



A few helpful numbers: USCG

U.S. Coast Guard

<http://homeport.uscg.mil>

All of New England sits within the U.S. Coast Guard's **First District**. The First District is divided into five sectors, each its own Captain of the Port zone. Contact the individual sectors when crossing them.

Sector Northern New England

(Maine and New Hampshire)

207-767-0320

Sector Boston

(Plymouth to Salsbury, Mass.)

617-223-3000

Sector Southeastern New England

(Rhode Island and Southeast Mass.)

401-435-2300

Sector New York

(New York and north New Jersey)

718-354-4001

Sector Long Island Sound

(New York and Connecticut)

203-468-4472

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

www.cbp.gov

According to CBP news releases, "arrival of a vessel" is defined as the time when the vessel first comes to rest in U.S. waters, whether at anchor or at a dock.

Upon arrival, the following is required:

1. Name, date of birth and citizenship of all persons on board (including passport numbers)

2. Name of the boat and/or boat registration number

3. U.S. decal number

4. Homeport and current location

5. Return contact number

CBP may require that the master and passengers report physically to a staffed CBP office. CBP is not broken into districts or sectors as the U.S. Coast Guard is. Here are CBP offices in various yachting ports, traveling north to south.

Maine:

Bar Harbor

121 Eden St.

+1-207-947-7861

8 a.m.-9 p.m., daily through October

Portland

312 Fore St.

+1-207-771-3600

6 a.m.-10 p.m., Monday-Friday

Massachusetts:

Boston

10 Causeway St., Room 603

+1-617-565-6147

8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday

New Bedford

37 Second St.

+1-508-994-5158

8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday

Gloucester

100 Cummings Center, Room 422A,

Beverly

+1-978-921-0782

8 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday

Rhode Island:

Newport

320 Thames St.

+1-401-847-2744

9 a.m.-7 p.m., Monday-Friday

Providence

49 Pavilion Ave.

+1-401-941-6326 Ext: 0

8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday



Numbers: U.S. CBP, pilots

Connecticut:

Bridgeport

915 Lafayette Blvd., Room 201
+1-203-367-9487
8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday

New Haven

150 Court St., Suite 672
+1-203-773-2040
8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday

New York:

JFK International Airport

Bldg #77, Jamaica, NY
+1-718-487-5164
8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

New Jersey:

New York/Newark (The area north of Manasquan, N.J., and south of the Poughkeepsie Bridge on the Hudson River, including the north and south shores of Long Island.)

Make initial report at 877-209-8526.
1100 Raymond Blvd.
+1-973-368-6100
8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

Pilot associations

In general in the United States, every foreign-flagged vessel – regardless of gross tonnage or draft – and every American vessel under register must employ a pilot licensed by the state in which the vessel traverses.

Individual states govern pilotage and set parameters such as tonnage, length, draft and rates by state law.

Pilots, however, are not government employees but rather private industry professionals. State laws give them to authority to waive the rule requiring pilotage and also to impose fines for those

vessels who violate the rule. Each state is different.

A captain traveling in New England last summer suggested that captains should communicate with the local pilots association about their intended course. If they are able to demonstrate knowledge of an area (it doesn't hurt to mention the name of a previous pilot that has been on board, this captain said) and request a waiver, sometimes a waiver of a pilot is granted.

American Pilots Association in
Washington, DC
202-484-0700
fax: 202-484-9320
www.americanpilots.org.

In **Massachusetts**, yachts over 350 gt need a pilot.

Boston Harbor Pilot Association
617-569-4500, VHF Ch. 20
www.bostonpilots.com

In **Rhode Island**:

Northeast Marine Pilots (in Newport)
401-847-9050 or 800-274-1216
fax 401-847-9052
www.nemarinepilots.com
dispatch@nemarinepilots.com.

In **New York**, yachts over 100 feet in length need a pilot.

Sandy Hook Pilots (for ports in NY, NJ, Hudson River, Hell Gate and Long Island Sound)
718-448-3900
fax 718-447-1582
www.sandyhookpilots.com

These numbers were obtained from Internet searches and government press releases.