

Alternative Inspection Systems Programs

NEXUS

The NEXUS alternative inspection program allows pre-screened, low-risk travelers to be processed with little or no delay by U.S. and Canadian border officials. Approved applicants are issued a photo identification/proximity card, which is valid for 5 years. Participants cross the border in a dedicated lane where they present their membership identification and proximity card for expedited processing unless selected for a more intensive examination. Small boat operators in possession of a NEXUS member card may report their arrival via phone. Boaters can use their NEXUS membership in lieu of the I-68 for reporting purposes.

To enroll in the program:

- Each applicant must fill out an application and mail it to the NEXUS processing center in Canada.
- Include a check for \$50.00 U.S. or \$80.00 CAN per person for individuals 18 years of age and older.
- Appear in person for an interview and various law enforcement checks.

Eligibility for NEXUS

U.S. Citizens (USC), lawful permanent residents (LPR) of the U.S., Canadian Citizens, or landed immigrants in Canada are eligible for NEXUS. Applicants must be approved by both the United States and Canada and present proof of citizenship and residency.

Registration Locations

Applications for the NEXUS program can be found at <http://www.cbsa.gc.ca/travel/nexus/menu-e.html> or call 1-866-NEXUS26 for more information. There are two NEXUS enrollment centers in Michigan:

Port Huron NEXUS Enrollment Center
2321 Pine Grove Ave 2nd Floor
Port Huron, MI 48059
(810) 985-9541 ext. 256

Detroit NEXUS Enrollment Center
3033 Porter Street
Detroit, MI 48226
(313) 964-6533

I-68 Program

Under the I-68 program, applicants for admission into the United States by pleasure boats are pre-registered and issued a single boating permit for a 12 month period. The I-68 program allows boaters to enter the United States from Canada for recreational purposes with only the need to report to CBP for further inspection by placing a phone call to report their arrival. I-68 holders are still subject to reporting to a CBP port of entry upon CBP request.

To enroll in the program:

- Each applicant must appear in person for an interview and various law enforcement checks. Proof of citizenship is required at interview.
- Fees are \$16 U.S. dollars for an individual or a total of \$32 U.S. dollars for a family. The names and dates of birth of children less than 14 years of age may be listed on one or both parents' I-68, however, it is recommended that children have separate I-68 forms. Children must accompany parents to the interview.
- An I-68 is issued for a 12 month duration. A new application is required at the end of the 12 month period for continued participation in the program.

Eligibility for I-68

U.S. Citizens (USC), lawful permanent residents (LPR) of the U.S., Canadian Citizens, or landed immigrants in Canada who are nationals of Visa Waiver Program countries are eligible to apply for I-68 boating permits (proof of status required). When the I-68 is used by a person who is not a USC or LPR, admission shall be for no more than 72 hours and only if they will remain in nearby shopping areas, nearby residential neighborhoods, or other similar areas adjacent to the shore areas of the United States.

Registration Locations

Applications for the I-68 program are required to be in person at any of the following locations:

Detroit Canada Tunnel
150 E. Jefferson, Detroit, MI

Ambassador Bridge
3033 Porter Street, Detroit, MI

Blue Water Bridge; Port Huron, MI

International Bridge; Sault St. Marie, MI



Reporting Requirements For Private Boat Operators in the State of Michigan

Effective February 17, 2007



U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Reporting Requirements

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) have implemented enhanced security procedures for pleasure boat arrivals and inspection of associated crew and passengers.

These procedures require physical reporting to a designated local CBP office unless enrolled in an Alternative Inspection Systems Programs that would allow arrival reporting by phone. The Small Boat Reporting System (SBRS) is no longer valid and previously enrolled participants are NOT exempt from reporting under these procedures. Previously issued SBRS PIN numbers are no longer valid. Boaters are strongly encouraged to apply for participation in one of the Alternative Inspection Systems Programs.

Affected individuals are encouraged to participate in any of the Alternative Inspection Systems Programs described in this document to expedite reporting of arrival and clearance into the United States. Participation in any of the Alternative Inspection Systems Programs does not preclude the requirement for a physical report upon request by CBP. If entering under the Nexus or I-68 program, every person on board the vessel MUST be a participant in the Alternative Reporting Program to be eligible to utilize it.

Who Reports?

All persons seeking entry into the United States MUST REPORT their arrival.

When Is Reporting Required?

Masters of a vessel must report their arrival to CBP if they have engaged in any of the activities below:

- Been at any foreign port or place
- Had contact with any hovering vessel

Reporting Procedures

NEXUS and I-68 participants may report via phone. Non-NEXUS and Non-I-68 participants can report their arrival by phone but require a face to face interview with CBP at a designated location. No person may leave or board the boat and no baggage or merchandise may be removed or loaded until the report of arrival is made and release is granted by a CBP Officer.

Where to Report

Detroit Area

The number to call for boat arrivals in the Detroit Area is (313) 393-3949. This number is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Arrivals requiring an in-person report to a CBP Officer may be made at any of the following designated inspection locations 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

St. Clair— Metro Beach Public
Detroit— Erma Henderson Park
Trenton— Elizabeth Park

Port Huron Area

The number to call for boat arrivals in the Port Huron Area is (810) 985-9541 Ext. 235. This number is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Arrivals requiring an in-person report to a CBP Officer may be made at any of the following designated inspection locations.

Lexington Harbor
Lexington, MI
12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m., 7 days a week

River St. Marina
Port Huron, MI
24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Algonac Harbor Club
Algonac, MI
12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m., 7 days a week

Sault Ste. Marie Area

The number to call for boat arrivals in the Sault Ste. Marie area is (906) 632-7221 or (906) 632-2631. This number is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Arrivals requiring an in-person report to a CBP Officer may be made at any of the following designated inspection locations:

Sault Ste. Marie, MI
Kemp Marina
12:00p.m. to 8:00p.m., 7 days a week.

Drummond Island, MI
Yacht Haven Marina
12:00p.m. to 8:00p.m., 7 days a week.

Rogers City, MI
Municipal Marina
12:00p.m. to 8:00p.m., 7 days a week.

Mackinac Island, MI
Video Phone Reporting Station
24 hours, 7 days a week.

Information Required for Call

- Boat registration or documentation number
- Vessel name
- Vessel length
- CBP decal number for vessels 30 feet long or greater
- Captain's name and date of birth
- Name, date of birth, I-68 or NEXUS # (if applicable) of all people on board
- Value of any merchandise to be declared
- U.S. marina which you arrived or will arrive at

Failure to Report

Failure to report can result in civil penalties as defined in Title 19, United States Code, Section 1436 to include a penalty of \$5,000 for the first violation and \$10,000 for each subsequent violation with the conveyance subject to seizure and forfeiture. In addition to being liable for a civil penalty, any master who intentionally commits a violation under subsection (a) of the above stated section upon conviction is liable for a fine of not more than \$2,000 or imprisonment for one (1) year or both.

Vessels 30 Feet or Longer in Length

Upon first arrival in a calendar year, the operator must also purchase a CBP user fee decal for \$27.50 (USD). Owners or operators may prepay the \$27.50 annual fee by sending a properly completed U.S. Customs and Border Protection Form 339, Annual User Fee Decal Request to:

U.S. Customs and Border Protection
User Fee
Program Administrator
P.O. Box 382030
Pittsburgh, PA 15250-8030

OR

Owners or operators may request and prepay by credit card via the Internet through the Traveler Information links at the U.S. Customs and Border Protection website at <http://www.cbp.gov>