

ADVICE ON BRINGING YOUR BOAT TO THE UK

Eligibility for Temporary Admission

When you arrive in the UK from abroad with your boat, the default position is that import VAT and duty are payable on the current value of the boat. This will be the case unless you are entitled to relief. One such relief is Temporary Admission.

To be eligible for Temporary Admission you must be bringing your boat to the UK for private use.

- The boat must be registered outside the UK.
- The owner must be resident outside the UK.
- The boat must be identifiable (eg. by its registration number, name or hull identification number).

If you meet these conditions, you should be allowed to bring the boat into the UK for up to 18 months.

Trailing a boat to the UK

If you are eligible for Temporary Admission and you are trailing a boat you intend to re-export to the UK for a holiday or to take part in a sailing regatta on arrival in the UK you can make a declaration by conduct by driving through a green channel at the port of arrival. If you are trailing the boat to the UK on the owner's behalf you must have written consent from the owner.

The boat should be registered in the name of someone established outside GB/Isle of Man. If the boat is not registered, it should be owned by someone established outside GB/Isle of Man.

Question: In my country we do not have a boat certificate, what paperwork do I need?

Answer: Any documents to confirm you are the owner such as the invoice for the boat, insurance certificate or a confirmation of entry to the World Championship. Then at the point of entry into the UK go through the green channel and show your documents if asked.