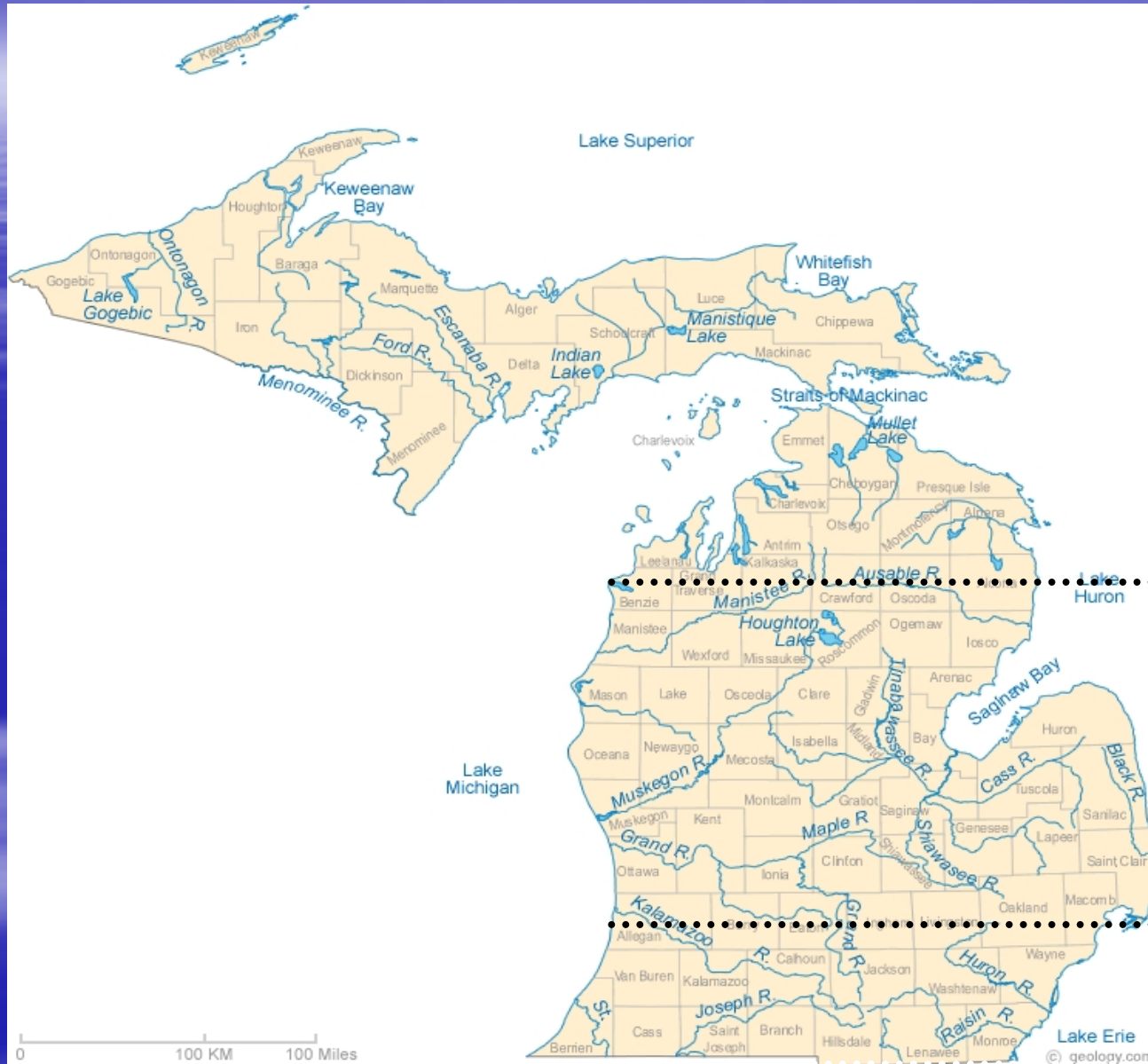




U.S. Customs and Border Protection

CBP Small Boat Program
Border Patrol
Field Operations/Port Huron

Pleasure Vessel Areas of Responsibility for Ports within the Detroit Field Office



3803 Sault St. Marie

3802 Port Huron

3801 Detroit

Who must Report?

All U.S. Citizens and alien boaters, family members and all guests entering the United States must report for inspection immediately upon arrival

When is reporting required?

Arrival of the vessel means the time when a vessel first comes to rest in U.S. waters, whether at anchor or at a dock:

- After touching foreign soil;
- After having contact with a foreign vessel, or coming in contact with a vessel entering U.S. waters from foreign waters.

Reporting Procedures

CBP clearance may be obtained by one of three methods:

1. Be in possession of a pre-approved Form I-68 or NEXUS member card and call one of the following numbers to report your arrival (up to 4 hours in advance with NEXUS);

Port Huron Area: (810) 985-9972

Detroit Area: (313) 393-3793 or (313) 393-3949

Only the master or designee may go ashore to report the arrival to CBP either in person or if participating in the I-68 or NEXUS programs, by telephone. No other 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 granted by a CBP officer.

** Each person on board the vessel must also be possession of an I-68 or NEXUS/FAST card to qualify for phone-in reporting.

Form I-68

- Pre-registered and issued a single boating permit valid for a 12 month period.
- Allows boaters to enter the U.S. from Canada for recreational purposes with only the need to report to CBP for further inspection by placing a phone call to report arrival.
- Non U.S. resident the visit is limited to 72 hours and only if they remain in the nearby shopping areas, neighborhoods or similar areas that are adjacent to the immediate shores areas of the U.S.
- Each applicant must appear in person for interview and checks. Bringing proof of identity and citizenship along with 2 passport size photos.
- Fees are \$16 USD for an individual or a total of \$ 32 USD for a family.
- I-68 Holders are still subject to reporting to a CBP port of entry upon CBP request.

NEXUS

- Allows pre-screened, low risk travelers to expedited processing for U.S. and Canadian border officials.
- Can be used at both the land border and for small boat arrivals.
- Valid for 5 years from date of issue.
- Citizens/permanent residents of the United States or Canada are eligible for NEXUS.
- Applicants must be approved by both the U.S. and Canada and present proof of status.
- Application may be made via <https://goes-app.cbp.dhs.gov>
- Application fee is \$50 US or Canadian currency per person for individuals over 18 years of age (no fee for minors age 17 and under).
- CBP will schedule an appointment for interview
- NEXUS Holders are still subject to reporting to a CBP port of entry upon CBP request.

or

2. Utilize a CBP videophone inspection station located;

- Michigan – Mackinac Island
- Ohio – Put in Bay (Bass Island), Cedar Point Marina, Brands Marina, East 55th Street, Lagoons Marina, Chagrin Yacht Club, Grand River Marina, and Ashtabula Public Dock.

If utilizing a videophone station to report your arrival, all passengers and crew must report to the videophone for inspection with identity and citizenship documents ready for presentation. Be prepared to write down the eighteen digit receipt number which must be provided to Border Patrol Agents or other law enforcement officers when requested.

or

3. Report in-person for inspection to the nearest open marine Port of Entry.

In the Port Huron reporting area the designated marinas are on the Black River.

Call (810) 985-9972

A CBP officer will provide further instructions regarding reporting and entry processing.

Have the following information when reporting:

- Name, Date of Birth and Citizenship of Master (with supporting documents)
- Name of Boat and/or Boat Registration Number
- U.S. Decal Number (if 30 ft or longer)
- Name, Date of Birth and Citizenship of all passengers (with supporting documents).
- Home Port and Current Location
- Details of visit

Fees

All vessels 30 feet in length or greater are required to pay an annual processing user fee of \$27.50 USD if crossing the international border.

Payment is required for the vessel at or before the time of first arrival of each calendar year.

Decals may be purchased via the internet at:

www.cbp.gov

Examinations

Title 19, Section 1582 of the U.S. Code authorizes U.S. Customs and Border Protection Officers and agriculture specialists to search, inspect and/or examine all persons, luggage and merchandise coming from a carrier arriving in the United States from a foreign destination.

Although CBP officers have the authority under federal statutes to inspect everyone and everything entering or leaving the United States, there are two reasons we do not:

1. Most passengers are law-abiding travelers.
2. CBP officers use random inspections to concentrate on finding those few passengers who are not obeying the law.

What to expect during examination

- Physical inspection of citizenship documentation
- Verification of all passengers on board
- Physical inspection of vessel by the CBP officer to determine if:

You owe customs duty or other taxes;

You have merchandise that you did not declare;

You have commercial merchandise;

You have merchandise that is prohibited or restricted.

Required Travel Documents

- All individuals 19 years and older
- Passport, Passport Card, NEXUS Card, Enhanced Driver's license
- Until June 1, 2009, a combination of identity and proof of citizenship documents such as a driver's license along with a birth certificate or naturalization certificate will be accepted .
- After June 1, 2009, only Passport, Passport Card, Enhanced Drivers license or Nexus card will be required.
- Children under 18 will be able to enter with only proof of citizenship.
- Verbal claims of citizenship and identity alone will no longer be sufficient to establish identity and citizenship for entry into the United States.

Additional Resources

- For other U.S. reporting information visit www.cbp.gov
- For passport information visit www.dhs.gov
- For Canada Border Services Agency information call 1-888-CANPASS or visit www.cbsa.gc.ca
- [Questions???????](#)



Source for information: Reporting Requirements for Private Boat Operators in the Great Lakes Region 2008