

Private Vessels with Weapons, Firearms or Ammunition Aboard:

All firearms and/or weapons on board a private vessel must be declared to customs when entering the Turks and Caicos Islands. Upon entry you will be required to fill out and present the following.

- a) The Turks and Caicos Report Inward or Customs Clearance Form
- b) The Turks and Caicos Immigration form - per person (only required if remaining in the TCI for more than 24hours)
- c) Proof of Citizenship—Passport

Visiting Boaters:

Visiting boaters to the Turks and Caicos Islands must notify and clear Customs and Immigration when arriving at the nearest designated Port of Entry. A task force comprising of Customs and Immigration officials will come to your vessel to conduct a search. All passengers must remain onboard the boat until it has been cleared. A Report Inward or Customs form must be completed and everyone on board must have proof of citizenship. Also, if remaining in the Turks and Caicos Islands for more than 24 hours each person must fill out an immigration form. U.S. citizens must present a passport. If you have firearms or weapons on board you must declare them to Customs officials. It is recommended that prior to your arrival you have a completed list of all firearms and/or weapons on board and an exact count of ammunition to be attached to your Report Inward.

If remaining in the Turks and Caicos Islands for 24 hours or less, you will be permitted to have your firearms and/or weapons on your boat, although you cannot remove them from the boat. They must remain on the boat in a locked compartment at all times. If you remain in the Turks and Caicos for more than 24 hours with firearms and/or weapons on board, the firearms or weapons on board will be confiscated by customs and held with the Royal Turks and Caicos Police Force until your departure. You must notify Customs or the Task Force at least 24 hours prior to your departure so that firearms and/or weapons can be returned to you in a timely manner.

In cases of emergencies which require departure by air, you must notify Customs and the Royal Turks and Caicos Police Force. Your firearms and/or weapons will remain with the Royal Turks and Caicos Police Force until your return to the Islands and departure by your vessel.

If you fail to declare firearms and/or weapons accordingly, you will be considered to be in illegal possession of a firearm or weapon, a crime that is severely punishable under laws of the Turks and Caicos Islands.

Cruising permits:

Cruising permits are required for vessels that will be in Turks and Caicos territorial waters for 7 days or more. They must be purchased at a minimum of three months at a cost of \$300 each. Forms can only be obtained at ports of entry or by contacting The Harbour Master on each island. Telephone numbers for each office are listed below.

TCIS Harbour Master phone list

Grand Turk office: 649-946-2325

Providenciales office: 649-946-4450

South Caicos office: 649-946-3214

North Caicos office: 649-946-7109

Entry/Exit into and out of the TCI:

When entering and exiting the Turks and Caicos Islands all persons are subject to further questioning and their personal belongings, and conveyance are subject to search.

All passengers arriving in the Turks & Caicos Islands who are 17 years of age or older are allowed to bring with them, free of import duty the following:

1. One liter of spirits OR two liters of wine (less than 25% by Volume)

EITHER 200 cigarettes

OR 100 cigarillos

OR 50 cigars

OR 250 grams of smoking tobacco

50 grams of perfume OR 0.25 liters of toilet water

2. VISITORS/NON-RESIDENTS: Other dutiable goods purchased outside of the islands to a total value that does not exceed \$50 USD per person, together with items of a personal nature for use during a temporary stay and which will be re-exported at the end of the stay provided the goods are neither prohibited nor restricted nor for commercial purposes. **GOODS IMPORTED FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES MUST BE DECLARED ON MERCHANDISE IN BAGGAGE FORM.**

PROHIBITED OR RESTRICTED GOODS INCLUDE:

- Controlled Drugs and Utensils used therewith
- Firearms, ammunition and explosives (including fireworks) unless accompanied by a valid license, signed by the commissioner of Police.
- Obscene items or pornographic literature, films or videotapes.

ATTEMPTS TO IMPORT ANY PROHIBITED ITEMS CAN RESULT IN PROSECUTION, THE IMPOSITION OF FINES AND/OR IMPRISONMENT AND SEIZURE OF GOODS.

CASH OR NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS: The transportation of cash or negotiable instruments regardless of the amount is legal. However if you take out or bring into the Turks & Caicos Islands more than \$10,000 (U.S. or foreign equivalent, or a combination of the two) in coin, currency or negotiable instruments such as a draft bill of exchange, debenture bonds of a company, script certificates to the bearer for shares or share warrants to the bearer, you are required by LAW to declare all to Customs. Failure to declare the TOTAL amount you are carrying may lead to seizure of all the cash or negotiable instruments and may subject you to legal proceedings and/or criminal prosecution.