

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has implemented enhanced security procedures for small boat arrivals and inspection of associated crew and passengers. These procedures may require physical reporting to a local CBP office within twenty-four (24) hours of arrival, reporting to a designated Physical Reporting location, or using OARS (Outlying Area Reporting Station). This will be determined at the time of reporting.

Who Reports:

All U.S. Citizens and aliens seeking entry to the United States MUST REPORT their arrival.

When Reporting Is Required:

Masters must report their arrival to CBP if they have engaged in any of the below activities:

- After having been at any foreign port or place;
- After having had contact with any hovering vessel;
- After having conducted any activity in foreign waters other than for simple navigation to points in the U.S.

Reporting procedures:

If everyone on board is registered in an alternative inspection program (either I-68 or NEXUS) the master may report the arrival telephonically via the number listed below in A. All others must report the arrival to CBP in person or via OARS as listed below in B. No other person may leave or board the boat and no baggage or merchandise can be removed or loaded until the report of arrival is made and release granted by a CBP officer.

I. Report by Phone:

For vessels arriving in Ohio or Pennsylvania you may call 1-888-523-BOAT(2628)

In the Detroit Area you may call:

1-313-393-3793 or 1-313-393-3949

In the Port Huron area you may call:

1-810-985-9541

In Northern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula you may call:

1-906-632-2631

In New York State you may call:

1-800-827-2851

II. Report in person:

Physical in-person reporting can be done by calling in advance one of the following Ports of Entry:

Erie, PA,	(814) 833-1355
Cleveland, OH	(216) 267-3600
Ashtabula, OH	(440) 998-3073
Toledo, OH	(419) 259-6424
Sandusky, OH	(419) 625-0022

during normal duty hours: 0800 - 1700 Monday through Friday and 1000 - 1800 on weekends. The boat must be made available for inspection and boarding by CBP officers.

OARS

The OARS program utilizes videophone technology that allows both audio and video communication with a CBP officer at a port of entry. OARS is used to facilitate the reporting of travelers who arrive to the U.S. at very remote locations away from any CBP inspectional facilities. Use of the system is free to the traveler and requires no pre-enrollment.

Reporting can also be accomplished using the CBP Outlying Area Reporting Station (OARS) system. OARS sites are located at 12 locations along the south shore of Lake Erie:

Put-in-Bay	Bass Island, OH
Cedar Point Marina	Cedar Point, OH
Brand's Marina	Port Clinton, OH
East 55th Street	Cleveland, OH
Lagoons Marina	Mentor, OH
Chagrin Yacht Club	Eastlake, OH
Grand River Marina	Fairport, OH
Ashtabula Public Dock	Ashtabula, OH
Presque Isle	Erie, PA
Dobbins Landing	Erie, PA
Perry's Landing	Erie, PA
Lampe Marina	Erie, PA

Telephone reporting may be made 24 hours a day 7 days/week. A CBP officer will provide further instructions regarding reporting and entry processing.

Failure to Report:

Failure to report can result in civil penalties as defined in Title 19, United States Code, Section 1436 to include a penalty of \$5,000 for the first violation and \$10,000 for each subsequent violation with the conveyance subject to seizure and forfeiture. In addition to being