

Quick Reference Guide

U.S. Customs and Border Protection “Enhanced Security”

Effective Mid-April 2005

Affecting Boaters at Point Roberts Marina

For official detailed information and application forms contact
U.S. Customs and Boarder Protection, Point Roberts station telephone (360) 945-2314

► PEOPLE PERMITS

All persons aboard U.S. or foreign vessels, seeking entry to the U.S. are subject to clearing with U.S. Customs and Border Protection after having been

- At any foreign port or place (e.g. Canadian territory);
- In contact with any hovering aircraft;
- Anchored or engaged in fishing (e.g. crabbing in Canadian waters)

Clearing by Telephone: “Nexus” or “I-68” Programs

Only two U.S. government programs allow boaters to clear Customs and Boarder Protection by telephone. They are “NEXUS” and “I-68”. In order to use either of these programs ALL persons aboard the vessel must possess either “NEXUS” or “I-68” permits. To clear, the master of the vessel must report “NEXUS” or “I-68” numbers and name for each permit holder aboard.

For clearance by telephone, masters, crew and passengers call 1-800-562-5943

If there are ANY people aboard who do not have these permits, the master of the vessel must call for a physical inspection by Customs and Border Protection.

Eligibility, Requirements, Process and Costs

(The granting of these permits is conditioned upon several requirements and activities that are beyond the scope of this “summary”)

Costs are as follows: “NEXUS” - \$50 per person valid for 5 years

“I-68” - \$16 per person valid for 1 year (\$32 for a family)

Without NEXUS or I-68 for ALL Persons aboard (Physical Inspection Required)

The master of the vessel seeking to clear must call via telephone for a physical inspection and be able to supply the following information:

- Vessel - registration or documentation numbers;
- Persons - For Non “NEXUS” and Non “I-68” persons a passport or birth certificate numbers, and photo identification

For physical inspection at Point Roberts masters must telephone (360) 945-2314

► VESSEL PERMITS U.S. Government (State of Washington permits are separate)

Vessels with a length of 30 feet and greater seeking to enter the U.S. must have onboard or purchase from a U.S. Customs and Border Inspection agent upon inspection an annual user fee decal.

Decal cost is \$25 (at the time of this writing May 17 2005)

Vessels less than 30 feet in length do not require a permit decal. However, vessels must clear either by telephone or by physical inspection as explained above.

This information is a general overview, supplied as a courtesy to tenants of Point Roberts Marina and is neither official nor complete. For official detailed information contact U.S. Customs and Border Protection Point Roberts station telephone (360) 945-2314.