



Coming to the UK as a visitor

You must call this number +44(0)7557 205925 (Border Force Portsmouth) before you disembark the vessel.

You do not need to call if you have existing permission to enter or remain, or have a right of entry to the UK.

You must have received notification of your permission to enter the UK prior to disembarking your vessel, this may be granted remotely (without physically seeing a Border Force Officer).

Failure to obtain permission to enter the UK may result in you entering the UK illegally and subject to enforcement action.

However, you must call the HMRC National Yachtline to make an arrival report for customs purposes +44(0)300 123 2012.

For further information visit [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk)

Sailing & Pleasure craft to and from the UK

Anyone who owns, or is responsible for, a pleasure craft (such as a yacht) that sails to or from locations outside the UK and the Isle of Man is required to provide information for customs purposes about:

- the vessel
- the voyage
- individuals on board
- goods documentation

Reporting requirements

As the UK is no longer part of the EU single market, pleasure craft owners now need to report in line with the 'Rest of World' requirements.

From 1 January 2022, all pleasure craft arriving in and departing from the UK and the Isle of Man (including those arriving in and departing from EU countries) must report in accordance with the requirements published in [Notice 8: sailing your pleasure craft to and from the UK - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Display 'Q' Flag when entering UK waters

If you arrive from outside the UK (and this includes the Channel Islands) the 'Q' flag must be flown, where it can readily be seen, as soon as you enter UK waters (the 12 nautical mile limit). Do not take down the flag until you have finished reporting to the customs authorities. Failure to comply will make you liable to a penalty.

Customs Notification

Visitors are required to call the **National Yachtline** on **+44 (0) 300 123 2012** to declare their vessel status (VAT paid, goods). See [National Yachtline - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) for more details.

Visitors seeking entry into the UK (including visitors from the European Economic Area) must call the regional **Border Force** office; Border Force Portsmouth on **+44 (0)7557 205925** upon arrival or ahead of arrival for immigration purposes. Visitors are not permitted to leave their craft until they have been granted permission to enter the UK. Border Force Officers will be available from 05:30 till 02:00 GMT every day to answer calls.

For full details see the UK Government website: [Visiting the UK as an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

eC1331 form

Before leaving and entering from locations outside the UK and Isle of Man (which includes the Channel Islands), you must advise the Border Force of your intentions by completing form eC1331 and submitting it electronically. The C1331 form can also be posted to the address on the form. Please see [Sailing pleasure craft to and from the UK - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/sailing-pleasure-craft-to-and-from-the-uk) for further guidance.

Useful links

[National Yachtline - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-yachtline)

[Sailing pleasure craft to and from the UK - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/sailing-pleasure-craft-to-and-from-the-uk)

[Border Force - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/border-force)

[Declare pleasure craft on voyages leaving or arriving in the UK \(C1331\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/declare-pleasure-craft-on-voyages-leaving-or-arriving-in-the-uk-c1331)