

Arriving or departing New Zealand by small craft

Yachts and other small vessels have to provide specific information before coming into or leaving New Zealand waters.



All the forms and information to assist you to complete border requirements are available on our website

www.customs.govt.nz/yachts

Each person aboard must have:

- A valid passport, certificate of identity or other travel document
- A visa (if required). For more information visit www.immigration.govt.nz
- Evidence of funds of NZ\$400 per month, if living on board a yacht
- An outward ticket (or evidence of sufficient funds to buy an outward ticket) if departing by commercial transport.

Before you arrive

At least 48 hours prior to your expected arrival time in New Zealand territorial waters (12 nautical miles from the coastline), you must go online and complete an Advance Notice of Arrival form, which needs to be sent to us using the contacts overleaf.

You must also have completed a Customs Inward Report, and a Ministry for Primary Industries Master's Declaration for biosecurity clearance before arrival into New Zealand. These forms are available on our website and can be completed electronically.

Entering New Zealand waters

When you arrive in New Zealand waters, tell us by calling Maritime Radio on one of these frequencies:

4125 kHz **6215 kHz** **VHF Ch16**

You must also display the international Q-flag.

Where to arrive

You must arrive at an authorised port of entry, where you will be met by Customs and Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) officers, and you can't let any people or items off the craft until we have cleared you.

The current ports of entry and contact numbers are:

Opua	029 602 1669
Whangarei	029 250 9305
Auckland	029 296 1375
Tauranga	07 572 8899
Picton	03 548 2099
Lyttleton	03 328 8198



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These are subject to change and an updated list is maintained on our website.

If you arrive somewhere other than a Customs port of entry, you must immediately report to a Customs or Police officer.

Restricted and prohibited items

You are not allowed to bring some items into New Zealand, and some require approval to import, including firearms and weapons. A list of items can be found on our website.

You may receive a \$400 fine if you break the law, do not comply with Customs requirements or fail to declare prohibited goods, or items exceeding customs allowances.

Border Clearance Levy

Each person must pay a Border Clearance Levy of NZ\$15.79 when they arrive and NZ\$2.94 when they leave New Zealand.

An invoice will be emailed to the address you provide on your Advance Notice of Arrival form. You have until the 20th day of the following month to pay. Late payments will incur an 8% charge on the remaining amount, and 2% for every month you don't pay.

Leaving New Zealand

You must leave New Zealand waters from an authorised port of entry. Getting the completed departure forms to us three days before your departure will help avoid processing delays. Completed departure forms must be sent to us at least four hours before you leave.

When we have approved your clearance, you must leave immediately and directly, or you risk a fine or prosecution.

The only exceptions are in an emergency, or with our permission. If the situation isn't life-threatening, but you still need to pause your journey, you must get our permission first. An officer will tell you what other requirements you must meet.

Taking duty free items out of New Zealand

You can only load duty-free consumable items when you're about to depart New Zealand. The duty-free business or ship's providore must email us the completed requisition form no more than 12 hours before you leave.

Keep receipts for any duty-free purchases you're claiming, as we may inspect them.

Further information

If you wish to charter your vessel, permanently import a vessel or extend your stay, you'll find the information you need on our website.

Contact us

Email: yachts@customs.govt.nz

Calling from New Zealand: 0800 428 786

Calling from Australia: 1 800 301 861

Calling from overseas: +64 9 927 8036

Twitter: [@NZ_Customs](https://twitter.com/NZ_Customs) | Facebook: [NZCustoms](https://www.facebook.com/NZCustoms)



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