

Requirements for Vessels Returning from Cuba

Owners/operators are ultimately responsible for maintaining vessel security and ensuring that no unauthorized persons or goods are brought into the United States. Failure to do so may subject the owner/operators to criminal or civil penalties, to include vessel seizure.

Security Recommendations for Recreational Vessels:

At a minimum, owner/operators of each vessel which enters a Cuban port are strongly encouraged to conduct a full search of the vessel before departure back to the United States.

Reporting for Recreational Vessels:

- Depending on the vessel's port of entry, vessel operators are strongly encouraged to contact the appropriate Coast Guard Sector to advise of their safe return in accordance with their approved Permit to Enter Cuban Territorial Waters (CG-3300):
 - Sector Miami: D07-SMB-SCCMIAMISAR@uscg.mil / phone: 305.535.8701
 - Sector Key West: SKW@uscg.mil / phone: 305.292.8727
 - Sector St. Petersburg: D07-SMB-SectorSPCC@uscg.mil / phone: 727.824.7506
- Contact information for other Captain of the Port (COTPs) zones and Sectors can be found by accessing the Port Directory on the Coast Guard's Homeport website (<https://homeport.uscg.mil/mycg/portal/ep/home.do>).

Owner/operators are reminded they must still comply with applicable requirements of other federal agencies, including U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

Security/Reporting Requirements for Commercial Vessels:

- If you own or operate a passenger vessel that is required to comply with the Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA) or International Ship and Port Facility Security Code (ISPS) and are less than 100 meters (328 feet), you are required to obtain a permit from the Coast Guard under 33 CFR part 107.
- All vessel owner/operators are reminded to review the requirements in 33 CFR part 160 regarding provision of an Advance Notice of Arrival (ANOVA) to the National Vessel Movement Center (NVMC). This includes U.S. flagged vessels in commercial service (one or more passengers for hire) arriving from a foreign port and foreign vessels in commercial service.

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