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by John Clement

What is needed for the border crossing?

I asked this question of those from US with Cdn boating experience: Here is a summary of key responses:

- Don't bring a lot of alcohol or cigarettes into Canada.
- No guns of any kind. Mace, pepper spray, and stun guns are illegal in Canada.
- Carry reasonable ID. eg. military ID card, valid driver's license, voter registration card, passport. Carry papers for the car, boat, trailer, etc. Also, get a Canadian insurance card from your automobile insurance carrier to prove that you are covered in Canada in case of an accident.
- Take vaccination records for any dog. (Must have current rabies shot.)
- If travelling with children and if both parents are not present, it is a good idea for the child to have their own ID and a letter from the other spouse agreeing to the border crossing.
- It is OK to bring reasonable amounts of food/groceries from US. This can save money

Entering by water

Reference:

http://www.ccg-gcc.gc.ca/obs-bsn/facts/foreign_e.htm

This site has lots of useful information. Note that "proof of competency" is not required if boat is in Canada for less than 45 days.

If you enter Canada by boat, be sure to call Canadian Customs immediately. Marinas have either a 1-888 phone number or a telephone hot line to customs. If you aren't going to a marina, go to one anyway, call customs then go anchor out. Anchoring is the same as being there. You arrive when you drop anchor.

Pete wrote: If going into Canada by boat be sure that the marina (where you enter) that you are calling from is a designated Port of Entry. **Wayne** added: In the directions for entering Canada by boat - -you will be told to get Form such and such. That is just when you are entering by water. Do not get the form if you trailer in. We did once, in the early years - -and still have tales to tell about it.

Jack wrote: In recent years in the North Channel of Lake Huron we have noticed that the Canadian Customs personnel have appeared at Spyder Bay Marina in Little Current on a frequent basis to check US boats to see if they have properly cleared Customs when they entered Canada. For trailer sailors who have cleared customs when entering Canada by highway, there has always been the problem of how to prove that you came in by trailer. This year I decided to get some sort of a document at the border to prove my entrance by trailer. After the normal clearance at the border, I asked how I could obtain such a document. I was instructed to pull over to the office

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