



CRUISING PERMIT GUIDELINES FOR ISSUE

General

Cruising Permits are issued to Pleasure Craft by the Maritime Authority of Jamaica in accordance with the Shipping Act, 1998, upon satisfaction that:

- (i) The Pleasure Craft holds a valid registration
- (ii) The registration documents held will be in effect for the full term of validity of the permit
- (iii) The vessel has been granted clearance into Jamaica by the relevant border control agencies (Customs, immigration etc)
- (iv) The crew and personnel onboard have been satisfactorily identified

The Permit is issued for a term of Six (6) months from the date of clearance into Jamaica. A Fee is payable for issue of the permit.

In order to renew the permit upon expiration, it must be demonstrated that the vessel has been outside of Jamaican Waters for a minimum term of Fifteen (15) consecutive days. Evidence of inward clearance given by a foreign port, is required.

U.S. Vessels

Special Bi-Lateral Arrangements in place allow for Pleasure Craft registered (or documented) in the United States of America, to cruise Jamaican waters uninterrupted for a period of **One (1) year**. U.S. flagged vessels need therefore not to renew their Cruising Permit until after one year. A Fee of USD300 applies. Jamaican Yachts enjoy similar benefits when cruising U.S waters.

Other Foreign Vessels

A Cruising Permit may be issued by the Custom's Department upon arrival of a vessel in Jamaica or subsequent to arrival but not after the vessel has commenced cruising. It is a breach of the law for a foreign vessel to cruise Jamaican waters without a Cruising Permit. It is also a breach for monetary or other gifts to be given Government Officials, to facilitate certification for Cruising.

A. Issue by Customs Department

A Yacht arriving Jamaica need only produce an "Application for Cruising Permit" to the Custom's Official and pay the relevant Fee. In the process of granting clearance to the vessel, all other particulars necessary for the grant of the Cruising Permit, will be verified but by the Custom's Department. The Department will then issue the Permit.



B. Issue by Maritime Authority of Jamaica

A vessel may apply for a Cruising Permit subsequent to arrival in Jamaica but prior to commencement of crewing activities. The vessel will also need to submit an Application and pay the relevant fees. In that event, the Application may be submitted to the Maritime Authority or to the Custom's Department.. In addition to the above however, the vessel must prove Items 1-4 have been satisfied

The fee of USD150 applies for the issue of a Cruising Permit valid for Six (6) Months. Upon fulfilment of the requirements, the Cruising Permit will be issued