



**Australian
BORDER FORCE**

Yacht Race *Fact Sheet*

Departure

Prior to departure from Australia, Department of Home Affairs clearance is required. The Department of Home Affairs should be contacted in advance to avoid unnecessary delay. **It is an offence to depart without clearance.**

Requirements for departure

1. Vessel name and official number
2. Copy of vessels national registration.
3. Expected date and departure time and location.
4. Master and crew names, dates of birth, passport numbers and nationalities.
5. Master contact phone number and email address.
6. Next port of arrival and ETA.
7. If Australian owned is the vessel being exported? If so an export declaration is required.

Please forward these details to us approximately 96hrs prior to departure. We can adjust departure times closer to the day if weather becomes a factor.

Registering craft – the Registrar of Ships

All Australian craft or vessels, irrespective of size or type whether owned by an Australian citizen or by an Australian company, must be registered before leaving Australia. State registration does not meet this requirement.

It is necessary to apply for registration of your craft several weeks before leaving Australia. Unregistered craft will not receive Australian diplomatic protection while overseas.

You can do this by contacting the Registrar of Ships at **Australian Maritime Safety Authority**.

Arrival

When you arrive in Australia, you must first call at a port of entry where the Department of Home Affairs, and Department of Agriculture formalities can be completed. Generally we require **96 hours'** notice of arrival.

To report arrivals we require you to:

- Send an email to yachtreport@abf.gov.au
- Phone us on +61 2 6246 1325

What you need to tell us

You will need to provide:

- the name of your craft
- the craft's country and port of registration
- your intended first port of arrival
- your estimated arrival time
- the last four ports you visited
- the details of people on board including name, date of birth, nationality and passport number
- details of any illness or disease recently encountered
- if you have any animals on board
- if you have any firearms on board

When entering Australian waters you are required to clearly display the International Pratique Q-flag (yellow). A further requirement is that the craft travels directly to an appointed or agreed boarding station.

Berthing

The Department of Home Affairs, and Department of Agriculture clearance must be completed prior to going ashore.

- Please stay on board. No persons other than a Department of Agriculture or Border Force officer is allowed to board your craft, nor can any person, animal or article leave the craft until you have been given full clearance;
- Depending on your arrival time, the Department of Home Affairs and Department of Agriculture may require all persons to remain on board overnight before clearing you the following day;
- Don't throw any waste or foodstuffs overboard while you're in Australian waters or while you are moored. Use designated biosecurity disposal points;
- Keep all food and animals secure until your vessel has been inspected by Department of Agriculture officers;
- Don't trade foodstuffs with other overseas vessels;
- Keep your vessel free of insects.

To go ashore without prior clearance is an offence. Contact with other vessels in port prior to clearance is also prohibited.

Documents Required on Arrival

All people on board will be required to produce a valid passport, visa (foreign crew) and completed Incoming Passenger Card;

The Master will be required to complete a Small Craft Arrival Report.

Charges

The Department of Home Affairs does not levy any charge for clearance. However the Department of Agriculture operates on a full cost recovery basis.

Biosecurity

You must declare all personal food, plant and animal items on your Incoming Passenger Card. A Department of Agriculture officer will inspect your galley stores and other biosecurity items to ensure that they do not include prohibited goods or items infested with insects or disease. These could harm Australia's unique environment or introduce plant, animal or human, pests or diseases.

If you do not declare items of biosecurity concern, a substantial on-the-spot fine could be imposed or you could be prosecuted.

For further details on biosecurity issues visit the Department of Agriculture website.

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