation"

Please attach to the form

- a copy of your/owner's passport,
- evidence of the value (Bill of Sale/Insurance document) of the vessel, and
- a copy of the vessel registration

TEMPORARY IMPORT ENTRY (TIE)

All goods imported into New Zealand, including yachts and small craft, are subject to Customs duty (where applicable) and goods and services tax (GST). A Temporary Import Entry (TIE) accounts for importing and later exporting goods that will remain in New Zealand temporarily. This is up to 24 months for small craft. If you qualify for a TIE, you won't need to pay Customs charges. You will need to fill in a Temporary Import Entry for Yachts and Small Vessels form (Form C4G). By signing the declaration on the form, you agree that if your vessel doesn't leave New Zealand by the stated date, then Customs charges will be paid, or the vessel may be seized.

Any further information regarding qualifying for a Temporary Import Entry (TIE), obtaining a TIE, requesting a TIE extension, TIE's for chartering and permanently importing your yacht.

<https://www.customs.govt.nz/covid-19/maritime-border/private-yachts-and-small-craft/>

TIE Extension Requests:

For an extension request, please send Customs an application including:

Please provide

A copy of the owner's passport, evidence of the value of the vessel and evidence of the registration of the vessel

- reason for your application.
- any supporting documentation e.g. medical certificates if a medical condition prevents departure.
- letters or contracts of support from local industry if you are having a refit undertaken. This should include the expected time-frame.
- If completing the refit yourself, a copy of a detailed work plan of the work to be undertaken i.e. structural, cosmetic, essential repairs etc. (with photos if possible), and an expected time-frame for completion.
- Confirmation that your passport visa is current, and if you have made application to extend your visa or the result of that application.
- A copy of the 'yellow' form issued to your vessel on arrival.

Customs will consider each application for a TIE on a case by case basis. The more information you supply will ensure your application is processed with little delay.

Please post or email your application to:

NZ Customs Service (or your port of entry)
Service Delivery – Yachts
PO Box 29, Auckland

For further information, see the New Zealand Customs Service website:
www.customs.govt.nz

To get in touch, contact:

Call: Customs Contact Centre: 0800 4 CUSTOMS (0800 428 768)

Email: yachts@customs.govt.nz