



# **Information Leaflet**

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## **Immigration Clearance of Yachts**

### **Clearance at immigration anchorages**

Vessels, including yachts are required to present for immigration clearance prior to their departure from and upon arrival in Hong Kong waters. Upon departure and arrival, the master of the vessel has to anchor the vessel at one of the Approved Immigration Anchorages and to hoist the prescribed immigration examination signal waiting for the immigration examination.

Approved Immigration Anchorages refer to the 'Eastern Quarantine and Immigration Anchorage' which operates from 0600 to 1800 hours, the 'Western Quarantine and Immigration Anchorage' and the 'Tuen Mun Immigration Anchorage' operating 24 hours round the clock. Their physical locations are illustrated in the 'Hong Kong Harbour Plan' issued by the Marine Department.

Immigration examination signal is, by day, the letters 'HNN' shown by signal flags, and by night, three white lights in a vertical line one over the other, equally spaced at a distance of not less than one metre and visible from any direction at a distance of at least one nautical mile.

Under Immigration Ordinance, no person is allowed to leave or board the vessel (except Port Health officer or pilot in their course of duty) and nothing shall be removed from or placed on board the vessel until immigration examination is completed.

### **Documents required**

During the examination, the master has to furnish the following documents for inspection:

- (i) Crew list in triplicate for arrival clearance and in duplicate for departure clearance;
- (ii) Passenger list in duplicate for both arrival and departure clearance;
- (iii) Travel documents or Hong Kong Permanent Identity Card of all persons on board; and
- (iv) Completed arrival/departure cards of persons on board, if necessary.

### **Special arrangements**

Under the special arrangements, the master will not be required to anchor the yachts at immigration anchorage for immigration examination, provided that he or his representative presents, within 24 hours before the intended departure or after the arrival of the yacht in Hong Kong waters, the documents mentioned above to the Harbour Control Office at 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Central Government Pier, 32 Man Fai Street, Central for examination. The vessel's licence and a valid Port Clearance Permit issued by the Marine Department should also be produced at the time of examination. Harbour Control Office operates 24 hours round the clock.

The clearance is on boat-to-boat basis, i.e. all documents must be presented for examination in a single batch by ship name. Master of the vessel should ensure the composition of crew and passengers for the proposed voyage is fixed before they present for departure clearance. If there is any change in the composition after departure clearance, the event must be reported to Harbour Control Office. Depending on circumstances, the vessel may have to present for clearance again.

### **Visa / entry permit requirements for yachtsmen**

Yachtsmen, including both crew members and passengers, will be treated as ordinary passengers. Visa-free nationals may be permitted to remain in Hong Kong on visitor status in accordance with the visa free period of their nationalities. However, visa-required nationals or visa-free nationals who want to stay beyond the entitled visa-free period should apply for a visit visa before coming to Hong Kong. For more information on visa / entry permit requirements for visitors to the HKSAR, you may refer to the Immigration Department's web page on "Visit Visa / Entry Permit Requirements for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region" or the pamphlet "Do you need a visa for the HKSAR?" (ID290).

For enquiries, please contact the department's Information Office at 2824 6111 or the Harbour Control Section at 2534 7119 (office hours) or 2543 1958 (outside office hours).



## 有關帆船/遊艇的出入境檢查手續的資料單張

### 在入境船隻碇泊處辦理出入境檢查手續

所有船隻，包括帆船/遊艇，在離開香港水域前或進入香港水域時，均須辦理出入境檢查手續。船長須把船隻碇泊於其中一個入境船隻認可碇泊處，並懸掛指定的入境檢查訊號，等候檢查。

入境船隻認可碇泊處是指「東面檢疫及入境船隻碇泊處」，該碇泊處的開放時間為上午六時至下午六時；以及「西面檢疫及入境船隻碇泊處」和「入境船隻屯門碇泊處」，這兩個碇泊處均為全日二十四小時開放。海事處印製的「香港海港圖」載有上述碇泊處的實際位置。

入境檢查訊號日間以旗號題示‘H.N.N.’三個字母，夜間是以三隻白燈自上而下垂直顯示，燈與燈之間保持等距至少 1 米，並且須在最少一海里範圍內從任何角度均可看見。

根據《入境條例》的規定，在檢查工作進行期間，任何人均不可離開或登上已抵達香港的船隻(執行職務中的領港員或衛生人員除外)，亦不得從船上移去任何東西或將任何東西搬上或放置於該船隻上，直至辦妥入境檢查手續為止。

### 所需提供的文件

在檢查期間，船長須提供下列文件，以供查閱：

- (i) 船員名單一式三份，以供入境檢查；以及船員名單一式兩份，以供出境檢查；
- (ii) 乘客名單一式兩份，以供出入境檢查；
- (iii) 船上所有人士的旅行證件或香港永久性居民身份證；以及
- (iv) 船上人士已填妥的旅客抵港申報表或旅客離港申報表(視乎需要而定)。

## **特別安排**

在特別安排下，船長可無須把帆船/遊艇碇泊於入境船隻碇泊處等候出入境檢查。船長或他的代表只需在預備離開香港水域前或進入香港水域後的 24 小時內，親身前往中環民輝街 32 號中區政府碼頭 2 樓港口管制組遞交上述文件辦理出入境檢查手續。在檢查期間，他亦應出示船隻牌照和海事處簽發的有效出港證。港口管制組全日二十四小時運作。

由於出入境檢查手續是按每艘船隻辦理，故所有文件必須按船隻名稱一次過出示，以供檢查。船長在出示有關文件以辦理出境檢查手續前，必須確保擬議航程的船員和乘客名單已經落實。辦妥出境檢查手續後，如上述名單有任何變動，必須向港口管制組匯報。如情況需要，有關船隻或須再次辦理出境檢查手續。

## **乘坐帆船/遊艇人士的簽證和進入許可規例**

乘坐帆船/遊艇進入香港的人士(包括船員及乘客)均會被視作一般乘客。獲免簽證國家/地區的人士，可獲准依照所屬國籍的免簽證訪港期限，以旅客身份逗留香港。任何訪港人士如非享有免簽證待遇，或打算逗留超過免簽證訪港期限，應在來港前申領旅遊簽證，詳情可瀏覽入境處網頁有關「[香港特別行政區的旅遊簽證和進入許可規例](#)」的說明，或參閱《你前來中華人民共和國香港特別行政區時，是否需要持有簽證》(ID 290A) 的小冊子。

如有查詢，請致電入境處詢問處 (電話：2824 6111) 或港口管制組 (電話：2534 7119 (辦公時間) 或 2543 1958 (辦公時間以外))。