



SAILOE

GUIDE DE BORD - GUADELOUPE

SAILOE CARAIBES

Chef de base

+ 590 (0) 690 80 89 95

Siège administratif et commercial

+ 33 (0) 2 97 84 61 61

charter@sailoe.com

SUMMARY

WELCOME TO THE SAILOÉ BASE AT THE BAS DU FORT MARINA - GUADELOUPE -	3
INTRA-ARCHIPELAGO CLEARANCE OBLIGATION	3
NAVIGATION PRACTICES IN THE WEST INDIES	5
FISHING LOCKERS	5
Marina Exit and Entrance, Lower Fort	6
Safety Guidelines for Anchoring – Antilles & Grenadines	6
THE WINDS	9
IMPORTANT TECHNICAL INSTRUCTIONS	10
INSTRUCTIONS & PROHIBITIONS	11
FISHING	16
SCUBA DIVING	17
YOUR RETURN TO THE BAS DU FORT MARINA	18
MARINE WEATHER FORECASTS	20
ISSUED BY / ISSUED BY CROSS AG	20
CROSS AG / MRCC	21
EMERGENCY NUMBERS	22
CLEARANCE IN THE LESSER ANTILLES	23
GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR CLEARANCE	23
CUSTOMS / CUSTOMS	27
OTHER INFORMATION	29

WELCOME TO THE SAILOÉ BASE AT THE BAS DU FORT MARINA - GUADELOUPE -

Boat handover – Skipper's responsibility

Your boat handover will take place at the agreed time with our base manager , in his presence or that of one of our technicians, and the person in charge of the boat (the skipper).

This moment is crucial : it affects the safety of the ship , its crew , and the smooth running of your cruise .

The skipper bears full responsibility for the boat and its crew for the entire duration of the rental.

It is therefore up to him to follow with the greatest attention the technical explanations provided by our team during the handover (maneuvers, safety equipment, routine maintenance, emergency procedures...).

We recommend that the skipper set aside a quiet, focused moment during this briefing , without interruptions or distractions, to fully absorb the key points.

Feel free to film or photograph the explanations so you can refer to them if needed during the cruise.

INTRA-ARCHIPELAGO CLEARANCE OBLIGATION

Since September 1, 2024, a prefectural decree requires boaters to complete clearance formalities for all departures or arrivals at sea, even when traveling to another French port in the Antilles (Guadeloupe, Saint-Barthélemy, Saint-Martin, Martinique), even if you are going to another island in the archipelago (Les Saintes, Marie-Galante, and La Désirade). This includes travel between the islands of Guadeloupe.

This measure aims to strengthen maritime security and better control ship movements in the maritime zone of the French Antilles.

The clearance declaration is only done online via the official website:

<https://www.demarches-simplifiees.fr/commencer/declaration-clearance-antilles>

Once the declaration is completed, you will receive a clearance certificate with a digital customs stamp.

This document must be printed and kept on board.

If you have difficulty accessing the internet, you can go to an authorized clearance point to complete the process on site.

Here are some approved locations where you can complete the clearance process:

Place	Hours of operation
Marina Bas-du-Fort	Monday to Saturday: 8:00 am / 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm / 5:00 pm; Sunday: 8:00 am – 12:00 pm - Contact: +590 590 93 66 20
Rivière Sens Marina	Monday and Sunday: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM; Tuesday to Friday: 10:00 AM – 10:00 PM
Marina of Deshaies	Weekdays: 8:30am – 12:30pm / 4:00pm – 7:00pm; Sunday: 9:00am – 1:00pm
Town Hall of Terre-de-Haut (Les Saintes)	Monday to Friday: 8:00 am – 12:00 pm / 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm; Closed Wednesday afternoon and weekends
Marie-Galante Airport	Monday to Friday: 8:00 am – 12:00 pm / 2:00 pm – 4:30 pm; Closed Wednesday afternoon and weekends

This information is provided for guidance only. It is recommended to check opening hours with each authorized location before visiting.

2024 LIST OF APPROVED LOCATIONS IN THE LESSER ANTILLES :
[PREFECTURAL CLEARANCE GUIDE](#)

Penalties for non-compliance

Failure to comply with the clearance procedure exposes the ship's captain to penalties provided for in Article 410 of the Customs Code and Article L.5242-2 of the Transport Code, which may include fines or legal proceedings.

For more information on clearance in the West Indies, please refer to page 18 of this guide.

To contact us after your departure

Sailoe Caraïbes – Marina Bas du Fort
Mobile/ WhatsApp : 0690 80 89 95
Email : sailoe.caraibes@sailoe.com

NAVIGATION PRACTICES IN THE WEST INDIES

Essential reading

Sailing in the Caribbean requires special attention and a good knowledge of local specificities.

The archipelago is located in Zone B according to the international maritime buoyage convention: the lateral signals are reversed compared to the mainland.

When entering a port or marina : keep to the **red** markers on the **starboard side** and the **green ones** to **port** .

On exiting, it's the opposite : **red** to **port** , **green** to **starboard**. An error in the direction of the buoyage can quickly lead to grounding, especially in areas of reefs or shoals.

FISHING LOCKERS

Increased vigilance regarding fishing traps

Sailing around Guadeloupe and its islands (Les Saintes, Marie-Galante, La Désirade, the Leeward Coast, etc.) requires constant vigilance due to the numerous fishing traps. These are often marked simply with plastic bottles , jerrycans , pieces of polystyrene , or small colored floats , sometimes half-submerged, making them difficult to see from a distance or in rough seas.

It is essential to maintain a constant watch on the helm , even when the autopilot is engaged: the latter in no way replaces active monitoring . A moment of inattention can quickly lead to a line getting caught in the propeller, causing serious damage or immobilizing the boat.

To reduce the risk of encountering lobster pots, it is strongly recommended to favor navigation areas at least 60m deep , particularly during coastal or inter-island journeys.

Navigate carefully, especially at sunrise and sunset when visibility is lower, and always keep a close eye on the water's surface.

EXIT AND ENTRANCE TO THE LOWER FORT MARINA

Exiting the Bas-du-Fort Marina requires great caution. Several incidents occur each season on the south cardinal mark which marks an area of shoals — many boats hit it or run aground there by mistake.

It is imperative to follow the marked channel to its end before any maneuver, and to avoid crossings or changes of course within it.

Sailing maneuvers are strictly prohibited in the channel and the marina, except in the event of engine failure. In this exceptional situation, it is mandatory to immediately notify the harbor master's office by VHF channel 9 or by telephone before attempting to enter .

Safety Guidelines for Anchoring – Antilles & Grenadines

Anchorage in the Caribbean offer spectacular settings, but they require caution , observation , and adherence to a few rules. essential . These precautions guarantee not only the safety of the boat and its crew, but also the preservation of the fragile seabed in the region.

Arrival and visibility

- Always arrive at your anchorages during the day : identifying the seabed, reefs and coral areas is then much easier.
- Never sail at night . This practice is prohibited by contract and not covered by insurance . Furthermore, the port lights and buoys indicated on charts are not always operational.
- In coral areas, favor navigation between 10am and 3pm, when the sun is high, in order to identify coral heads.
- In the Grenadines , avoid leaving your anchorage after 4pm , as the reflection makes reading the water difficult and obscures the reefs.

Map marking and reliability

- The lateral buoyage system is reversed in the Antilles (**Zone B**):

When entering a port or channel , the **red buoys** leave themselves to **starboard** and the **green ones** to **port** .

- trust buoys or beacons encountered, especially in the Grenadines : their position often varies and does not always correspond to the maps.
- When reading nautical charts, check the depth units indicated (meters, feet or fathoms) to avoid any dangerous confusion.

Environmental and health regulations

- In the Grenadines , regulations require The mandatory closure of toilet valves, under penalty of a fine that can reach 2,000 USD .
- It is therefore mandatory to emptying black water tanks at sea , only during long voyages, at a sufficient distance from the coasts and protected areas.
- Respect the mooring buoy areas where they are present (particularly in Tobago Cays, Mayreau, or Bequia). Anchoring is often prohibited there to protect the corals.

SAILOÉ Advice

- Avoid hasty maneuvers : take the time to observe the wind, current and density of the water body before dropping anchor.
- Always check the fit of your anchorage (snorkeling recommended).
- Protect your propeller: if in doubt on a cluttered or coral bottom, raise the chain slightly and check the position.
- Always maintain an active watch : even with GPS and autopilot, keep an eye on other vessels, fishing nets and unmarked buoys.
- Anticipate the weather: check the forecasts every morning (VHF, Windy app or Navionics). If in doubt, wait for a more favorable weather window before weighing anchor.
- Secure items on board: before each voyage, stow deck equipment properly and close hatches to prevent any falls or water ingress.
- Protect the seabed: avoid anchoring on coral or seagrass beds. Opt for sandy areas and let the anchor chain spread out gently to avoid disturbing marine life.

Sailing and anchoring in the Caribbean is a unique pleasure provided that you combine respect for local rules with good seamanship.

THE WINDS

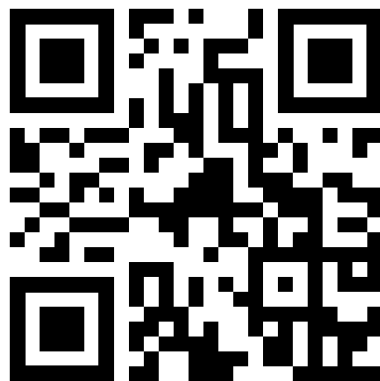
The general wind direction is EAST with, at times, slight bends to the NORTH (from November to May) and to the SOUTH (from June to October) of about 20° maximum.

When the trade winds are established (from December to May), the average wind force is 5 to 6 Beaufort in the channels (passages between the islands). You will sail alternately downwind around the islands with easing winds and calm seas, and in the channels with rougher seas.

We therefore advise you, before each canal crossing, to keep a reef in the mainsail at all times and to reduce the genoa.

Sailing in the Caribbean means enjoying an exceptional setting, but it requires rigor, anticipation and respect for local rules to guarantee a safe and pleasant cruise.

We also invite you to consult our base guide for more information about your destination via the following QR code.



IMPORTANT TECHNICAL INSTRUCTIONS

- ❖ It is of course forbidden to sail while intoxicated or under the influence of drugs.
- ❖ Check the engine every day before departure
- ❖ Do not lock the reversing gears in reverse.
- ❖ Maximum engine speed : 1800 – 2200 rpm
- ❖ Depth gauge at the waterline: 4m safety margin in calm seas.
⚠ In rough seas, the water level may vary!
- ❖ If a line or rope becomes entangled in the propeller, dive down immediately to remove it. Upon returning to the dive site, we will charge for the labor involved in removing and refitting the propeller, if necessary. Furthermore, a blockage can cause significant damage to the engine lower unit, which will also be billed.
- ❖ Topping lift to be released while sailing / Beware of the Bimini
- ❖ All portholes in the saloon and cabins must be closed while sailing and in case of rain.
- ❖ The dinghy must be secured with the cable, grappling hook at the stern, when in use and stowed on deck while underway.
- ❖ No toilet paper, sanitary products, or other items should be flushed down the toilet; use a separate bag (*you will be charged for any blocked toilet*).
- ❖ Never pull the boat with the windlass; move forward slowly under engine power.
- ❖ Upholstery: If a cushion is damaged (including cigarette burns) or lost, a fee per cushion will be charged to the tenant .
- ❖ If keys are lost or broken, the replacement fee will be charged to the tenant.

For more details, please refer to the terms and conditions of your contract.

INSTRUCTIONS & PROHIBITIONS

MARINE PROTECTED AREAS – ANCHORAGES – ENVIRONMENT

Must be read by the captain and the client

Navigation in the Caribbean takes place in a fragile marine environment, much of which is classified and protected.

Many areas are subject to strict regulations aimed at preserving coral reefs, seagrass beds, mangroves and biodiversity.

Compliance with these rules is a legal obligation and falls under the direct responsibility of the skipper.

Protected areas – Guadeloupe & archipelago

The Guadeloupe archipelago includes several classified or regulated areas, including:

- Guadeloupe National Park
(marine and coastal areas of Basse-Terre and dependencies)
- Malendure Marine Reserve – Cousteau Reserve (Bouillante)
Coral reefs and seagrass beds strictly protected.
Anchoring prohibited except in designated areas.
- Petite-Terre Nature Reserve.
Access is regulated.
Mooring is only permitted on buoys – anchoring is strictly prohibited.
- Les Saintes – bay and islets
Sensitive areas with local regulations (seagrass beds, corals, breeding areas)
- Seagrass beds and coastal reefs around Marie-Galante, La Désirade and the leeward coast

A single poorly positioned mooring can permanently destroy a seagrass bed or coral reef.

Other protected areas – Antilles & Caribbean

(non-exhaustive list)

- Tobago Cays (Saint Vincent & Grenadines) – protected marine park
- Soufrière Marine Management Area – SMMA (Saint Lucia)
- Dominica Marine Reserves (Scott's Head / Soufrière)
- Marine protected areas of Martinique (Anses d'Arlet, Saint-Pierre...)

Each island applies its own regulations , with frequent checks on board .

1. General anchoring rules – Sensitive areas

- Always use official buoys when they are available.
- Anchoring is strictly prohibited in seagrass beds, coral reefs, and all nature reserves.
- Anchor only on sandy bottoms , after visually identifying the seabed.
- Arrive during the day to properly read the water
- Respect the passing distances, swimming areas, access channels and other vessels
- Always check the anchor's holding power (observation or check in the water)
- Never rely on the presence of other boats

The absence of a buoy or sign never constitutes authorization.

2. Black water & grey water – Discharge strictly prohibited

In all protected areas, marine parks and nature reserves , the following rules apply without exception :

On board the boat

- The black water (toilet) drain valves must be:
 - closed
 - locked
- Grey water (showers, sinks, kitchen):
 - under no circumstances must be discarded in these areas
- The tanks must be kept until the entire area has been cleared of the restricted zone.

Draining permitted only:

- offshore
- outside protected areas
- at a sufficient distance from the coast, in accordance with local regulations

⚠ In certain Caribbean areas (particularly the Grenadines), failure to comply with these rules may result in:

- significant fines,
- onboard checks (valve checks),
- prosecutions .

3. Nature reserves & marine parks – Specific prohibitions

In all nature reserves:

- Anchoring prohibited
- Fishing, spearfishing, and shellfish gathering are prohibited.
- Prohibition on the use of polluting products (non-biodegradable soaps, fuels, paints, etc.)
- Absolute respect for the peace and quiet of the premises
- Motorized navigation is prohibited or restricted in certain areas.
- Speed strictly limited when approaching anchorages, ports and beaches (3 to 5 knots maximum)

4. Specific example – Petite-Terre Nature Reserve (Guadeloupe)

- Access only by calm seas
- Navigation is subject to prior approval by the SAILOÉ base manager , who must be informed before any attempt
- Anchoring is strictly prohibited
- Buoy reservation required (limited number – reservations must be made several days in advance)

<https://reservesdesiradepetiteterre.com/choisissez-votre-mouillage/>

Reservations are non-refundable , even if you are unable to attend or if the base manager refuses your booking.

- Any infraction exposes the skipper to:
 - fines that can exceed € 1,500
 - a report to the maritime authorities.

You must contact your SAILOÉ base manager before any sailing to Petite-Terre.

5. Good environmental practices on board

- Use only eco-friendly and marine-grade cleaning products
- Take all your rubbish back to the ground
- Don't let any plastic blow away
- Avoid making noise at night in busy anchorages.
- Respect the wildlife: do not touch the turtles, corals or starfish
- Do not feed the fish

An urgent reminder to the captain

The skipper is fully responsible :

- of compliance with these instructions by its crew,
- the choice of anchorages,
- respecting the designated areas,
- of wastewater management.

Any failure to comply will result in personal liability and may lead to

- financial sanctions
- immobilization of the boat
- administrative or criminal proceedings , entirely at his expense .

Navigate carefully – anchor responsibly – protect what you came to admire.

FISHING

The following are permitted:

- Trolling
- Classic float fishing from the deck of the boat

But it is strictly forbidden :

- Spearfishing is prohibited on most islands, whether freediving or scuba diving. You risk a fine of 2,000 to 5,000 EC\$.
- Fishing in nature reserves and/or protected areas (Cousteau reserve, Petite Terre etc.)

The bonito (small tuna) is the only fish that closely resembles those you are used to in Europe. The other fish you can catch (*mahi-mahi, jack, king mackerel, etc.*) are all edible from southern Guadeloupe to Venezuela, but not further north to the Virgin Islands (*risk of ciguatera poisoning*).

Trust the local fishermen: the fish they offer is always edible.

We do not provide fishing equipment. You can rent/buy it in the shop:

Julien Fishing Guide

- Location : Bas-du-Fort Marina
- Services : Guided fishing trips (lures, fly fishing) fishing)
- Equipment : Benkei FLE rod, Jackson lures, Varivas braided line
- Contact : 📞 06 90 59 39 00 / ✉ julien.guidedepeche@gmail.com
- Website : [Julien Fishing Guide](https://www.julienguidedepeche.com/)
<https://www.julienguidedepeche.com/>

SCUBA DIVING

It is possible to rent complete scuba diving equipment in Guadeloupe.

However, for safety and enjoyment, we suggest you dive at different dive centers throughout your cruise. These centers will provide instructors and equipment, saving you the hassle of handling and refilling tanks. We can provide a list of dive centers in the archipelago upon request.

Here is a selection of recommended scuba diving clubs in the Cousteau Reserve of Guadeloupe:

The Healthy Hours (Bouillante, Cousteau Reserve)

- Activities: introductory dives, exploration dives, night dives, PADI and FFESSM training courses

Website : www.heures-saines.gp

The Yawning Turtles (Bouillante – Pointe Noire)

- Activities: reef diving, wreck diving, night diving, beginners and experienced divers, PADI, FFESSM, and CMAS instructors

Website: lesbaillantestortues.com

Archipel Plongée (Bouillante, Malendure)

- Activities: introductory dives from age 8, night dives, children's packages, small groups, advanced training

Website: archipel-plongee.com

YOUR RETURN TO THE BAS DU FORT MARINA

Please strictly adhere to the return date and time indicated on your contract.

In order to ensure a smooth running of technical operations and deliveries, it is imperative to reach the SAILOÉ pontoon before 09:00 , boat ready, tidy and emptied for disembarkation at 09:00 sharp.

Return organization

- Starting at 7:00 AM , head to the fuel dock at Marina Bas-du-Fort to fill up with diesel .
During peak season , this advance notice is essential to avoid waiting at the fuel station.
Once you've filled up, proceed to the SAILOÉ dock for inventory and disembarkation before 9:00 AM at the latest (MANDATORY) .

Petrol pontoon opening hours – Bas-du-Fort Marina:


From 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM every day

Contact: 0590 68 43 01

Harbour Master's Office: +590 (0)590 93 66 20 – ✉
info@marinaguadeloupe.com

If the tank has not been refilled, the consumption will be charged as well as a labour surcharge of €70 .

Return formalities

- Mandatory clearance : Customs formalities upon return to Guadeloupe must be completed at the Harbour Master's Office , with all passports and the vessel's registration certificate .
You can save time by preparing your declaration online at:
 www.demarches-simplifiees.fr/commencer/declaration-clearance-antilles
- An independent diver will inspect the hull, propellers, and rudders after your return (either the same day or later).
If no damage is found , your security deposit will be automatically closed approximately 10 days after receipt of the inspection report.
If damage is identified , SAILOÉ has 30 days to deduct the corresponding amount from your security deposit upon presentation of the supporting invoice.



PREPARING THE BOAT BEFORE RETURN

Inside :

- Clean bathrooms, fridge, cooktop and oven
- No dirty dishes or sand in the saloon or cabins
- Garbage dumped
- Sheets and towels grouped together in the cabin (bags provided)
- Dishcloths and mops in the sink
- Safety equipment, maps, dishes and accessories stored as they were at the start
- Toilet bowls emptied and clean (take advantage of your last sailing trip to do this, outside protected areas)

Outside:

- Storage boxes put away, barbecue empty and cleaned
- The dinghy was rinsed clean, and the outboard motor was rinsed.
- Fins, masks and snorkels arranged in sets
- Boat rinsed and plugged in at the dock
- Water and fuel tanks filled

Before leaving the dock, make sure you haven't forgotten anything . Any omissions or additional cleaning may be subject to a charge.

Last night before returning

You can spend the last night at anchor off Gosier islet to fully enjoy your cruise to the very end.

If you prefer to return to the dock the day before, please inform the SAILOÉ base in advance so that a berth can be reserved.

Return contact / WhatsApp: +590 (0)690 80 89 95

Plan your final trip to return your boat on time.
Any delay will result in a charge.

Thank you for your diligence and cooperation: they guarantee a smooth return for all crews and a peaceful departure for subsequent travelers.

MARINE WEATHER FORECASTS ISSUED BY / ISSUED BY CROSS AG

Zones/Sea Areas Station	Frequencies / Channels Frequencies/Channels	Local Time (GMT- 4)* Local Time (UTC - 4)*	BMS Special bulletins
<u>MARTINIQUE</u> The Sailor Bellefontaine Grand-Rivière Caravel	VHF 79 VHF 80 VHF 79 VHF 80	(FR) 07:20 - 10:50 - 18:20 - 20:20 07:30- 11:00 - 18:30-20:30 07:40 - 11:10 - 18:40 - 20:40	(FR/EN) VHF 79 VF 80 VHF 79 VHF 80
<u>GUADELOUPE</u> Morne à Louis Piton Sainte- Rose Marie-Galante The Cistern	VHF 79 VHF 80 VHF 64 VHF 80	07:50-11:20-18:50-20:50 (FR) 08:00- 11:30 - 19:00- 21:00 08:10-11:40-19:10-21:10-	(FR/EN) VHF 79 VHF 80 VHF 64 VHF 80
<u>SAINT-MARTIN</u> Paradise Peak	VHF 64	08:20-11:50 – 19:20-21:20 08:30-12:00 – 19:30-21:30 (FR) 09:00-12:30-20:00-22:00	

* For guidance purposes only, subject to change .

Main local radio stations with weather reports Main local broadcast radios with weather forecasts

Island – Station / Island – Radio Station	Local Time	Frequency
Barbados Broadcasting Corp (EN)	07:00 (News)	FM 94.7
Radio Grande (EN)	07:00 (News)	AM 535 kHz
St-Vincent Radio (EN)	**	FM 89.7 kHz
St. Lucia Radio (EN)	07:05	AM 660 kHz
St. Lucia (GEM) (EN)	07:30-09:30	FM 93.7 – 94.5
Radio Caraïbes (FR)	**	FM 89.9
Radio Martinique (FR)	**	FM 100.6 – 94.5
RFO Martinique / Guadeloupe (FR)	10:25-22:45 / 06:45-18:45	AM 1310 kHz
Dominica (GEM) (EN)	07:30-16:30	FM 93.3
Antigua (GEM) (EN)	07:30-16:30	FM 93.9 MHz
Antigua Broadcasting (IN)	06:50	AM 620 kHz
Montserrat (GEM) (EN)	**	FM 95.5 – 99.1
St. Kitts (GEM) (EN)	07:30 – 16:30	FM 92.7 – 93.2
St-Martin / St-Barth (FR/EN)	**	FM 100.7 – 98.2
Voice of St-Marten PJD3 (EN)	** + 09:00 (Sunday)	FM 102.7

** : Weather bulletin H+30 minutes, after local news .

Main weather forecast websites

lachainemeteo.com / marine.meteoconsult.fr / meteomedia.com /
meteotropicale.com / nhc.noaa.gov / rfi.fr / swmcyclone.com / windguru.cz ***

CROSS AG / MRCC

Maritime Rescue Operations Center in the Antilles
 Maritime Rescue Coordination Center In The Caribbean



- You can reach us 24/7 at the following number:
- You can get in touch with them 24 hours a day at the following number

ONSHORE:

Only in French territories : 196

From abroad / From abroad : +596 (0)596 70 92 92

- Provides non-stop monitoring on the following frequencies:
- Ensures a non-stop stand-by on the following frequencies:

AT SEA :

VHF CHANNEL 16

VHF CHANNEL 16

- It provides information on local weather on channel 16 (then 11) at the following times:
- Broadcasts the coastal weather reports on the CHF network on channel 11, after calling on channel 16.

GUADELOUPE (local time)	MARTINIQUE (local time)
11:30 AM	11:00 AM
07:00 PM	
09:00 PM	8:30 PM

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

SAINT-MARTIN (French side)

- Hospital: +590 (0)590 52 25 25
- Gendarmerie: +590 (0)590 87 50 10
- Police: +590 (0)590 87 50 04

SAINT-MAARTEN (Dutch side)

- Hospital: +1 721 543 1111
- Medical center : +599 54 30 122
- Police: Emergency 911 / +1 721 542 2222
- Sea rescue : +599 54 22 366
- VHF16

SAINT-BARTHELEMY

- Hospital: +590 (0)590 27 60 35
- On-call doctor / Night and bank holiday doctor: +590 (0)590 27 76 03
- Gendarmerie: +590 (0)590 27 76 76

ANTIGUA

- Hospital: +1 268 462 0251
- Medical center : +1 268 460 5252
- Police: +1 268 462 0045
- Maritime police / Maritime police: +1 268 462 3206

SAINT KITTS & NEVIS

- Hospital: +1869 469 5473 (Nevis)
- Hospital: +1 869 465 7398
- Hospital: +1 869 465 2551
- Police: +1 869 465 2241
- Coastal Brigade / Coast Guard : +1 869 465 8384

CLEARANCE IN THE LESSER ANTILLES

When sailing in the Lesser Antilles, clearance is a mandatory administrative procedure that allows boaters to comply with local regulations before entering or leaving a territory. This includes declaring your arrival in each island or country, as well as paying taxes and port fees, all to ensure you are in compliance with local and international laws.

Clearance procedures can be completed online or in person, depending on the island, and may vary from one island to another. Here is a complete overview of the procedures, fees, and contacts for clearance, from Saint Barthélemy to the Grenadines.

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR CLEARANCE

- Required documents : Always prepare a copy of your passport, your boat ownership document, as well as the boat information (license number, length, etc.).
- Processing time : Clearance can take between 30 minutes and 1 hour depending on the island and the number of boats present in the port.
- Tip : Try to arrive early in the day to avoid the crowds and speed up the process.

Don't hesitate to inquire about specific fares before each departure, as these are subject to change. Clearance is an important part of your trip to the Lesser Antilles and ensures your compliance with local regulations.

1. [Saint-Barthélemy \(Saint-Barth\)](#)

Approach

Clearance must be completed at the port of Gustavia. You will need to go to customs and immigration to complete the procedure.

Prices

The fees vary depending on the size of the boat. For a rental catamaran, the price is approximately €20 to €40 per boat.

Opening hours :

- Customs: 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM, 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM
- Immigration: 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Contacts

- Customs: +590 590 27 57 52 / Marina: +590 590 27 66 97
- Immigration: +590 590 27 64 10 (prefecture)

Online

Saint-Barthélemy also offers an online declaration system via the [e-immigration St Barth platform](#), which simplifies the procedure, especially for yachts in transit.

2. [Saint-Martin \(French side\)](#)

Approach

Clearance takes place at the port of Marigot or Grand-Case. You must report to customs and immigration to declare your arrival.

Prices

The clearance fees are approximately €25 for a catamaran under 15 meters.

Opening Hours

- Customs: 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM, 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM
- Immigration: 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Contacts

- Customs - Marigot: +590 590 87 59 06
- Immigration via Metimer : +590 590 27 12 96

3. [Anguilla](#)

Approach

The clearance process takes place in Road Bay, where you will need to register with the local authorities. A form must be completed upon arrival.

Prices

The fee is approximately USD 25 for clearance.

Opening hours :

- Customs: 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM, 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM
- Immigration: 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Contacts

- Customs - Road bay office: +1 264 497 2213
- Immigration: +1 264 497 2213

Online

Anguilla allows certain administrative procedures to be carried out online via the official website of the port services.

4. [Saint Kitts and Nevis](#)

Approach

Clearance takes place at the port of Basseterre, on Saint Kitts. You will need to go to customs and immigration. You will also need to fill out an entry form, which you can obtain at the port.

Prices

The fee is approximately USD 30 for clearance.

Opening Hours

- Customs: 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM, 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
- Immigration: 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Contacts

- Customs: +1 869 466 7227
- Immigration: +1 869 467 1502 / 1505

5. [The British Virgin Islands \(BVI\)](#)

Approach

Clearance takes place in Road Town (Tortola), at the immigration and customs station. The process is relatively quick, but it is important to ensure that all required forms are completed in advance.

Prices

The cost is approximately USD 35 for a catamaran.

Opening Hours

- Customs: 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM, 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
- Immigration: 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Contacts

- Customs Road Town: +1 284 468 5060
- Immigration: +1 284 468 4700

6. [The Grenadines \(Saint Vincent and the Grenadines\)](#)

Approach

Clearance can be done in Port Elizabeth, Bequia, or Kingstown (Saint Vincent). You will need to go to customs and immigration to register your entry.

Prices

The cost for a catamaran is approximately 15 to 30 USD, depending on the size of the boat and the island visited.

Opening Hours

- Customs: 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM, 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
- Immigration: 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Contacts

- Kingtown Customs : + 784 457 2421
- Immigration: +784 456 2632

Online

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines offers an online platform for the declaration of foreign vessels via the [SVG Port Authority website](#).

If you are travelling to St Lucia and/or St Vincent we highly recommend that you make an "arrival notification" on [sailclear.com](#) (25 USD) before your departure in order to save time on site.

7. [Trinidad and Tobago](#)

Approach

Customs clearance must be completed in Chaguaramas . This procedure is done at the customs and immigration station. It is recommended to do this upon arrival to avoid any complications.

Prices

The fee is approximately 45 TTD (approximately 7 USD).

Opening Hours

- Customs: 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM, 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
- Immigration: 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Contacts

- Customs: +868 634 4341
- Immigration: +868 634 4341

[CUSTOMS](#)

SAINT-MARTIN

- Anse Marcel: 08: 00- 12:00 / 14 : 00- 18:00 daily
- Marigot: 08 : 00- 12:00 / 14 : 00- 16:00 daily

SAINT-BARTHELEMY

- Gustavia: 07: 00- 18:00 & 08: 00- 12:00 on Sunday
 - ❖ The formalities are only necessary if you are travelling to Gustavia.
 - ❖ Customs clearance is necessary only if you go to Gustavia.

ANGUILLA

- Road Bay: 08: 30-12 : 00 / 13: 00-16 : 00
 - ❖ Purchasing a " cruising permit" is mandatory for all other anchorages on the island.
 - ❖ A "cruising permit" must be purchased for all the other anchorages of the island.

ANTIGUA & BARBUDA

- English Harbour: 09 : 00-17 : 00 daily
- Jolly Harbour : 08:00-16: 00
Monday to Friday
 - ❖ It is necessary to complete the formalities in Antigua in order to travel to Barbuda.
 - ❖ Customs clearance must be done in Antigua to visit Barbuda.

SAINT-KITTS

- - Terre: 08: 00- 12:00 / 13: 00- 16:00
 - ❖ A "boat pass " is required to get to Nevis.
 - ❖ You need a "boat pass" to go to Nevis.

NEVIS

- Charlestown : 09: 00-12 : 00 / 13: 00-16 : 00
 - ❖ A "boat pass " is required to travel to St Kitts.
 - ❖ You need a "boat pass" to go to St Kitts.

SAINT-EUSTACHE

- Oranjestad : 09:00-12:00 / 14:00-17:00 from Monday to Friday

OTHER INFORMATION

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

- Tortola
 - Road Town : 09 : 00- 19:30 daily
 - West End: 8 : 30-17 : 30 daily
- Jost Van Dyke
 - Great Harbour: 09 : 00-16 : 30 daily
- Virgin Gorda
 - Spanish Town: 09:00-16: 30 Monday to Friday
 - Saturday and Sunday: 09:00-12:30
- ❖ A boating license is required for the BVI. Many anchorages are regulated within marine parks, so it is essential to inquire thoroughly about entry formalities (mooring colors, spearfishing, etc.).
- ❖ A cruising permit is necessary in BVI, many anchorages are regulated in marine parks, and you must get all the information when clearing in.

MARTINIQUE

- Le Marin: 8: 00-12 : 00, closed every afternoon every afternoon)
- - de-France: 08: 00- 11:00 / 15: 00- 17:30
- Saint-Pierre: 08 : 00- 12:00

GUADELOUPE

- Pointe-à-Pitre: 08 : 00- 12:00 / 14: 00- 16:00
- - Galante: 08: 00- 12:00 / 14: 00- 17:00

SAINT LUCIA

- Rodney Bay, Castries, Marigot Bay, Vieux Fort: 08: 00-12 : 00 / 15: 30-16 : 30

SAINT-VINCENT

- Kingstown, Bequia, Union : 08:00 – 12:00 / 14:00 – 16:00

GRENADE

- Saint George, Prickly Bay: 08: 00-11 : 45 / 13: 00-15 : 45

WE WISH YOU AN EXCELLENT CRUISE WITH SAILOÉ 