

The New Small Vessel Reporting System

As part of the Customs and border Protection (CBP) comprehensive effort to improve security of our nation's borders while enhancing legitimate travel for small boaters, CBP has implemented the Small Vessel Reporting System (SVRS).

Overview: SVRS enables boaters to report quickly and easily to CBP their arrival from foreign waters by calling in from their landing port. It is a free, easy to use, voluntary program that you enroll for online.

Eligibility: SVRS is available to all U.S. citizens, nationals and lawful permanent residents; Canadian citizens and permanent residents of Canada who are nationals of a Visa Waiver Program (VWP) country. Current Local Boater Option participants, Trusted Traveler Program (NEXUS) members and current holders of I-68 (Canadian Border Landing Permits) must apply for enrollment in SVRS on-line in order to participate, but they do not need to schedule an interview with a CBP officer to complete their application.

How to Enroll: The enrollment system is Web-based. New applications register online and self-schedule an interview with a CBP officer at an authorized reporting location of their choice. Participants receive a welcoming email with their Boater Registration (BR) number and password for SVRS. The system is currently deployed in Florida, Puerto, United States Virgin Islands and the **U.S./Canadian border**.

Apply at <https://svrs.cbp.dhs.gov/>.

You must still call in by phone upon arrival in the U.S. The program requires you to file a float plan on line as well, which is an important safety benefit.