

## Customs License

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The Customs and Border Protection office may issue, without charge, a cruising license, normally valid for one year, to a yacht of a foreign country that has a reciprocal agreement with the United States. A foreign yacht holding a cruising license is exempt from having to undergo formal entry and clearance procedures such as filing manifests and obtaining permits to proceed as well as from payment of tonnage tax and entry and clearance fees at all but the first port of entry. These vessels must not engage in trade, violate the laws of the United States or visit a vessel not yet inspected by a Customs Agent and does, within 24 hours of arrival at each port or place in the United States, report the fact of arrival to the nearest customhouse.

Countries with U.S. Cruising License Reciprocity are: Argentina, Honduras, Australia, Ireland, Austria, Italy, Bahama Islands, Jamaica, Belgium, Liberia, Bermuda, Marshall Islands, Canada, Netherlands, Denmark, New Zealand, Finland, Norway, France, Sweden, Germany, Switzerland, Great Britain, Turkey, and Greece. Further information concerning cruising licenses may be obtained from the headquarters port for the customs district in which the license is desired or at <https://www.cbp.gov/>. U.S. yacht owners planning cruises to foreign ports may contact the nearest customs district headquarters as to customs requirements.

Local US Customs offices can be found here: <https://www.cbp.gov/about/contact/ports>