

1. **PORT PAPERS**

1.1 Each vessel must have paperwork on board before departure (and extra copies) containing:

- Valid **Passports** for every person on board with photocopies (see item 2.2 below)
- **Temporary Boat Import Permit (TIP) (see item 3.2 below).**
- Crew List (and about 5 copies) showing full name (same as on passport), age, nationality and position of responsibility of everyone on board. **The crew list may be obtained during the check-in process in San Diego.**
- Boat Documentation: The original (and about 5 copies) of the vessel's name, homeport, current state registration or federal documentation certificate or documentation number, gross tonnage and net tonnage, length, breadth and depth.
- Proof of Mexican Liability insurance and hull insurance covering the length of your trip and the destination of your farthest point South (see items 4.1-4.2 below)
- Individual Fishing Permits if fishing gear is on board the vessel (see item 3.1 below).
- Notarized Letter of Authorization if a captain is to be left in charge of the boat.
- Notarized Letter of Authorization from the legal owner if a vessel is financed, borrowed or chartered or if it is documented under an LLC or company (see item 1.3 below).
- Notarized Letter of Authorization (with several copies) for a minor child (under 18 years old) traveling without both parents. The accompanying person/parent must have a letter of permission from the parent(s) or legal guardian not present to take the child to Mexico.
- For pets on board the vessel, an International Health Certificate must be obtained as close to departure as possible from the pet's veterinarian with a complete description of the pet and proof of vaccinations.

**IMPORTANT NOTE: Arrangements are being made to allow pre-clearance in San Diego. However, even if pre-clearance in San Diego is allowed, you will be required to complete the check-in process in Ensenada, and will need to have your paperwork with you.**

**Please check back for further updates!**



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## DOCUMENTS for MEXICO



- 1.2 Each owner is responsible for acquiring his own port papers. These papers, if you desire, may be also obtained from:

Newport Beach

Romero's Mexico Service (Joan Irvine)  
120 Tustin Ave., Suite E  
Newport Beach, CA 92663  
Ph (949) 548-8931  
Fax (949) 645-7901

San Diego:

Dona Jenkins  
Maritime Document Service  
1050 Rosecrans St., Suite 3  
San Diego, CA 92106  
Ph (619) 223-2279  
Fax (619) 223-1002

- 1.3 If the vessel is borrowed, chartered, or financed, you will need a notarized letter from the legal owner (i.e., bank, finance company, individual), authorizing the skipper to use the vessel in Mexico. If there is to be a change of skippers, the additional person(s) must be named as well. The letter should include: vessel name, make, registration/documentation number, and length of stay in Mexico.

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## 2. **PERSONAL PAPERS**

- 2.1 Each visitor entering Mexico by land or sea must obtain and complete a Tourist Card (also known as "Tourist Visa") issued by Immigrations at their initial port of entry (Ensenada for FUBAR). This visa will be surrendered to Immigration officials at their last port (or airport) when processing out of Mexico. The tourist entry fee is approximately \$25.00 and paid in U.S. cash. Tourist Visas are validated for 30, 60 or 90 days and, upon request, to 180 days maximum.

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- 2.2 All persons must carry with them a Passport (and around 6 copies) with at least 6 months validity from day of entry into Mexico as proof of Citizenship (Birth Certificate, or Military Discharge papers, Voter Registration, Hospital Certificates and expired Passports are no longer accepted as of January 2007). Please note that persons carrying a passport from a country **other than** the United States, Mexico and Canada, must check with the Mexican Consulate for further requirements.
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### 3. **PERMITS**

- 3.1 Boat fishing permits are no longer required, but **Personal Fishing Licenses** are required and can be obtained via mail or fax prior to your departure through the Oficina de Pesca (CONAPESCA) in San Diego located at: 2550 Fifth Avenue Suite 15, San Diego, CA 92103. They may be reached by phone at (619) 233-4324 or by Fax at (619) 233-0344. Every crew member must have a license if there is a fishing pole on board the vessel. Ask for the exact fees and form of payment. Information and application for Personal Fishing Licenses may also be obtained at their website [www.conapescasandiego.org](http://www.conapescasandiego.org). They are also available for an additional fee at Romero's Mexico Service, Dona Jenkins Document Service and some tackle shops throughout Southern California.
- 3.2 **A Temporary Boat Import Permit (TIP) should be obtained in advance at [www.banjercito.com.mx](http://www.banjercito.com.mx) (choose IITV, then English and then go to temporary import for boats).** This permit allows you to leave your boat in Mexico when you fly out and/or need to import parts for your boat duty free. If it is not obtained in advance, it can be obtained at the first port of entry in Mexico (e.g., Ensenada), but documentation will take longer to be processed. For this reason, you are strongly encouraged to obtain the TIP in advance through the web site listed above or at the Mexican Consulate in Los Angeles. If you do wait until the port of entry, you will need to take your valid tourist card ("visa"), boat registration or document (including boat model, builder, and engine numbers) to Immigrations. This permit could be valid up to 10 years. The fee is about \$60 (U.S). **This permit can also be obtained at Romero's Mexico Service.**
- 3.3 No firearms may be on board.

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#### **4. INSURANCE**

- 4.1 Check with your insurance broker regarding hull insurance, and be sure it covers the time period of your trip and the destination of your farthest point South. Most policies end approximately 20 miles south of Ensenada, therefore a rider must be added for extended coverage.
- 4.2 Check with your insurance broker regarding Mexican Liability Insurance. A Mexican company must write liability insurance to be accepted by Mexican officials as proof of financial responsibility.

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#### **5. ENTERING MEXICO**

- 5.1 Skippers will need to enter and clear port in Ensenada. The skippers will obtain a departure notification document from Immigrations or the Customs Broker as proof that the vessel has been officially cleared.
- 5.2 Agricultural Inspectors at Puerto Los Cabos are presently requiring vessels to dispose of all U.S. beef products.
- 5.3 Skippers, upon arrival in La Paz, must make a courtesy call to the Port Captain. The Port Captain can be reached on VHF channel 16 or at (612) 122-4037. Before leaving La Paz, it is necessary to advise the Port Captain of your departure. **The manager at Costa Baja Marina will facilitate this procedure for the skippers.**

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#### **6. RE-ENTERING THE UNITED STATES: US Customs and Border Protection**

- 6.1 A U.S. Customs User Fee Decal is required on all boats entering the U.S. and should be obtained in advance from the Department of Homeland Security. They can be reached by e-mail at [dcals@dhs.gov](mailto:dcals@dhs.gov), by phone at (317) 2981245, by Fax at (317) 290-3219, or their Web site [www.cbp.gov](http://www.cbp.gov). Go to the "Travel" icon, choose "Pleasure Boats & Private Flyers". Then go to "Pleasure Boats." And also, "Pleasure Boats Requirements by Location (CA-Long Beach or San Diego)