



Royal Torbay Yacht Club

OFFSHORE WEEK 2025

Friday 27th June to Sunday 6th July
2025

Customs

Now that Britain has left the EU there are separate customs processes that must be followed to allow us to sail outside of our territorial waters. Below are links to the process's documents and an outline of what to do. At least this year things are a bit simpler than in the last few years.

It is the skipper's responsibility inform customs if you have non-UK nationals on board.

In a nutshell:

- Check in and out of the UK
- Check in and out of Guernsey
- Check into Paimpol
- Check out of Treguiur
- Check into and out of Guernsey (again)
- Check back into the UK (update your previous form as necessary)
- From your crew declarations we will collate a customs manifesto. And therefore, we should not need our passports stamped.

The info for each procedure uses in the main the same info, just each time it is on a different form.

Now don't blame me for this bureaucracy, I just unravel what to do and we just follow the procedure. It's not difficult, just quite a bit of it but at least a bit less than last year. This must be done or there could be **serious** consequences, don't complain; just do it.

Leaving and returning to UK

<https://www.spcr.homeoffice.gov.uk/>

Click the link above and follow the instructions. You will need to create an account if you don't have one. Fill in the form online. That way the system remembers you, your boat and your crew details, making it easier to fill out the details for the return journey.

- Do this before you leave the UK.
- As I see it, upon your return to the UK, you do not have to fly a Fly the Q flag on entering UK territorial waters if you have completed and updated as necessary the customs online form. You do not need to phone the National Yachtline on 0300 123 2012 unless things have changed and you have not updated online.



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Entering and leaving the Channel Islands - Guernsey

[Declaring passengers and goods - private vessels - States of Guernsey \(gov.gg\)](#)

Click the link above and follow the instructions.

Essentially this means:

- Fly a yellow 'Q' flag before you enter Guernsey waters.
- Upon arrival in St Peter Port, you will be handed declaration form GC27. Fill it in and post it in the customs box and then take down your Q flag.
- One form per boat
- The above process applies when you arrive from the UK and must be repeated when you return from France.

Entering and leaving France

- Make sure your Crew declaration form is completed and returned to the club so we can create a customs manifesto.
- The form (in Word and PDF formats) is on the Event web site: [Offshore week 2025 | Royal Torbay Yacht Club](#)
- The form is to be completed by each skipper TWICE (once for arrival and once for departure) by ticking the correct arrival or departure box. Email your completed forms to emilia.hogan8@gmail.com **do not** email them to the French ports or French customs even though the form may suggest this.
- one for arrival into Paimpol
- one for departure from Treguier
- We should not need to have passports stamped or see the Border Force thanks to this special dispensation.
- You should fill out your forms now
- Fly your French courtesy flag

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