



Government of Bermuda
Ministry of Tourism & Transport

Transition Guidance for Yachts

Between Phases 3B and 4

Expires 15 July 2020

QUARANTINE

Anyone entering Bermuda shall comply with the requirements under the [Quarantine Act 2017](#) and the [Public Health Act 1949](#).

- Persons shall Quarantine onboard their yacht until released by a Health Officer.

WHAT DOES QUARANTINE MEAN TO MARINERS?

- a) Mariners who arrive Bermuda in Phase 3 are required to Quarantine aboard their vessel for 14-days.
 - b) Mariners can fully participate in competitive fishing on their yacht during Quarantine, but may not come ashore.
 - c) Mariners may depart Bermuda anytime based on their travel itinerary if shorter than 14-days; and
 - d) Mariners can land in Bermuda without applying for a waiver from the Quarantine Authority after 14-days – only upon receipt of a negative COVID-19 RT PCR test.
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1. All vessels must complete and submit the Traveller Screening form prior to their departure for Bermuda at: https://www.marineandports.bm/of_visitingyacht.aspx and Traveller Screening Form to dutyofficer@marops.bm and porthealth@gov.bm

2. Mariners must acquire health insurance covering illness outside of home jurisdiction to cover all health costs including those related to a positive COVID diagnosis while in Bermuda.
3. Mariners can be denied entry into Bermuda, at the discretion of a Health Officer if persons do not meet the above requirements or are deemed not to be fit to enter Bermuda. Persons identified will have to return to their port or home origin.

PHASE 3 GUIDANCE FOR YACHTS

1. Yachts clear Customs and are assessed by Port Health representatives at the Yacht Reporting Centre in St. George; or
 - a) Yachts with prior permission from Customs may be permitted to proceed to a Marina to clear Customs and are assessed by Port Health representatives, under 14-day Quarantine - restricted access, etc.
2. Mariners are reminded to wear a face covering (mask) and stay at a distance from any other person of at least— two metres (six feet) during the customs clearance process.
3. Yachts after clearing Customs may also proceed to anchor for 14-days to Quarantine.
4. Normal procedures for application of transit, cruising or charter permits apply (Passenger Ships and Other Vessels Act 1972). Exempted vessels include those participating either as a 'competitor' or 'support vessel' in a sailing race or event approved by the Minister responsible for Transport, and no Government permit fees apply.
5. All yachts must fly the yellow Quarantine flag during the 14-day Quarantine period.
6. During the Quarantine period, all commerce will be contactless and will be delivered to the vessel. Mariners accepting deliveries must wear a face covering (mask) and stay at a distance from any other person of at least— two metres (six feet).
7. Upon completion of 14-days Quarantine, all yacht crews wishing to stay in Bermuda for a longer period may be COVID-19 tested at a Government testing site.
8. If permitted to come ashore following a negative test result, mariners must follow all social distancing and mitigation regulations for the Health Guidance Phase in place at

that time, which includes wearing a face covering (mask) and staying at a distance from any other person of at least— two metres (six feet) or one metre (3 feet) where applicable.

9. Mariners will be able to berth vessels alongside or at anchor around Bermuda with permission of Bermuda Radio, and the respective marina or yacht club if applicable.
10. If Bermuda goes back to mandatory Shelter in Place orders, mariners will be required to shelter aboard the vessel or may depart Bermuda.
11. Phase 4 protocols are intended to start on 1 July 2020.

PHASE 4 GUIDANCE FOR YACHTS - 1 JULY 2020

Mariners who are already in Bermuda during Phase 3 and wish to switch to Phase 4 Guidance, rather than waiting the full 14-days in Quarantine before coming ashore, may do so by **COVID-19 testing on Day-1 (in this specific instance Day-1 is July 1st), Day-4, Day-7 and Day-14 when in Bermuda.**

Step 1 On 1 July fill out the Bermuda **Traveller Authorization** form (one per person in your party) download here at www.gov.bm onto your smartphone, then make a payment of \$75.00 to cover all Covid-19 RT-PCR testing in Bermuda.

Ensure you have a **smart phone, thermometer, and face masks.**

Step 2 **On 1 July** take a COVID **RT-PCR** test at a Government testing site or your marina may make special arrangements for testing dockside at specific times. Your test result will be communicated to you.

Take your **temperature daily** and login to the **Traveller Authorization Form** and say how you feel each day.

Remain in Quarantine onboard and you are free to go fishing on your yacht each day, no coming ashore.

Step 3 **On Day-4** take another COVID **RT-PCR** test and in approximately 4-8 hours, your test result will be communicated to you. Remain in Quarantine onboard and you

are free to go fishing on your yacht each day, no coming ashore until the second test reads negative.

Step 4 **A negative test result on 1 July and July 4** means that you may freely roam around Bermuda according to the published Health Guidance including the wearing of face coverings (masks) and social distancing.

You may continue to fish and do all normal activities as guided by Phase 4.

[If you or anyone in your party tests positive, please see separate guidance note on positive results below]

Step 5 Continue to take your **temperature daily** and login to the **Traveller Authorization form** how you feel each day.

Step 6 **Still in Bermuda on Day-7 or 14** take another COVID RT-PCR or saliva test.

Step 7 **Still in Bermuda after Day 14?** No need to test again unless you feel unwell or require a test pre-departure for your home city.

Step 8 Return to the L. F. Wade International Airport for your **departure flight**, wearing a mask or depart Bermuda by yacht.

PHASE 3 and 4 POSITIVE COVID-19 TEST RESULTS - this is what you need to know-

1. **Mandatory isolation** for any person who tests positive in Bermuda, along with mandatory Quarantine for all persons travelling in the same party for 14-days.
2. Isolation and Quarantine will take place on your yacht and every movement will be contact traced.
3. You will be meet by a **Bermuda Government Health Official** who will update you and persons in your party on all Public Health (COVID-19) Regulations in Bermuda and advised further steps.

4. The only other option is to leave Bermuda by private plane or yacht. Commercial airlines will not transport positive result persons to your home city unless you test negative, following 14-days Quarantine in Bermuda.

OWNERS AND GUESTS JOINING YACHT IN BERMUDA - ARRIVING BY PRIVATE AIRCRAFT – this is what you need to know-

If you are arriving Bermuda by private aircraft to join a yacht in Bermuda, you are required to fill out the Traveller Screening Form if before 1 July 2020; or the **Traveller Authorization** form (one per person in your party) between 1 July and 14 July. You may download it here at www.gov.bm onto your smartphone, then make a payment of \$75.00 to cover all Covid-19 RT-PCR testing in Bermuda.

You are required to have a pre-arranged taxi from the airport to your yacht, as you will be in Quarantine until: a) for 14-days or b) you test on Day-1 and Day-4, and with two negative tests you may roam Bermuda freely but are still required to test on Day-7 and Day-14, depending how long your stay is in Bermuda.

When Phase 4 begins, it is expected that commercial airline flights will resume service to Bermuda.

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