

Effective January 1, 2006, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has implemented enhanced security procedures for small boat arrivals. This increased enforcement posture requires physical reporting to designated local CBP offices when returning from foreign ports or locations for a face-to-face inspection, unless enrolled in an Alternative Inspection Services Program that would allow arrival reporting by phone.

Arrivals requiring an in-person report to a CBP Officer may be made at any of the following designated ports of entry. The boat must be made available for possible boarding at the time of report.

If you need to leave your vessel to report your arrival, only the master or designee may go ashore to do so. After making notification to CBP, this individual must return to the vessel and remain onboard until CBP arrives.

## Designated Ports of Entry for Private Boat Operators

**Monterey, CA** (408) 291-7388  
CBP Hours of operation: 0700-2400 (M-Sat)  
(San Jose Airport)  
Designated Marina: Monterey Harbor\*\*

**San Francisco/Oakland, CA** (510) 273-4336 ext 209  
CBP Hours of operation: 0800-1630 (M-F)  
Designated Marina: Jack London Square Harbor\*\*

**Eureka, CA** (707) 442-4822  
CBP Hours of operation: 0830-1630 (M-F)  
Designated Marina: Humbolt Bay Marina\*\*

*\*\*If you intend on clearing Customs and Border Protection at any of these ports after normal business hours or over a weekend, you are required to have an appointment. Contact the local CBP Office and a U.S. Customs and Border Protection Duty Officer will provide further instructions regarding reporting and entry processing.*

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 this section upon conviction is liable for a fine of not more than \$2,000 or imprisonment for 1 year or both.

All documented or registered vessels 30 feet in length or greater are required to purchase a User Fee Decal (\$25.00) if crossing the international border.

Decals may also be purchased prior to departure via the Internet at:

<https://tradelinks4.mellon.com/cbp/Dispatcher>

Additional CBP information can be located at:

[www.cbp.gov](http://www.cbp.gov)

## Reporting Suspicious Activities



Please report any suspicious activities observed to **1-800-BE-ALERT** or to the after hours toll-free number **1-800-562-5943**.

Have a Safe and Enjoyable Boating Season!



**U.S. Customs and Border Protection**

1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, Room 5.3A  
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## Reporting Requirements for Private Boat Operators in Northern California



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