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PORT OF COLUMBUS PIPELINE

TO : Pleasure Boat Operators, Customs and Border Protection Officers, and
Other Interested Parties.

SUBJECT: Issuance of Canadian Border Boat Landing Permits, CBP Form I-68, at the
Port of Columbus, Ohio.

The purpose of this pipeline is to advise the Central Ohio boating community that the Customs and Border Protection (CBP) office in Columbus is accepting applications for Canadian Border Boat Landing Permits, CBP Form I-68. The Port of Columbus office is located at 6431 Alum Creek Drive, Suite A, Groveport, Ohio 43125. Office hours are 08:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. It is recommended that applicants call the CBP office at 614-497-1865 in advance to ensure that a CBP Officer will be available for the inspection and application processing.

General Information on Pleasure Boat Reporting/Inspection Requirements

Operators of pleasure vessels, arriving in the United States from a foreign port or place to include any vessel which has visited a hovering vessel or received merchandise outside the territorial sea, are required to report their arrival to CBP immediately pursuant to 19 CFR 4.2. The master of the vessel must report their arrival at the nearest CBP facility or other location designated by the port director. CBP contact information by location is available on the CBP website at http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/travel/pleasure_boats/boats/pleasure_locations/.

Regulations pertaining to inspection requirements for *persons* entering the United States are established under the 8 CFR 235.1. Applications to lawfully enter the United States shall be made in person to a CBP Officer at a U.S. port of entry. The following alternative inspection programs satisfy a boater's legal requirement to report for an in-person inspection when entering the United States on a pleasure craft along the northern border of the United States:

- Canadian Border Boat Landing Permit (I-68)
- NEXUS - detailed information on the NEXUS program is available on the CBP website at http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/travel/trusted_traveler/nexus_prog/.

Persons in possession of a valid, unexpired, I-68 or NEXUS card may enter the United States by means of a pleasure craft along the northern border without further inspection. However, they

must still telephonically report their arrival to satisfy the requirements of 19 CFR 4.2 (see above link to CBP website for CBP contact information).

Boaters not in possession of a valid, unexpired, I-68 or NEXUS card must either report in person for inspection at a port of entry or other designated location, or utilize one of the Outlying Area reporting Station (OARS) videophones. OARS locations that meet the requirement for an in-person inspection are listed on the CBP website at http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/travel/pleasure_boats/boats/oars.xml.

Canadian Border Boat Landing Permit (I-68) Program

The Canadian Border Boat Landing Permit program, after initial inspection and issuance of Form I-68, permits persons entering the United States by means of a pleasure craft along the northern border of the United States to report their arrival into the U.S. telephonically without having to appear at a port of entry for an in-person inspection. There is no requirement that boaters obtain an I-68. However, boaters who choose not to obtain Form I-68 (or NEXUS card) must report in person for inspection by a CBP Officer at a port of entry or OARS location each time they enter the United States.

I-68 Eligibility

The following individuals are eligible to participate in the I-68 Program.

- United States citizens
- Lawful Permanent Residents of the United States
- Canadian citizens
- Landed Commonwealth Residents of Canada
- Landed Residents of Canada who are nationals of Visa Waiver pilot Program countries who also have a valid stamped Form I-94W, Visa Waiver Arrival-Departure Record, or Form I-94, Arrival-Departure Record if they were previously admitted with a valid unexpired visa.

I-68 Application/Inspection Process

The initial inspection involves an interview, checking the individual in the Interagency Border Inspection System (IBIS) and possibly other law enforcement databases, completion of the I-68, and payment of the applicable fee. Each person who is 14 years of age or older must appear in person for inspection.

All I-68 applicants must present evidence of citizenship, and, if not a citizen of the United States or Canada, evidence of legal permanent resident status in either the United States or Canada. Applicants must also provide 3 passport-sized photographs. Once approved, page one of the three-part I-68 will be issued to each applicant age 14 years of age and older. The names and dates of birth of children less than 14 years of age must be listed on one or both of the parents' I-68.

The fee for an individual I-68 is \$16.00. There is a family cap of \$32.00, but each member of the family who is 14 years of age or older must obtain a separate Form I-68. A family is defined as a husband, wife, unmarried children under the age of 21, and the parents of either husband or wife who reside at the same address. Approved I-68s will remain valid for one year from date of issuance unless revoked by CBP.

Additional information on the Canadian Border Boat Landing Permit program, including conditions for participation, revocation, and compliance checking, may be obtained on the CBP website at http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/travel/pleasure_boats/boats/cbbl.xml and in [8 CFR 235.1\(g\)](#) .

Should you have any questions concerning this pipeline, please contact Craig L. Vette at 614-497-1865.

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