

NOTICE TO FOREIGN VESSELS ENTERING ZULULAND YACHT CLUB INTERNATIONAL ARRIVALS FROM INTERNATIONAL WATERS

Any vessel coming from international waters needs to register on www.osasa.org.za before any communication or entry can be done, this is to be done 72hrs before arrival, but can be done before setting sail to Richards Bay, South Africa. Please don't arrive not doing this procedure as you will have 24hrs to refuel, repair and provision, before having to leave the port. You will not be cleared into the country. This has to be done before hand so that we can add you onto an entry list of the port.

Once you have registered and completed all paperwork on line and paid a R300 once off registration fee on line, all your documents will be channeled to the correct departments and contact persons.

On arrival call Port Control on CHANNEL 12 to request permission to enter harbor – Please note this is very important, Port Control will not respond to any calls made to them on Channel 16.

Upon entering the harbor, proceed to Small Craft Harbor, you are required to tie up on the concrete wall, in front of the Dros restaurant and on completion of registration (before arrival in SA) you will receive and free pratique approval from Port Health, by this time your yellow flag (Q) will be raised. You will then wait for immigration to attend to you at your boat. This means that until Immigration stamps you, you cannot climb off your boat.

You will then proceed to customs with assistance of either your OSASA representative or a taxi will take you to Customs. Only one person has to go with boat papers and passport.

MAKE NOTE!! Please make sure you keep all SARS (South African Revenue Services) documents in a safe place as you will need it through your clearing out of South Africa.

Once you have cleared Port Health and Immigration and Customs you may proceed to the Zululand Yacht Club (Please confirm with ZYC before arriving at the club)

Pets in Transit

All cats and dogs are to be vaccinated pre-arrival with documentation that port health will confirm.

Sailing Yachts from International Yachts are in transit and only in the country for a short time, pets are not being imported but are “in transit” and there do not have to go to the State quarantine facilities which is in Cape Town

However, they do still need to have valid vaccination certificate etc and - most importantly - are required to remain in quarantine aboard the boat in question for the entire transit. They are not allowed ashore.

Moving on to the next ports

Before leaving ZYC, you will obtain a flight plan from ZYC office and have to obtain a stamp from the SAPS (South African Police), you will then submit the Flight plan for

clearance in the office, which will then give you 36 hours to leave port. Please take 2 copies of your flight plan with you to the SAPS and all your crew.

ENSIGN AND COURTESY FLAG

Ensign

A SA flagged vessel must wear her ensign as required by the Merchant Shipping Act, which includes when entering or leaving a foreign port and on demand. It is recommended that the ensign is worn at all times in daylight, especially when near to or in sight of land or another vessel.

Courtesy Flag

Although a custom rather than a legal requirement, most countries expect a courtesy flag (a small version of the coastal state's maritime ensign) to be flown by foreign flagged vessels at the senior signaling position, acknowledging that they will respect the Republic of South Africa's jurisdiction laws and sovereignty.

The courtesy flag should be hoisted on entering another country's territorial waters. On a single mast yacht the correct position is as the upper most flag at the starboard crosstrees. If a motor cruiser does not have a dedicated signal halyard, a suitable prominent position should be used as a substitute.

Q Flag

If you are arriving from abroad on board a boat under its own propulsion, unless you are certain that you do not need to, e.g. you do not need permission to enter a country or the country has stated otherwise, you should fly the Q flag on first entering territorial waters.

The crew should normally remain on board the vessel until the skipper has completed the necessary customs and immigration formalities, then the Q flag may be taken down.

CUSTOMS AND IMMIGRATION

Normal Clearing Procedures

Every crew member on board requires a recognized travel document such as a valid passport and visa when required.

Customs and immigration practices vary and may include prior notification of your arrival. Refer to The arrival (and departure) process which may require you to visit the offices of several different authorities. Your stay may be limited in duration either by restrictions on the temporary admission of the vessel or on the length of time the people on board is permitted to stay in the country.

A visa may be required; it is advisable to check well before your arrival to the country as

visas can take time to procure. Some countries permit short visits visa free, but require a visa or a residency permit for longer stays. If you are requiring to stay longer than three months your visa extension must be applied for on arrival as it takes long to get it approved.

Also remember that if you keep your vessel in South Africa for longer than 6 months you will have to import your vessel.

Abnormal Clearing

Procedures Lost/Expired

Documents

Any vessel carrying persons with lost/expired passports and visas, must report this to immigration officials. On humanitarian grounds, immigration officials will consider each case on merit and grant access to club facilities. Such persons will be confined to a designated mooring for that purpose, Furthermore, such persons must apply to visit shops for buying essentials, after consultation with immigration and according to guidelines issued by immigration officials. Permission will be issued in writing.

Such persons must sign the register at the main security office upon exit and entry on each occasion as mentioned above.

Undesirable Persons

A person may be declared as being “undesirable” for a variety of reasons by immigration. In such cases, the boat in question will be allocated a berth which will be monitored by closed circuit television. The conditions of their stay will be stated by SAPS and/or immigration and monitored by security at the club.

Timeous arrangement must be made in advance

No personal may approach or board the yacht until immigration has stamped your passports.

The above procedure is effective immediately and will remain in force until advised otherwise. These procedures are subject to change at short notice and it is important that you stay in contact ZYC and your OSASA port office. Visit www.osasa.org.za for more information.