



**MINISTRY OF FINANCE
BUREAU OF CUSTOMS & EXCISE**

**NOTICE TO OWNERS/MASTERS OF OVERSEAS YACHTS
CONDITIONS OF TEMPORARY ENTRY INTO PAPUA
NEW GUINEA**

CUSTOMS REQUIREMENTS

PORT OF.

Visiting yachts may enter and remain in Papua New Guinea waters without payment of import duty provided they comply with requirements of the *Papua New Guinea Customs Act*, Chapter 101. The law requires visiting yachtsman:

1. To report their yachts inwards at a Customs declared port on arrival in Papua New Guinea and to clear outwards at a Customs declared port prior to leaving Papua New Guinea.

Whilst cruising in Papua New Guinea Waters you must report in and out of every Port you visit. These Ports are listed as follows

Port Moresby	Kavieng
Rabaul	Kimbe
Kieta	Samarai
Vanimo	Daru
Lae	Lorerigau
Madang	Oro Bay
Wewak	Alotau

2. At first port of call in Papua New Guinea, you will be required to present your clearance from your last overseas port together with the following documents and forms for examination to the Customs Boarding Officer or any Customs Officer who first visits your yacht on your arrival.

- (a) Passports for all persons on board the vessel including masters and crews of the yacht. (see 3)
- (b) A crew List and passenger list showing full particulars of all personnel on board. (A passenger list is not required if all persons on board are regarded as crew).
- (c) A stores list showing high dutiable goods such as liquors, beer, cigarettes and tobacco including life saving drugs on board.
- (d) All arms and ammunition must also be declared on the stores list and these will be placed under seal on board.

3. IMMIGRATION REQUIREMENT

All persons arriving in Papua New Guinea including yachtsmen, their crew and passengers must be in possession of valid travel documents, properly visaed with an entry permit.

4. PLANT AND ANIMAL QUARANTINE

As Papua New Guinea is uninfested with many overseas diseases, you must report the presence of any live animal, reptiles, fish or birds of any kind, or fresh meat, fruits and vegetables on board your yacht.

5. (a) In the case of a true bona-fide yachtsman who is merely visiting a port for provisions, perhaps some repairs to his vessel and at the same time visits places of interest ashore, a security or a cash deposit is not required provided that he can prove to the satisfaction of the Collector of Customs that the vessel has not been in Papua New Guinea Waters for more than 2 months from the date of entry into Papua New Guinea. Consequently, the maximum period a vessel may remain in Papua New Guinea is two months without security.
- (b) If however you have been granted an extension to your entry for a further period of two months, then a security by way of a bond arranged with a local Bank or a cash deposit (which is refundable) covering the duty ordinarily payable to the satisfaction of the Collector of Customs. Such a guarantee is discharged provided that the vessel is not sold or otherwise disposed of in Papua New Guinea and that it leaves the country within the time allowed.
- (c) In all cases, a visitor/tourist to Papua New Guinea is not permitted to engage in any employment whether paid or unpaid, however if a work permit is granted and you take employment, the following procedure in regards to the importation of your yacht is required

Yachts and other vessels not exceeding 9.13 metres in length and vessels which the Comptroller of Customs is satisfied are for sporting and pleasure purposes are liable to import duty of 25%.

However, if your employment contract is for a short period only, say no more than 12 months and provided that your yacht is not to be used commercially, you may enter your yacht under Section 107 as detailed in (b) above.

6. A customs Boarding Officer attending to provide service on your arrival will be able to assist you should you have any doubts of our requirements.
7. Attached to this notice is a declaration, which the captain of the yacht will sign, as having read and understood the provisions as laid down in the notice.