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Small Vessel Reporting System

New Option for Local Boaters

On-line Reporting System

United States Virgin Islands Area Port

As part of the Customs and Border Protection (CBP) comprehensive efforts to improve the security of our nation's borders while enhancing legitimate travel specifically for boaters who are enrolled in the Local Boater Option (LBO) program and prospect participants, CBP has implemented the **Small Vessel Reporting System (SVRS)**. This option is available in the Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, Tampa, and Miami area.

Effective January 01, 2011 SVRS will be available at <https://svrs.cbp.dhs.gov/>

SYSTEM FEATURES:

- SVRS is a web-based automated on-line reporting system created for LBO participants to file float plans and to expeditiously report their arrival from foreign.
- Current LBO participants will be able to apply on-line for a password to access the float plan functions of SVRS by accessing SVRS.
- New applicants will be able to enroll and make an appointment for an initial face-to-face interview with a CBP Officer at an authorized reporting location of their choosing.
- Once participation in the SVRS is granted by CBP, the participant will receive an email with their Boater Registration (BR) number and password for SVRS.
- Float plans consist of biographical information of all persons intending on traveling, vessel registration information and itinerary information.
- Once a float plan is entered and activated, SVRS will issue a float plan number. Float plan offers a tremendous safety benefit to the boaters by facilitating expeditious search and rescue operations, should they become necessary.
- Upon return to USVI, the participant will contact the centralized calling center at 1-877-305-8774 for St. Thomas, 1-877-305-8775 for St. John and 340-773-1011 or 340-773-1490 for St. Croix.

- The CBP Officer will ask a series of questions reflecting those on a Customs Declaration (CBP Form 6059B) and provide the participant with their arrival number, or refer the participant to a predetermined inspection site
- Masters and passengers that elect not to participate, in addition to reporting their arrival, will have to present themselves to the nearest CBP Office for a face-to-face inspection at a time that will be appointed by the answering officer.

ELIGIBILITY:

- All U.S. Citizens (USC) and lawful permanent residents are eligible to participate. Both masters and passengers will be allowed to register; the master will be required to provide vessel information. The registrant's documentation will be reviewed and verified to establish the applicant's immigration status and identity.

REGISTRATION LOCATIONS:

Port of St. Thomas
Customs and Border Protection
Edward W. Blyden Terminal
Veterans Drive
(340) 774-5539

Port of St. Croix
Customs and Border Protection
Gallows Bay Marine Facility
(340) 773-1011
Weekend & Holidays (8-6 pm)
(340) 773-1490 or (340) 778-0216

Port of St. John
Customs and Border Protection
Cruz Bay, St. John V.I.
(340) 776-6741

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Participation in this program does not preclude the requirement for a face-to-face inspection upon request by CBP Officers. Private boaters are encouraged to participate to expedite reporting of arrival and clearance into the United States.

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 year or both.

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