

Returning to LSYC from Canada

In addition to the usual passport/passport card requirement for foreign travel, US Homeland Security requires boaters returning to LSYC from Canada to check in (like you do at airports and driving across the border by car).

There are 3 options they offer (besides the impractical face to face check in). Every crew member must check in with Homeland Security. Here are details on the requirement http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/travel/pleasure_boats/boats/pleasure_boat_overview.xml

There is an additional requirement for boats 30' and larger in length (costs \$27.50 per year) http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/travel/pleasure_boats/user_fee/user_fee_decals.xml.

Check-In Options

1.) NEXUS. Allows check-in via cell phone, costs \$50 and is good for 5 years, but requires a one-time in-person interview with officials in Buffalo or Detroit.

http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/travel/trusted_traveler/nexus_prog/nexus.xml

2.) I-68. Allows check-in via cell phone, costs \$16, and is good for one year.

http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/travel/pleasure_boats/boats/cbbl.xml Customs and Border Patrol comes to LSYC in the Spring to process these for us, or you can travel to the nearest facility in Middleburg Heights at 6747 Engle Rd; you can reach them by phone at 440 891-3800 x2536. There is also an office for the Sandusky/Toledo area, and the number is 419-259-6424.

3.) Video phone (known as OARS). Sail to the nearest video phone first before arriving at LSYC. The 3 nearest phones are at Cedar Point Marina, Put in Bay, and E55 in Cleveland. Please note that our experience with these phones is that they are not always working and when they are, there can be a delay to use them (hours).

http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/travel/pleasure_boats/boats/oars.xml

Please note that the first two options must be applied for in advance of your travel to Canada.

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