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NEWSLETTER 01/16

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen

This is the first Newsletter - Included will be response(s) to your questions and queries. Where we are able to we will provide feedback on information we received from you, in most cases this will be a progress report. Also included will be information that you may find useful. If you do not wish to receive these newsletters, please email us so that we can delete you from the distribution list.

Firstly, many thanks to those who have emailed us (poolegmtteam@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk) . Here are this month's:

1. Many thanks to the fishing boat skipper who promised a cup of tea to the Team when they visit. He also raised H&S issues regarding boarding his vessel when he has a full compliment of anglers on board. The Team will only board when the boat is in the harbour. Cutter interceptions (at sea) have appropriate safety procedures.
2. Many thanks to the yachtie who was not happy about the way he was treated when our cutter crew intercepted his boat. We sent the Maritime Team member who covers his area to meet him and get a full explanation of what happened.
3. Many thanks to the person who raised concerns about a potential sailing student. The information we received has been forwarded to the National Maritime Information Centre for evaluation.
4. Many thanks to the yachtie who suggested that the team have a dedicated DSC number, which would be much more discrete for reporting incidents. As VHF is restricted to line of sight, it would be ineffective without booster stations. As such, it would not be cost effective. If no internet or mobile phone access is available, always contact the Coastguard in the first instance, they will in turn contact Border Force.
5. Many thanks to the Marina manager who suggested that our posters/notices should include a warning that the maximum prison sentence for facilitating migrants into the UK is 14 years. This should act as a deterrent for those who may be considering such an act.
6. Many thanks to the Shipping Agent who suggested that bunkering (refueling) vessels should be exempt from emailing crew and passenger lists to Border Force due to the limited time they were in the UK. This suggestion has been passed to our policy makers who will consider it. Until further notice, all commercial ships arriving in the UK are to submit crew/passenger lists containing full name, date of birth, nationality and passport number (or seamen's book number) prior to arrival.

Also included in this Newsletter is:

Information on the “**National Maritime Single Window pilot**”, primarily for Ships Masters, Handlers and Agents.

An information letter for the **Recreational Boating community**.

Rules regarding **Sailing your pleasure craft to and from the UK** which is primarily for sailing yachts but also relevant to fishing boats which visit France and even the Channel Isles.

Words of Wisdom

Are you aware of your allowances (cigarettes, tobacco, alcohol and gifts) into the UK?
If not – please Google **Customs Notice 1** this will give you all the details you require

Next newsletter

If there is any you wild like included in the next newsletter, email:
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BORDER FORCE Communication

LAUNCH OF UK NATIONAL MARITIME SINGLE WINDOW PILOT

The United Kingdom Department for Transport launched on 28th January 2016 a portal known as the **National Maritime Single Window** (NMSW) in a pilot form. The NMSW allows ships' masters and agents to submit some electronic pre-arrival reports to UK authorities in advance of arrival to/departure from UK ports.

The pilot NMSW is available to use at <http://maritime.dft.gov.uk/>.

The NMSW has been launched on a pilot basis and existing reporting arrangements will be accepted **until summer 2016**. There are no new reporting requirements.

The pilot NMSW ensures that the **FAL forms 1, 5 and 6 reports** are sent in the correct format, to **Border Force and HMRC only** and at the correct time. The system has been designed to be easy to use, and will automatically check for common errors or inconsistencies in some of the data provided.

Users are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the NMSW during this time, and report any feedback to NMSW@dft.gsi.gov.uk. Training for industry will be provided by Border Force and a timetable for industry will be provided shortly.

If you require any further information about the NMSW please contact the Carrier and Engagement Data Analysis Team (CEDAT) within Border Force Intelligence at carriers@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk

Further announcements will be made in due course regarding expansion of the NMSW once the pilot phase has completed.

This information is not restricted and can be shared with industry stakeholders.

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Border Force is committed to understanding and responding to the needs of the recreational boating community.

Our role is to prevent smuggling and illegal immigration. To do this it is important for us to have a relationship with boaters based on trust and confidence.

Our aim is to disrupt border crime, not your cruise or race. However, should we need to board your boat, our officers will:

- Be clearly identifiable as Border Force through hull, ensign, RHIB sponson, uniform and produce warrant cards on every occasion.
- Recognise and respect the right of privacy for boaters and only board vessels when it is safe and necessary to do so.
- Ensure that requests for information are limited to those which are necessary to disrupt smuggling and not disclose such information to any third party or use it for any other purpose.
- Address concerns raised by the skipper and investigate any reported incidents, complaints or damage.
- Assist the boating community in any reasonable way possible at sea.

You can assist our officers by:

- Recognising and respecting that Border Force officers perform an important and legal duty.
- Allowing Border Force officers to carry out their duties as quickly as possible.
- Maintaining course and speed, unless otherwise requested, in order to allow safe boarding.
- Being ready to provide details of ports of departure destination and the number of people on board



If you see or hear of any smuggling activity, please call the Customs hotline on 0800 595000 or call 01202 579233 between 07:00 and 22:00

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Sailing your pleasure craft to and from the UK

Make sure you know the rules

Are you arriving from within the EU?

If you have goods to declare and/or persons onboard requiring Immigration Clearance you must contact the **National Yachtline** on +44 (0)300 123 2012

Are you leaving the UK and sailing directly to a Member State within the EU?

- You do not have to notify us unless asked to do so by a Border Force Officer

EU

Are you arriving from outside the EU? (for pleasure craft reporting purposes this includes the Channel Islands)

Non EU

You must:

- Fly the Q flag
- Contact the **National Yachtline** on (0)300 123 2012
- Complete and send form C1331: Part 2 to Border Force

Are you leaving the UK and sailing directly to a non-EU country?

Prior to your voyage you must:

- Complete and send form C1331: Part 1 to Border Force

Complete your C1331 form correctly – there are heavy penalties for making false declarations.

To obtain a copy of C1331 visit GOV.UK and search: C1331

For more information visit **GOV.UK** and search 'sailing your pleasure craft to and from the UK'.

Heard or seen anything unusual or suspicious in or around our coastline?
Call your local Border Force Maritime Team on 01202 579233 or email dorsetborderforce@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk